



## Kathleen K. Benedict

November 14, 1948 - July 22, 2023

Port Charlotte, FL-In the early morning of July 22, 2023, Kathleen Kissane Benedict passed away peacefully in the arms of her daughter in Port Charlotte, FL at the age of 74 after battling long-term health conditions.

Kathy was born in 1948, the second child of the late John and Rosemary Kissane of Albany, NY.

Kathy grew up in Albany, NY and attended OLA and Vincentian Institute, class of 1966. After high school, Kathy worked for New York State in various departments. After working for the state, Kathy moved to Herkimer, NY where she taught high school English until her retirement in 2007. It was in Herkimer, NY where Kathy had and raised her beloved daughter, Marirose Benedict. Kathy's greatest joy came from watching her daughter grow and accomplish all her dreams. This happiness culminated on December 31, 2021, as she gave her daughter away to be married to her future husband, Kevin Accetta. After her retirement, Kathy enjoyed being a snowbird until her permanent relocation to Port Charlotte, FL, where she savored the company of her very cherished Florida family and friends. Here she has enjoyed numerous trips to the beaches, boat rides, dinners, and drinks by the water.

Kathy enjoyed many cruises, vacations on Cape Cod, boozy brunches in Philly with her daughter, time spent with family and friends, especially her most recent family gathering in April 2023 in OBX. She found joy in several

family vacations, where she may have been the recipient of playful tricks from her nieces and nephews. She lived life fearlessly until the end.

Kathy is survived by her daughter and best friend, Marirose Benedict, and son-in-law, Kevin Accetta. She is also survived by her siblings and their families. Marcia Kissane, Richard Kissane (Lisa), Terre DeVoe (Mike), Beth Indovina (Ralph), and was predeceased by her brother Michael Kissane. Fun-loving aunt to Annemarie (Mike), AJ (Becky), Patrick, Caitlin, Christopher (Abbie), Brandon, and great-aunt to Teddy. She also leaves behind many friends residing in the Northeast and Florida.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Kathy's family Saturday, August 5, 2023 9:00 am to 11:00 am at McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany, NY 12206. Please enter the funeral home from the rear parking lot entrance only.

Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated immediately following at 11:30 am at the Parish of Mater Christi, 40 Hopewell Street, Albany, NY 12208.

To leave a message for the family please visit [www.McveighFuneralHome.com](http://www.McveighFuneralHome.com)

In lieu of sending flowers, we invite you to make a donation to a charity of your choice in her honor.

She will be dearly missed but her memory and spirit will live on through all of us.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 5. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.  
208 N Allen St  
Albany, NY 12206  
(518) 489-0188  
info@mcveighfuneralhome.com  
<http://www.McveighFuneralHome.com>

## Service

AUG 5. 11:30 AM (ET)

Parish of Mater Christi  
40 Hopewell St  
Albany, NY 12208-1505  
(518) 489-3204

# Tribute Wall



“ *Kathleen K. Benedict*

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *Mrs. Benedict was my senior English teacher; I'm so sorry to hear this news. It sounds like she was cherished by so many and I'm glad she had an enjoyable retirement. Condolences to those who love her.*

**Andrea** - August 07, 2023 at 10:57 PM



“ *Joe & Barb Guiffre lit a candle in memory of Kathleen K. Benedict*



**Joe & Barb Guiffre** - August 06, 2023 at 05:56 PM



“ *I was so shocked to hear of Kathy's passing. We both attended Our Lady of Angels school. A few summers ago I was back in Albany as was she. We got together for lunch at the Olive Garden on Wolf Rd. We hadn't seen each other since 1962 when we graduated from OLA. It was great to see her and we had a wonderful visit. Please accept my sincerest sympathy.*

**Sandra Krug** - August 03, 2023 at 08:02 AM

JT

“ *Rich,  
So sorry to hear of Kathleen's passing.  
Condolences to you and the entire family.*

*God Bless.  
Jim Toomey*

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**James Toomey** - August 03, 2023 at 07:58 AM

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“ *Marcia, Sorry to hear of the passing of your sister Kathleen.  
Sig Knorowski*

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**sig knorowski** - August 02, 2023 at 08:59 AM