



Kathleen A. Accurso

August 5, 2016

Kathleen A. Accurso, of Lake Mary, Florida, passed away unexpectedly on Friday, August 5, 2016. Kathy was born in Buffalo, New York, to Joseph and Irene Szuniewicz. Kathy leaves behind her husband, Victor Accurso, her two children, Elizabeth and Connor, her four siblings, Barbara (Angelo) Chiodo, Maureen Szuniewicz, Gregory (Mary) Szuniewicz, and Bradley (Rose) Szuniewicz, and, of course, her labradoodle, Lucy.

Please join us on Thursday between 4 and 7 PM to celebrate Kathy's impact on all of our lives. As there are so many memories and stories of Kathy to tell, we invite you to please share your favorites with us on this webpage.

Previous Events

Greeting of Family and Friends

AUG 11. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

SM

“ *Kathy was a sweetheart. You will be missed!*

Samuel Moseley - August 19, 2016 at 10:10 AM

KP

“ *Kathy was a very special lady and will be missed! Sending sweet blessings to her husband & children, knowing that only the comfort of God can help in these times.*

Kari Bell, Brookdale Crown Po - August 18, 2016 at 09:13 AM

KB

“ *I don't even know what to say... such a shock! I work with Kathy and we talked several times a week. Her energy and encouragement meant so much to me. We have lost a very special friend and co worker. My heart breaks for her family. I know how much she loved you and how much you loved her! I pray that God gives you peace and comfort.*

Kathy Baggs - August 16, 2016 at 09:03 AM

GT

I just read this obituary. God bless Kathy, her family, and Mo. She was so special and a dear friend. I can't imagine this world without her. My sincere condolences and prayers for all the family.

Gagliardi Tony - June 12, 2018 at 10:23 PM

LB

“ My deepest condolences go out to Vic, Elizabeth and Connor and all of those who were blessed to have Kathy in their circle. She was a strong advocate for children and I learned so much from her no nonsense views of what was right and wrong. She made me a better mother, a better teacher and a better advocate.



Lynn Byfield - August 12, 2016 at 02:54 PM

JR

Kathy ,Vic Elizabeth , and Connor the best neighbors ever we lived next door to them for 10 years and never talked to Kathy without always having a blast always kidding with her about the leaves in her yard. She was such a wonderful awesome loving person.... Joe and I loved her so much.... Vic remember we will always be there for you and your children.... I keep praying that God comforts you... she loved you so much... please take care of yourself, and remember you have lots of friends that would be more than glad to do anything they can to help ease your pain.... praying for all of you Joe and Jean Ann. 🌸💕💕💕💕

Jean Ann. RUSSI - September 24, 2016 at 08:26 PM



“ Amy Gaskin lit a candle in memory of Kathleen A. Accurso



Amy Gaskin - August 12, 2016 at 12:26 PM

JR

“ *Kathy's voice & NY accent always brought a smile to my face! As we worked together to help others, she always saw the potential for good in others. She was a great listener and always easy to talk to and with her care and candor she helped so many that others wouldn't have seen opportunity. Her beautiful blue eyes always drew people in and her inner beauty always shined through. Every time we spoke or saw each other she always filled me in with what was going on with her awesome daughter & son. She is so proud of them always! She was always so truly excited for everything going on in their lives and couldn't wait to help them along the way. She & her husband always a true partnership of love that truly emulate an amazing family. I pray that as you find your new normal that you still hear her cheering you on, bursting with excitement for all that you will accomplish and I know she will be beaming with Joy watching over you!*

Jenny Russell - August 11, 2016 at 12:45 PM



“ *I was just devastated to learn of the passing of Kathy, such a good friend for so many years. Since relocating to Florida, she was always so good at keeping in touch and visiting with me when she came to Buffalo. She had a heart of gold and a happy, upbeat spirit that she shared with everyone fortunate enough to know and share time with her. I spent countless happy hours chatting with her and couldn't have been happier than when she started telling me about meeting, and then marrying, a guy named Vic. He's such a wonderful man, and I was so happy and thrilled for them both, and I'm so sad for him now, and for Elizabeth and Connor. She'll be so missed by me and so many others. 'Bye, Kath...*

Jeff Fleischmann - August 11, 2016 at 11:01 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Kathleen A. Accurso.*



August 11, 2016 at 10:55 AM



“ *Kathy loved her community and neighbors. This picture was an impromptu drop by into our recently opened Fourth St Bar and Grill. Kathy and Vic were always out and about and ready to have fun. I loved her wit, smile, and beautiful eyes. I worked several rezoning issues with her concerning our elementary, middle school, and high school. She was an advocate for both young and old. She was always sharing her current stories about her children and family and was so proud of Elizabeth's and Connor's many accomplishments. Kathy would always want the latest update on your own children too! I will miss seeing her work in her yard and at our neighborhood parties. Kathy was an outstanding Friend, Mother, Wife, and Neighbor. RIP Kathy, I know you are watching over Vic and the kids.*

Until we meet again...Love you! Deb xoxo



Deb Sisco - August 11, 2016 at 09:46 AM

JH

“ *Kathy was the biggest education advocate I have ever known! She spent countless hours on school rezoning plans, volunteering in the classroom and PTA and SAC committees throughout her kids' school years in Lake Mary. She had high standards of teachers and administrators and our schools are a reflection of that! I will miss you Kathy, your intelligence and passion for your community and family. You were one of a kind! Jan Harpe*

Jan Harpe - August 10, 2016 at 09:39 PM

Tara Natwick

“ *I had the honor of working with Kathy. She was always so compassionate to those she helped. You could tell she truly cared about every family that came her way. I will truly miss hearing her NY voice on the phone! My sincerest condolences to all her family and friends.*



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Tara Natwick - August 10, 2016 at 09:06 PM

YB

“ your loving sisters and brothers purchased the Love's Tapestry for the family of Kathleen A. Accurso.



your loving sisters and brothers - August 10, 2016 at 07:52 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kathleen A. Accurso.*



August 10, 2016 at 05:07 PM



“ *Deanna and Bill Witte purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Kathleen A. Accurso.*



Deanna and Bill Witte - August 10, 2016 at 04:28 PM



“ *Christine, Keeli and I will miss Kathy greatly. Our friendship and being neighbors for the past 14 years have been memorable in so many wonderful ways. We will miss your smile and that dry sense of ironic humor, the chats on the driveway, updates on the family, and your truly caring personality. Vic, Connor, Elizabeth those of us left behind experience the grief and sense of loss that in time become the vessel holding precious memories. May God be with each of you during this time. Christine and I are here for you always.*

The Carlton Family

Jim Carlton - August 10, 2016 at 03:42 PM

JO

“ *My deepest condolences to the Accurso family, words can not express the sorrow I feel for you all.*

Kathy was one of my dearest friends & like a second mother to me. Always watching out & checking in on me on a daily basis. We shared a very special friendship that I will cherish forever. I will forever miss my sweet friend, may you rest in peace.

Love,

Jennifer Ouellette

Jennifer Ouellette - August 10, 2016 at 02:57 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kathleen A. Accurso.*



August 10, 2016 at 02:36 PM

GC

“ *Grand Villa Senior Living Communities purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Kathleen A. Accurso.*



Grand Villa Senior Living Communities - August 10, 2016 at 02:06 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Kathleen A. Accurso.



August 10, 2016 at 12:27 PM



“ *Gerald Janssen and family purchased the Rose Remembrance* for the family of Kathleen A. Accurso.



Gerald Janssen and family - August 10, 2016 at 12:11 PM

GB

“ Victor, Connor and Elizabeth and the entire Accurso family,
My Deepest sympathy to you all in the loss of your Wife and Mother,
Kathy.

*Kathy is and always will be, a strong and wonderful light in the
world.*

*She is a Wife, a Mother, and a Friend. In todays world these often
seem to be the simplest of life's accomplishments, however, they
are the only ones, that are of, any real importance.*

*May you always remember the Love she has for you all and always
remember that she will always be with you...*

*She will always be watching over you... She will come to you when
you least expect it, in your thoughts and dreams, and she will never
really be far from your side, as she will always be in your hearts and
you will always be in hers.*

*I know these words are of little real comfort for the shock and pain
you all feel now, however try to take comfort in the fact that Kathy
Loves you all and always will...*

Again, My Deepest Sympathies to you all...

Gary Bradley

Gary Bradley - August 10, 2016 at 11:29 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of
Kathleen A. Accurso.



August 10, 2016 at 11:28 AM

DF

“ *Barbara, Maureen, Gregory and Biff: It's been over 50 years since I have seen any of you. I don't know if she would have even remembered me but I lived across the street from y'all on Olmstead. Whenever I think of my childhood, I remember every one of you....but mostly my best friend during my very early years, Kathy. We always had fun spending the night together, getting scared up in the attic and shoveling the snow off the creek to go skate. I am so very sorry for your loss and only wish I could say something profound during your time of loss. What I will say is when I am reading all of these notes made in Kathy's honor, how large my heart felt to know that my dear childhood friend had such a wonderful life and made so many wonderful friends and family. What a blessing she was and how well she is being remembered. Rest in peace my young friend....for that is how I will always remember you.*

Debbie Freeman (Poremba)

Debbie Freeman - August 10, 2016 at 11:25 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Kathleen A. Accurso.*



August 10, 2016 at 11:17 AM

FM

“ *Kathy was a truly beautiful person. Her shining friendly personality will be missed by our family.*

We pray to the Almighty to give strength to her family and we know she has a good place in the hereafter.

Kathy we will always remember you working in your yard and stopping to talk to everyone with a smile.

We will miss you

Mawji Family

Fatema Mawji - August 10, 2016 at 11:01 AM

LF

“ *Love, The Hooper, Marino, and Anderson Families purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Kathleen A. Accurso.*



Love, The Hooper, Marino, and Anderson Families - August 10, 2016 at 11:01 AM

TR

“ Vic, Elizabeth, and Connor,
Also Barbara, Maureen, Greg, and Biff,

We still can't believe it.

I remember the little girl I met 50 years ago at Barb and Ang's wedding. Full of spunk and cute. That never changed over the years. She became a beautiful and young woman caring for her father with love and concern. She possessed those qualities of feeling for other's and helping.

I'll always remember the holiday's at Chiodo's, sitting with her. Hearing of her children's accomplishments with pride and at the same time her concerns of their future. About her adventures and plans with Vic (a great couple and marriage).

She became a beautiful woman, wife, mother, sister and friend (on the inside as well)

She will be missed

I wish I could say something profound and wise, but there are no word to tell of the loss I fell for you all and personally.

*Our love and sympathy,
Bob and Theresa*

theresa/robert rondina - August 10, 2016 at 10:30 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kathleen A. Accurso.*



August 10, 2016 at 09:36 AM



“ *So saddened to hear of Kathy's passing. While I have not seen her in a few years, I certainly have fond memories. My son attended high school with her daughter and we sat together for our kid's freshmen orientation at University of Florida. We worked closely several times on school rezoning and she was a knowledgeable, tireless advocate for Lake Mary's schools. Her impact will always be remembered and she will forever be missed. Heartfelt sympathy to Kathy's family. Ande Welch*

Ande Welch - August 10, 2016 at 09:33 AM



“ *I first met Kathy as a marketer in a community and got to love her as an SLA with A Place for Mom. Kathy brought joy into anyone's life she met. I will always keep a piece of Kathy's joy in my heart. May her memory be a Blessing to her family and her friends.*

My Best; Julie Schechter

Julie Schechter - August 10, 2016 at 08:34 AM

MB

“ Kathy, my heart aches for your loss. You have left behind a legacy of love. Every conversation with you was always sprinkled with pure adoration for your family: talking about the accomplishments of your children, the deep love for your husband, trips you were looking forward to..... Your love of life and family was so contagious! I could always feel you smiling through the phone! A great loss has been dealt to this universe. We will miss you profoundly. Godspeed my friend. Angels of peace and strength to those left behind.



Mariann

Mariann Bradley - August 10, 2016 at 07:42 AM

LL

“ She had *THE* most beautiful eyes, put everything she had into her family, and was a pleasure to talk with about all sorts of topics. Simply a bright, beautiful, loving woman who made two great kids to carry on. Chuck was as upset and stunned as I was to hear the news and we will continue to think of all of you this week.

Lana and Chuck Lytle

Lana Lytle - August 09, 2016 at 09:36 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kathleen A. Accurso.



August 09, 2016 at 09:26 PM



Julianna Sciolino

“ Vic, Connor & Elizabeth - We can't tell you how shocked Phil & I are at the great loss! We so enjoyed coming down for the holidays with all of you and chatting up all sorts of stories and laughing with Kathy! She was truly Interested in our kiddos and in sharing everything that she had experienced with you. We loved spending so many happy times over the years and can only imagine how hard it will be. May you Stay strong with your the memories and know that we are praying for you all! Phil & Julianna Sciolino

Julianna Sciolino - August 09, 2016 at 08:36 PM

NI

“ Kathy...such a special, amazing person...so many happy memories. Words can not express the loss that we feel. Damon and Nina

Nina - August 09, 2016 at 08:03 PM

NI

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Nina - August 09, 2016 at 07:48 PM



“ Amy Gaskin purchased the Thoughts & Prayers for the family of Kathleen A. Accurso.



Amy Gaskin - August 09, 2016 at 07:22 PM

DL

“ Vic, Elizabeth & Conner--I believe we are gifted at moments in our life by the people who pass through our lives especially when they are our soul sister! I have racked my brain to come up with something, anything to say about the loss of Kathy... but I can't do it. There are simply not enough words or sentiments in the world to fill the void of space that our girl filled. She was one in a million for sure. When she cared she cared big... when she loved she loved big... in all things she was amazing, passionate, kind and good... and most of all filled with great heart.



Vic, you know us gals are supposed to be working but we are chatting it up about the one we love... and she was devoted to you. She was an amazing example of what a great marriage looks like to those of us still looking for that. I think you could look the world over for that kind of love and how lucky to have had that in this lifetime... too brief for sure.

Elizabeth your mom was so excited to have you pick her up in Atlanta when we flew out for our regional meeting. Her eyes had a way of sparkling when she talked about you and your brother. In you are her greatest gifts, her biggest hopes and dreams. You are all those things in a beautiful package. She was so very proud of you as a daughter and as the woman you have become.

Connor your mom was telling me you hated to leave and while I am sure she hated to see you go but she was so very proud of you her capable, smart and funny strong son. Nothing pleased her more than to talk of your accomplishments over the last few years. She was so happy to see you launch into an amazing career and knowing you would have your sister in town made her very happy. Family was everything to Kathy. In you she instilled her greatest gifts a fearlessness, a drive for more and a huge heart.

You are her legacy, her life's greatest accomplishment. My wish for

you all is that in the days months and years to come that you see gentle reminders of her along the way and it brings up a special memory and a smile that reminds you of her. Nothing loved or cherished can ever really be lost.

*My heart is with you all-
Dix*

Dixie LaFlair - August 09, 2016 at 06:53 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Kathleen A. Accurso.*



August 09, 2016 at 03:59 PM



“ *Linda Coleman purchased the Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." for the family of Kathleen A. Accurso.*



Linda Coleman - August 09, 2016 at 01:16 PM

LC

“ Praying God will provide your family with love and strength through these next few months. Kathy was a very special person to me. I will miss her chats and her positive attitude about life. She loved her family so much. She shared many stories with us! She met my daughter in Hawaii and she went out of her way to welcome her. When we chatted she would always ask about her. We will miss her so much.



One of the inspirational quotes she has listed on her Bio page with APFM is:

“How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard.” -Winnie the Pooh

How appropriate of Kathy.

Linda Coleman - August 09, 2016 at 12:12 PM

RP

“ Randy and Shannon Parsons purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Kathleen A. Accurso.



Randy and Shannon Parsons - August 09, 2016 at 11:46 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kathleen A. Accurso.



August 09, 2016 at 11:05 AM

SB

“ Stephanie Braudrick purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Kathleen A. Accurso.



Stephanie Braudrick - August 09, 2016 at 10:07 AM

SK

“ Kathy was always quick to offer her friendship and support. She had a deep love for and commitment to her family and would share how proud she was of her kids at every opportunity. Her kindness and compassion for others was reflected in everything she did. She will be greatly missed and I feel honored to have known her.

Stephanie Kirchner - August 09, 2016 at 10:04 AM

GZ

“ Vic, Elizabeth & Conner:
Words can't express how sorry Tom and I are for your loss. Kathy was a great person and I am going to miss her very much. She loved you all so much and she was so proud of her children. I am so glad that she was my friend and that I was able to know her these past six years. Rest in peace Kathy.
Gayle & Tom

Gayle Zediker - August 09, 2016 at 10:00 AM

SB

“ Kathy was a beautiful soul that will be greatly missed. Her love for other people was the blessing she brought to others each and every day.
She was not only a co-worker but a valued friend to many.

Stephanie Braudrick - August 09, 2016 at 09:26 AM



“ *Kathy, I miss you already. I enjoyed our conversations and was so happy to be on the same team as you. Your passion always came through in every conversation. I am in shock still of your passing and can't imagine the void and loss you left behind. You spoke fondly of your children and husband and were so proud of them. I know you will be watching over me everyday as I continue to do the work you and I so love to do. I have felt you with me as I have worked the past few days and I hope I always feel a part of you. I can still hear you talking to me and I look at your profile picture and see you smiling back. Rest now and be at peace with God.*

Amy Gaskin - August 09, 2016 at 09:23 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kathleen A. Accurso.*



August 08, 2016 at 09:07 PM