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Kathryn Anne Riccardi, 39, passed away peacefully at home on Thursday, August 21, 2025. As in life, she was surrounded by family and love.

Kathryn was the beloved daughter of Patrick and Kuni (Paus) Riccardi, and a cherished sister to Beth Riccardi (Matt McKee) and David (Kaitlin) Kyi-Riccardi. She is also survived by her grandmother, Teresa Riccardi, two nieces and two nephews, and many loving aunts, uncles, and cousins. Kathryn was predeceased by her grandfathers, Dominick Riccardi and Royal Paus, and her grandmother, Kunigunde Toutloff.

During her life, Kathryn brought immeasurable love and joy to her family and friends. She brought her sunshine wherever she went. We often said that she knew no strangers; for as soon as she met someone new, she would find a way to befriend them and then promptly introduce them to whomever she was with. Trips to Wegmans or the library were very social (and let's be honest, very lengthy) outings for our Kathryn.

Her life was marked by continual service to others. She spent many hours volunteering at NunBetter and St. Camillus; she was a familiar, cherished face to many of the older residents there. She brought comfort to many without need for recognition.

Kathryn was the life of the party. She loved celebrations of all kinds but particularly enjoyed weddings and birthday parties. (She especially loved celebrating her own birthday.) She loved a good joke or prank, often cracking, "Are you kidding me?" with her trademark crinkly-eyed smile. When she laughed, she laughed with her whole body.

In addition to parties and pranking, Kathryn loved bowling, swimming, and reading. An avid reader and collector with a large, eclectic library, she shared this abiding love of books with her nieces and nephews, who listened enthralled at her side. She had a near photographic memory, recalling the exact words of countless poems, songs, and movies. An aficionado of all things Disney, she was especially fond of Frozen, earning her the nickname of "Princess Aunt Anna."



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Kathryn also had an enduring love for her grandparents—her Noni and Poppa. When giving her own condolences, Kathryn would tightly hug the bereaved and say, “Poppa is welcoming you to heaven”—words that now bring us comfort as she joins him.

Kathryn will be dearly missed, but her spirit is too vibrant to ever leave us truly. We will continue to find Kathryn daily in countless ways: We will channel Kathryn when we introduce ourselves to strangers when we might otherwise be too shy. Just like Kathryn, we will let ourselves always find the good in others. She will be in every bear hug, every birthday party, and every delicious bite of cake. Kathryn is everywhere still.

Kathryn’s family would like to thank the many friends who have given their care and support. We are thankful for Dr. Elizabeth McNany for her incredibly compassionate care. We thank Dr. Tim Creamer, Dr. William Berkery, Dr. Muhammad Khan, and Dr. Mitchell Brodey for their guidance. Shereece Pesante of Premier Care at Home provided gentle and skilled palliative care. We would especially like to thank her long-time devoted mentor, Viki Boorady-Kunkel. Last but not least, we are forever grateful to her “friend for a lifetime,” Sister Jane Bourne.

A private burial has been held with immediate family.

In lieu of flowers, to honor Kathryn’s life, contributions may be made to Sisters of St. Francis of the Neumann Communities, 225 Greenfield Pkwy, Ste 208, Liverpool, NY 13088, St. Charles Church, 501 So. Orchard Rd, Syracuse, NY 13219, or to Advocates, Inc., 300 South Manlius St., Fayetteville, NY 13066.

Until we next meet Princess Aunt Anna, we love you endlessly, always, forever and ever. When the time is right, we know you and Poppa will welcome us home.



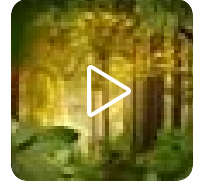
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Thomas J. Pirro Jr. Funeral Home shared a **Tribute Video**.



August 26 at 10:23 AM



Dodji, Leticia, And Family planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Kathryn.



December 28 at 1:39 PM



Anonymous sent a Your Light Shines to the Riccardi family.



December 28 at 1:39 PM



Dodji Modjinou lit a candle in honor of Kathryn.

The few times I met Kathryn, I saw her very joyful, with a great sense of humor, and vibrant indeed! She will very much be missed! May she Repose in Eternal Peace!!!



December 28 at 1:14 PM



Dodji V. planted a grove of 3 Memorial Trees in honor of Kathryn.



December 28 at 1:03 PM



Ryan posted:

i first met her in the main st elementary school and she would always think of me as her big sister we became so close that whenever she saw me i could see a light shining on her face but on the 16th of october i ran into her mentor vicki and that's when she told me that she had passed away i never got the chance to pay my last respects to her family or say goodbye to her both her and i had the best friendship than the first time she called me her big sister i was shocked and happy deep down inside me i'm never going to see her my dad stepdad along with all of my loved ones that died again

October 16 at 10:27 AM



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SB

Sue Riccardi Bova lit a candle in honor of Kathryn.

Kathryn was a true Angel on earth. Her pure love and kindness was genuine. I loved being with her and watching the way she loved life. Her family gave her so many opportunities to shine. She was the life of the party. She made you feel special. I will miss you, My Favorite Neice! I will never forget you.



August 29 at 3:33 AM

MC

Mary Jane "M.J." Costa lit a candle in honor of Kathryn.

I was so sad to hear of Kathryn's passing. I got to know Kathryn at St. Camillus when she would come in very often to volunteer with her awesome mentor-job coach Dawn who was just wonderful with her. Kathryn and Dawn were blessed to have each other. Kathryn was such a sweet caring person. We chatted at the front desk each time she came in with Dawn. I will truly miss her. She is now a sweet angel sharing her kindness and love. Sending many prayers to Kathryn and her family. May she RIP.



August 28 at 2:56 AM

DA

Donna Ancillotti posted:

I was first introduced to Miss Katherine (Kettie) when she entered middle school. I will forever remember her as a fiercely independent lady and loyal friend to Katrina. So very sorry for your loss but I'm sure she will be nearby keeping an eye on those she loved.

August 27 at 4:26 PM



Jessica Hope posted:

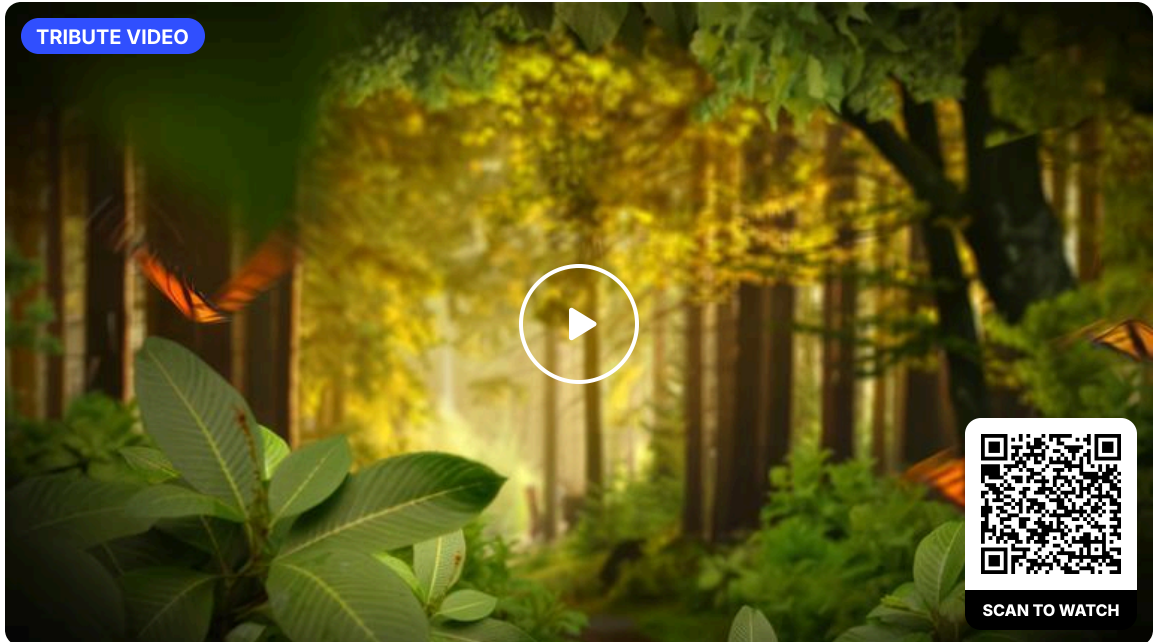
Jaylin and I enjoyed the time we spent with Kathryn. She will be missed

August 27 at 10:14 AM



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August 26 at 10:23 AM



Pamela B Wolfe September 2 at 12:22 PM

Such a devastating loss. Her tribute video shows a delightful person enjoying life to the fullest. Please accept our deepest sympathy that her life was cut so short. Thoughts and prayers for all of you. Pam Wolfe and George Lind



Keith Chatterton August 27 at 3:45 PM

My deepest condolences to your family. Keith & Kathy Chatterton



Celine Beers August 27 at 11:24 AM

Such a beautiful reflection of Kathryn's essence and the many life long joys shown in her pictorial! I am so very sorry for your deep loss. Kathryn remains with each of you always ❤️
Celine Beers



Rochelle Hodes August 27 at 7:38 AM

So very sorry for your loss ! My condolences to this special family ! Rochelle Hodes



Diane Ebersberger-Mckeon August 26 at 11:04 AM

A more beautiful tribute I cannot imagine. Such a beautiful, loving, giving, and joyous young woman. A full and beautiful life, so loved by so many. May your now everlasting life continue in the greatest love and joy in heaven, Kathryn.Kuni, Pat, Beth, David and all family and friends who mourn this tragic loss, my heart is broken for you. I pray that God grants you peace and comfort. Sending love to you,Diane



Memories only last if you share them

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



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