



Kathleen Esther Woodward

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Kathleen Esther Woodward born 02/18/1942 was called to our Lord on 08/04/2021 at the age of 79 years old.

She was raised in Hazel Park, Michigan and resided in Sterling Heights, Michigan. She also took residence in California two separate times. First, Los Angeles in 1960 for 2 years and then San Diego in 1992 for 7 years. Yet, she had no hesitation in saying that Michigan was always her home.

Parents were Charlie and Esther Heikkinen.

Beloved Sister to Shirley Rice and Brother Roderick Heikkinen (Vivian).

Dearest Mother to her 5 Children Kip Woodward, Leza Myers (Tom), Laureen Foy, Valerie Maness (Martin), and Ken Woodward (Paul) her greatest accomplishments. Loving Grandmother to Chad Woodward, Heather Knowlton (Carl), Charlie Myers (Jessica), Amber Gaines (Jon), Savannah Salley (Joe), Tiffany Haworth (Kenny), Nicholas Haworth and Will Foy.

Dearest Great Grandmother to Baylee and Preston Woodward, Brent, Iva and Emmalynn Knowlton, Preston, Ady, and Emy Gaines, Kaylee Haworth, and Adelynn Schorn.

Loving Aunt to Godson Sean Rice, Niece Kelly Zaccardelli (Tony), and Nephew Roderick Heikkinen, Jr. and numerous cousins.

Dearest Friend to many lifelong friends who cherished her.

Visitation will be Tuesday, August 10th from 4pm-9pm and the Funeral will be Wednesday, August 11th, viewing 10:30am to 11:30am. Service begins at 11:30am.

Location:

Hopcroft Funeral Home, 31145 John R. Road, (1 block North of 13 Mile Road, West side), Madison Heights, MI. Luncheon to follow at Club Venetian, 29310 John R Rd. Madison Heights, MI from 1-4 pm.

A wonderful and dedicated Mother to her 5 Children that she cherished and called



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the “Loves of her Life.” Kathleen worked as a Certified Nursing Assistant at Beaumont Hospital, Childcare and Healthcare worker. She dedicated her life to taking care of others and taking care of her Grandchildren and children’s pets who she delighted in. Some of her favorite activities were attending Kensington Church, card club with her dearest friends from grade school, reading books, learning about history, trying new recipes, baking, holidays, parties, comedies and loved to laugh. Enjoyed many vacations with her children.

Everyone who knew or met Kathleen was instantly taken in and captivated with her exuberant character. She was so giving, graceful, smart and funny. Her positive, uplifting attitude got her through the tough times. She was a tough, and ever moving lady that had what her Finnish heritage called, “SISU.” Persevering strength and admiralty. She was one of a kind and will be sorely missed, remaining forever with her family in their hearts.

In lieu of flowers please send donations to St. Jude Research Children’s Hospital www.stjude.org



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Visitation

 **Tuesday**, August 10, 2021

 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM ET


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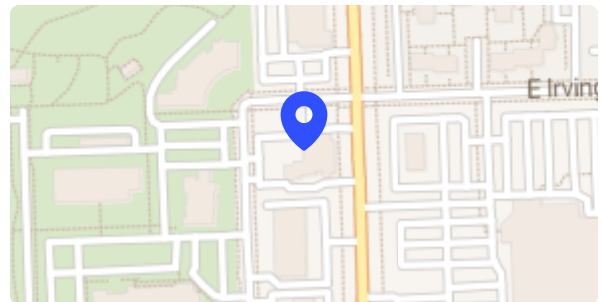


Visitation

 **Wednesday**, August 11, 2021


 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM ET


 **Hopcroft Funeral Home-Madison Heights**
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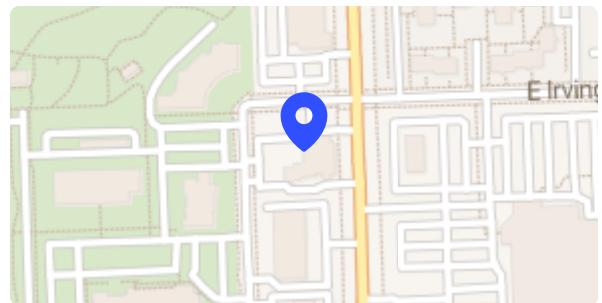


Funeral Service

 **Wednesday**, August 11, 2021

 11:30 AM ET

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Lorna Chambers posted:

Val, so sorry to hear about your Mother's passing. I lost my Mom 2 years ago this month so I understand what you're going through. I also see that you look like your Mom, as I do mine. Sometimes it feels good to look in the mirror and see her face. Although difficult at times, I now take comfort in it. I know in time it will become easy for you to do as well. My prayer for you and your family is peace and understanding. Lorna

August 16 at 10:18 AM



Ray & Victoria Davis lit a candle in honor of Kathleen.



August 10 at 5:44 AM



Marcia lit a candle in honor of Kathleen.

She was a beautiful soul, hardworking single mom who never minded when even more kids stayed over. She was a second mom to alot of us. She loved life, was always smiling and laughing. Kip, Leza, Lauren, Val and Kenny take comfort in the fact that she had a full and wonderful life. She loved you guys with everything she had and together you are a strong and great family, lean on each other in the days to come. That's what mama would want you to do. SISU.



August 10 at 3:19 AM



Becky Lampinen - Pomroy posted:

Though I was little, I can still hear her laugh. She was one of the most beautiful ladies. A reunion with my dad, I'm certain they have plenty to catch up on!

August 9 at 6:31 PM



Anonymous sent a Footprints Tribute Blanket to the Woodward family.



August 9 at 4:47 PM



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Ken Woodward posted:

Mom I miss you so much my heart is so heavy. You meant everything to me. Thank you for being the best Mom and always being there so me. And taking care of our Family! I know you're at peace and in heaven. I love you!! 🤝❤️🕊️

August 9 at 7:23 AM



La Shawnta posted:

Sending love and light to your family during this difficult time. May you find comfort in knowing that she now has eternal peace.

August 9 at 7:19 AM



Lisa Mattila posted:

Our Deepest Sympathy, Love & Hugs to All! We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers. Love Aunt Arlene's Family, Your U.P. Cousins

August 8 at 3:33 PM



Lisa Mattila posted:

Our Deepest Sympathy Sending our Love & Hugs, We have you All in our thoughts and prayers! Aunt Arlene's Family, Your U.P. Cousins

August 8 at 3:03 PM



Wendy Honkanen lit a candle in honor of Kathleen.

You will be missed by many. You and all your family have always been so good to me. I loved growing up with your kids. They love you so much. I know you are with my mom watching over all of us now. R.I.P

August 7 at 10:04 AM



Lynn Sagan lit a candle in honor of Kathleen.

August 7 at 7:33 AM





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Peggy Burry posted:

May God keep you in his arms throughout eternity my lifelong friend. We love you. Peggy and Don

August 7 at 7:23 AM



Lauren Foy posted:

Mom, I thanked God for you every single day, you were and will always be a light in my life. I love you to heaven and back. Your strength, laughter and grace will always be with me and I will never forget you, we couldn't of asked for a better mom!!! Until we meet again sweet mama 🧑🏻❤️😊

August 7 at 6:02 AM



Paul Woodward posted:

I miss you, Mom. Thank you for being the best Mother-in-Law ever. I love how when I made jokes and poked fun, you gave it right back to me. This isn't goodbye, but I will see you again. I love you, and may you rest peacefully.

August 6 at 7:06 PM



Kathleen Malczynski lit a candle in honor of Kathleen.

She was like another Mother so sweet so caring. She always had so much energy and enthusiasm. I never heard her say a bad word about anyone. I really enjoyed her and looked up to her. She was one amazing woman raising Five wonderful kids all by herself. I know God has a Beautiful bedroom up in Heaven for you Kathleen you earned your wings. Peace be with all your friends and family.



August 6 at 6:10 PM



Paul Woodward lit a candle in honor of Kathleen.

Thank you, Mom for being the best Mother-In-Law in the world. For always yelling at me, and when I made jokes to you, and poked fun, you gave it right back to me. It's not goodbye, it's see you again. I love you forever and always.



August 6 at 3:28 PM



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Pamela lit a candle in honor of Kathleen.



August 6 at 12:02 PM



Tom Oberly posted:

Every time i was around her was a great memory !

August 6 at 8:24 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Kathleen by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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