



Kathie McDonald Delaney

September 26, 1947 - August 6, 2020

Kathie McDonald Delaney (Darlin'), 72, passed away on Thursday, August 6, 2020, as a result of a long battle with COVID- 19. She was a resident of Longwood, FL.

Kathie was born September 26, 1947 in DeRidder, Louisiana to Joe Richard "Mac" and Faye Price McDonald. She had a younger brother, Joe. She attended Golden High School in Golden, CO, and later attended the University of Southwestern Louisiana (now Louisiana Lafayette) where she earned an Associate's degree.

Kathie married the love of her life, Robert Michael Delaney, on January 23, 1971 in Phoenixville, PA. They spent 49 years together and were just 5 months shy of their 50th wedding anniversary. Throughout their marriage they lived throughout the country including Ormond Beach, FL; Savannah, GA; Glen Ridge, NJ; Severna Park, MD; Orlando, FL; Worthington, OH; and settled back in Orlando in 2004.

In 1973, Kathie worked on Jimmy Carter's campaign in Ormond Beach. She also worked as an advertising copywriter for radio. After spending 20 years in retail jobs, Kathie opened a Merle Norman Cosmetics studio in Longwood, FL. She loved serving her loyal customers and the entire Central Florida community for the past 14 years. Kathie would deliver make-up to some of her

customers that were unable to make it to the store. She maintained her status as a Gold Medallion store since its inception. Her family will ensure the store remains open to the community as her legacy.

Kathie was a devout Catholic and this passion led her to Church of the Annunciation in Longwood, FL. She enjoyed her days working side by side with her dear friends Marilyn Napoletano and Sister Judy Waldt. This calling continued at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Worthington, OH as she continued her many years of teaching Religious Education.

Kathie was the epitome of an extraordinary wife, mother, grandmother, and mother-in-law. She possessed the rare gift of making everyone she met feel like they belonged. You always had a spot at her dinner table, which would be impeccably set, with a glass of wine waiting for you. Kathie gave a part of herself to each and every person she met, and those pieces of her will continue to shine bright. A person like Kathie does not simply cease living after death, as the infinite amount of love and kindness she instilled in her children will live on.

Kathie is survived by her husband Robert Michael Delaney (Longwood, FL), daughter Erin Delaney Gerhart and husband Michael (Altamonte Springs, FL), son Patrick McDonald Delaney and wife Lindsey (Orlando, FL), and granddaughter Caroline (Altamonte Springs, FL). She was preceded in death by her father Joe Richard "Mac" and mother Faye Price McDonald and brother Joe Price McDonald.

Visitation will take place on Thursday, August 13, 2020 from 6:00-9:00 PM at DeGusipe Funeral Home at 9001 North Orlando Avenue, Maitland, FL 32751. A private Catholic Burial Mass will be held in her honor at St. Mary Magdalen Church.

The family will be planning a reception at a later time to celebrate her life. More information will be shared with family and friends in due time.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks for donations to be sent to Feeding America- COVID- 19 Response Fund. This fund serves the vulnerable populations in our communities including the elderly and children. These funds will help stock food banks across the country for those families who are dealing with the same things we just experienced with Kathie. She would be proud to have donations made in her name.

Feeding America- COVID- 19 Response Fund: <https://www.feedingamerica.org/about-us/press-room/feeding-america-establishes-covid-19-response-fund-help-food-banks-during>

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 13. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory Maitland Chapel

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Tribute Wall

LL

“ I'm just now seeing this. Kathie was so sweet each time I visited her at Merle Norman. I still have the eyeshadow palette I bought from her a while back. I had debated about buying it because I had so much eyeshadow as it was, but she was encouraging, not pushy. That's what prompted me to buy it. I loved her personality and her knack of making customers feel at home in the studio. God bless the family.

Lauren Leblanc - November 04, 2020 at 03:44 PM

PL

“ We first knew Kathie as a customer at our Merle Norman Studio in Ormond Beach. And we were excited when she decided to join us as a Beauty Consultant in July of 2003. We were excited again when Kathie had the inspiration, determination and confidence to open her own Studio. We knew from the beginning that she would be successful and indeed she was!
We were so shocked and saddened when we learned of our friend's passing.
We offer our prayers for Kathie and for Bob, Erin, Patrick and Caroline.

Pat and Mick Leen

Pat and Mick Leen - August 13, 2020 at 01:32 PM

WS

“ Kathie was the kindest most beautiful person. Worked with her on the Parents Assoc at DeSales High School where Patrick attended with our daughter Jennifer. We had such wonderful moments celebrating our children. God bless you Bob and family.

Wendy Spencer - August 13, 2020 at 09:41 AM

MD

“ *Kathie was my neighbor and friend. I will miss her terribly.*

Maggie Degennaro - August 11, 2020 at 11:51 AM

RC

Kathie, Bob, Erin and Patrick became honorary Cormier Family thanks to the friendship of our sons Pat and Matt. We spend many a holiday together sharing each other's Family and Friends.

Kathie was everything a wife, mother and friend should aspire to be in their lifetime. Her love, generosity, and positive outlook was shared with all.

Ray & I are so thankful for our lunch visit this past February, our only wish is that we lived closer to be with Kathie and her Family during these recent difficult weeks.

Kathie, you will be in our hearts forever.

Ray & Gaeann Cormier - August 13, 2020 at 04:55 PM

SV

“ *I have fond memories of Kathie during Pat's early high school years. Her devotion to her family was matched by her kindness, warmth and genuine care for others. She touched my heart and I am truly sorry for your loss. You will remain in my prayers that treasured memories of Kathie be a comfort to each of you. 💕🙏*

Sue VanWassenove - August 11, 2020 at 09:35 AM