



Kathleen Higgins Paur

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Kathleen (Keelean) Higgins Paur, age 68, of Waupaca, Wisconsin, formerly of Hudsonville, Michigan, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, November 2, surrounded by love and cherished memories.

Kathy was born in Hudsonville, Michigan, where she spent most of her life before moving to Waupaca in 2015 to be near her daughter Jillian and two of her grandsons as they grew up - a role she treasured deeply. Her grandkids were her pride and joy, and she found endless happiness in being part of their lives.

Kathy shared her life with her devoted husband Randy Paur, whom she married in 2019. Together they shared a beautiful life filled with love, laughter, and adventures - especially their favorite trips to Lake Superior, where she loved searching for rocks and collecting the most beautiful ones. Her gifts of rocks and socks became a beloved family tradition that will be deeply missed, though not nearly as much as she will be.

Kathy is survived by her husband Randy; her daughters Jillian (Todd) Petersen of Waupaca, WI, and their sons Soren and Jens; and Amy (Steve) Earl of Holly Springs, NC, and their children Nathan, Simon, and Emma. She is also survived by her siblings Gary (Joni) Keelean of Hudsonville, MI, Marilyn Keelean of Lake City, MI, Colleen Weatherbee of Grandville, MI, Brian Keelean of Washington, and Jerry Keelean of Washington. She was preceded in death by her parents Hubert and Edna Keelean, and her sister Kay (Richard) Dirkse.

Kathy devoted her life to caring for others. She worked at Johnson Controls in Holland, MI for nearly 40 years, where she was known for her hard work and kindness. When she moved to Wisconsin, she found great purpose working with veterans at the Wisconsin Veterans Home in King, where serving those who served our country meant so much to her. After retiring, she continued her mission of compassion through Synergy Home Health, where she cared for many lucky clients who quickly became like family. Kathy's heart for others was unmatched - she truly would give the coat off her back or the shoes off her feet to anyone in need.



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Above all, Kathy loved her family deeply. She adored her husband, her daughters, and her grandchildren - and her life was a shining example of kindness, generosity, and a servant's heart. She taught everyone around her the importance of giving your time and talents to others, and she left the world brighter through her love and compassion.

She will be missed beyond words and remembered always for her giving spirit, her laughter, her love of nature, and the joy she found in simple moments with those she loved most.

A Celebration of Life for Kathy will be held on Friday, November 7, from 4:00–6:00 p.m. at Holly Funeral Home in Waupaca, Wisconsin. Family and friends are invited to gather, share memories, and honor the beautiful life she lived.



Events


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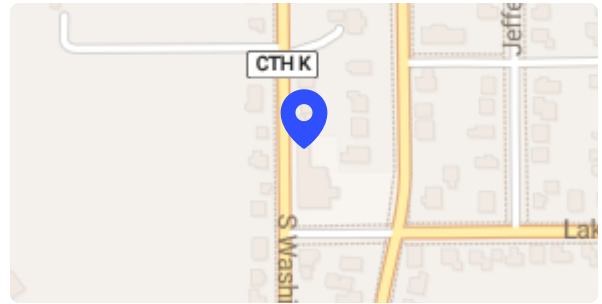
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Celebration of Life


 **Friday**, November 7, 2025

 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM CT

 **A. J. Holly & Sons (Waupaca)**
526 S. Main St, Waupaca WI 54981



Cemetery Details

 **Holly Cremation Service**
Waupaca WI



Tribute Wall

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TJ

Tammy Jole posted:

I enjoyed my visits with Kathy as I did her hair. I will miss her!

November 7 at 10:12 AM

YF

Your Builder Mutual Family sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Higgins Paur family.

November 7 at 7:29 AM



JL

Jess And Susan Lenhart sent a Florist Choice Bouquet to the Higgins Paur family.

November 7 at 7:29 AM





Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Higgins Paur family.

November 7 at 1:44 AM



GK

Gary & Joni Keelean planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Kathleen.

November 7 at 1:44 AM



BB

Beverly Bloedorn posted:

Kathy I will miss you, miss your kindness and your visits.

November 6 at 3:48 AM



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Anonymous sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Higgins Paur family.



November 5 at 4:51 PM



Kay Alsip posted:

Sending my sincere condolences for the loss of Kathy. I used to work with Kathy at Southview in Holland MI. She was fun, caring, with such a big heart. Yes, she loved her family and her husband was her knight in shining armor. She waited a long time for him to come into her life. I thank God he allowed that to happen for her and her last few years were her happiest ever. I'm glad I have good memories of her and she will be missed. I'm sending prayers for all of the family .

November 4 at 12:43 PM



Andy And Kate Kemp sent an Arrive in Style to the Higgins Paur family.



November 4 at 11:54 AM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Higgins Paur family.



November 4 at 10:02 AM



Starla C. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Kathleen.



November 4 at 6:36 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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