



Kathy G. Salapow

October 14, 2010

Kathy Salapow

52, of Gulfport passed away Thursday, October 14. She is now at peace.

Kathy was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and has resided in Florida for the past 21 years. She is survived by her husband, Bill, of 19 years; mother, Nan Runyan; sister, Carrie O

Tribute Wall



“ *The family of Kathy G. Salapow uploaded a photo*

August 19, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *Kathleen Salapow - daughter posted a condolence Mom, I love you very much. I know you are in a wonderful place and will see you again some day. I know you are watching over dad and all of the farm. :) I love you.*

Kathleen Salapow - daughter - January 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Vic - close friend posted a condolence To Bill: This is for you Buddy. I wanted to let you know how beautiful that tribute was, Bill. I know how much you are missing her and how the loss has no end. I felt a bit of that not too long ago when my life was turned upside down missing everything I once had, loved and knew. It is truly brutal! But the way you wrote the 'Tribute' to Kathy, I know you'll make it now.....because you'll have Her with you. Always.*

Vic - close friend - November 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ *Bill Salapow - Husband and best friend posted a condolence This is not a farewell: A tribute to Kathy.....Pittsburgh Pa.,I so remember watching you leave for work in the morning.You were so beautiful;I was infatuated with you. I told a friend of mine {Alan} that someday I hoped to be with her; that wish came true.Our first date was 7-19-87. I met you after work at a club in Brooklyne.You kissed me first. ...You were such a great mother to my children, you treated them as though they were your children. It didn't take them long to call you Mom. You were such a loving person.You gave me a chance, baggage and all. That chance paid off, especially for me.We then moved to Florida...the best move we ever made.After about a year I finally talked you into getting married; you said it was just a piece of paper and that we didn't need it but...I wanted it, so you married me.The best day of my life 4-20-91...perfect sunset around 7;00 pm. Madeira beach, you became Mrs Kathy G. Salapow.....Kathy I will never forget You, You were my world, the love of my life. I'll always remember all the good fun times we had together; 450 miles on a bike through the two lanes of the forest and all the great times at the beach. My favorite time was just being with You,watching our shows on T.v..... alone time together. I watched a Steelers' game the other night....just not the same without You....nothing to cheer about.....our wedding vows said 'till death us do part'...that's not going to work for me; You have been a part of my life for so long. I will never forget You; everywhere I look in the house I see You...That's Not Bad... I like it..I know You're here. I went to hold Your hand the other night and it wasn't there... Honey, I will love You forever, You will never leave my thoughts and definitely never leave my Heart. FOREVER YOURS,LOVE BILL*

Bill Salapow - Husband and best friend - November 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

EF

“ Ed Neel - Bill's friend posted a condolence Haven't seen you for years, but so sorry to hear of your loss. Give me a call; 727-365-5469 so we can catch up. If there is anything you need, please call.

Ed Neel - Bill's friend - November 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Mimi Bavuso - Former Classmate posted a condolence To Kathy's husband and family my sincere sympathy. Kathy was always fun to be around and it sounds like she never changed. I tried to find her for a reunion a couple years ago but did not succeed. You can imagine the shock of her passing. This was not the way I wanted to locate her. You all have my deepest sympathy as well as prayers from the Ringgold Class of '76. Thanks for sharing the pictures of Kathy. She was a beautiful person.

Mimi Bavuso - Former Classmate - October 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ Sharon Hamilton "Fee" - Acquaintance posted a condolence With loving memory of Kathy I wish to express my deepest sympathies to her family: her husband Bill, her mother Nan, her Sister Carrie, and her brothers David and Bill and all their family members. To me, Kathy was a very outgoing and loveable woman who welcomed you into her home and her heart with open arms. On Christmas Day 7 years ago I visited Kathy and Bill with my sister Leitha, Bill, Tim, Aleesha, and baby Aaleiyah. Her warm and caring nature engulfed all her family members and visitors as well. The love for others and her sincere actions for the well-being of others was ever present in her shining heart. Thank you Kathy for the laughs, the hospitality and the memories. Until we meet again. Love Sharon, "Fee"

Sharon Hamilton "Fee" - Acquaintance - October 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ *patty - friend posted a condolence To my dear friend Carrie and your family. Know that my heart aches for all of you. In your sadness this will bring you closer to each other. Remember all the good times you each had with Kathy. Laugh and cry together. Live your life. Kathy would want you all to carry on. She will be with you in your heart and thoughts forever. That can never be taken away.*

patty - friend - October 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Bill Runyan - little brother posted a condolence My goodbye to Kate Kathy often told Leitha how much she loved it when I called her Kate everybody else called her Kathy ;she was my Kate. As I heard my cell phone ring last Thurs.Oct 14th at 1:40 am and then my home phone,I felt a piece of me drift away,never to return.Then sister Carrie[our little mother]told me she had passed away. It was the phone call that would change me and my familys'life forever.My trip to the hospital about 2am was the the first of many shocks and fears we all had these past weeks; of losing Kathy.IT REALLY HAPPENED!! [disbelief would be the best description].Carrie many times advised me NOT to go to the hospital that night/morning, but, I HAD to see her. I touched her hand and I lay my other hand on her swollen belly and I prayed to GOD to forgive her of her sins and welcome her into the Kingdom-of-Heaven.I wasn't sure where her spirit was at that moment,but I knew that Kate wasn't in that body anymore!As Leitha and I left the room I turned, said my final goodbye and I told her that I'll see again in Heaven.I really feel that Kathy is at peace now;no more needles, pik lines,lv's,no financial or worldly worries,[that stuff is left with us now].As she RESTS we GRIEVE.We're left with memories and many pictures of my beautiful sister. Now all my childhood memories start to return....so now we can tell Mom what really happened at home in Pittsburgh [when Mom and Dad worked nightshifts]...No ,it wasn't Kathy, I think it was Faren Bowers who really broke the crystal chandelier that hung over the pool table. We all pitched in and glued it back together, it looked pretty good until one day Mom began to clean it; Mother , there will be many more stories to come. GOD sometimes uses a tradgedy to bring us closer to family and of course HIM.... the bible states that our Father is a jealous GOD.Leitha and I on our way north one year and while driving through the Blueridge Mtns. stumbled across a very old cemetery, we began reading gravestones and I'll never forget this one gravestone which read...Remember friend as you walk by...As you are now, so once was I...As I am now, so you must be..Prepare thyself to follow me.I thank GOD for giving us 52 years with Kathy ; Kathy grew tired but she told me that she wanted to live! and she wanted to fight this! sometimes our bodies just can't

keep up with our Lifestyles. Kathys' at home now and we must complete our own journey in this life .GOD promises a safe landing but HE never promised us an easy journey. There is an old hymn Leitha and I feel best describes Kathys' leaving us. This world is not my home,I'm just a passing through.MY TREASURES ARE LAID UP, SOMEWHERE BEYOND THE BLUE.The angels beckon me from Heavens open door, and I can't feel at home in this world anymore.We come into this world with nothing and we all leave with nothing.....Kate I love you and only you could know just how much I'll miss you...REST in PEACE until we meet again. your brother Billy

Bill Runyan - little brother - October 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ *Rich & Kathy Muller - Friends of Bill posted a condolence Bill and family, We're very saddened to learn of your loss and extend our sincere condolences.We will remember Kathy and you in our prayers.*

Rich & Kathy Muller - Friends of Bill - October 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ *Kim Mocha - Friend posted a condolence I am so sorry to hear about Kathy's passing. Bill, I know how much you adored and loved her (and she you). I will miss her big smile & laugh and the way the she loved & cared for her pets! You guys were always fun to be around and I enjoyed the many parties at your home over the years. If I can help in anyway please let me know. You are in my thoughts! Please take care.*

Kim Mocha - Friend - October 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ *PATRICE - FRIEND posted a condolence Carrie and Family, You have our deepest sympathies. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Patrice & Scott Rice*

PATRICE - FRIEND - October 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *Mike - Good Friend posted a condolence I remember "eucre elbows" and wonderful Sunday afternoons watching the Colts and the Steelers. Cool drinks on the back porch in the hot, Florida sun. Kathy in "her" chair in the livingroom with her Steeler gear on. The way she befriended every stray in the neighborhood, she befriended Pam and me. Two strays in Florida before we met Bill and Kathy who took us in. And Kathy and Bill taking care of Pam while I was in Russia. More than anything I will miss the high-pitched laugh and snort and the big, wide, toothy smile. Ah Bill, we need to see each other. I miss you, buddy.*

Mike - Good Friend - October 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *Judy and Jim Ondejko - Carrie's niece and her husband posted a condolence Dear Carrie and family, on this day of Kathy's remembrance, please know that we are with you in spirit. We hope that God will help guide you in the mourning of Kathy and you'll know she is in a better place now. We have you in our thoughts and prayers today and going forward. Thank you for sharing the beautiful pictures of her life so we can see what a lovely sister, wife and daughter she was and always will be in your memories.*

Judy and Jim Ondejko - Carrie's niece and her husband - October 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

VF

“ Vic Alderman - Friend posted a condolence For Family and Loved Ones of Kathy the Great, I met Kathy about ten years ago. She came to work for us at my business, ARC. She almost immediately became indispensable, and she fit perfectly with everyone else in the office. She was a wonderful help to me for many years and I loved her dearly. It wasn't long before I met Bill....he had come in to take her to lunch and give her one of many 'I love you' cards! He was always making us other guys look bad, because he literally worshiped her and showered her with presents even when it wasn't a holiday or special event. We other husbands secretly plotted to 'take him out'....but we knew Kathy would be mad so we didn't! [JUST KIDDING BILL] Sarah and I fast became friends with Bill and Kathy once we found out they were from Pittsburgh. Sarah was from near there too and those two hit it off right away. Sarah and Kathy soon became best friends...and since Bill and Kath have a house full of Steeler gear, (better than most sports bars), and the best football and wing parties, how could you not just love them. It helped too that they are the best damned friends we ever had. I will always remember the wonderful times we all spent together at the Steeler parties, and just hanging out on the beach or at our home too. Aunt Kathy became one of a very few trusted with our children and they both, Morgana and Deacon, absolutely loved her. And Uncle Bill too, but this is about her. She and Nan would make sure Deacon (our baby) was spoiled rotten every time he stayed with them. It was great! Kathy also had a special attraction with animals and would have adopted the whole Animal Shelter if she would have had the space. I know her many dogs and cats are with her now and getting the love she so loved to give them. Bill, I only imagine how hard this is for you because you truly adored her(and proved it). As we've discussed I believe she is at peace now, and will always be within youSarah and I will always be here for you and help to remember and honor her memory with all the good that Kathy was on this earth and continues to be in now in spirit. May she feel our love continually.

Vic Alderman - Friend - October 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Sarah Alderman - Best Friend posted a condolence *I don't have many words at this time. Kathy, I cant yet comprehend that I cannot pick up the phone and hear your voice, although I will never forget it. I love you so much. You are forever in my heart and i feel you with me every day. Bill, Nan, Carrie, David, Billy, I am so happy I got to hug her one last time. I love you Kathy, but you know that! Your Sis, Sarah*

Sarah Alderman - Best Friend - October 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ Pam & Mike Milam - Friends posted a condolence *Nothing that I could write here could come near to expressing what we felt for Kathy. You know, Bill, so I don't have to try. We will miss her for the rest of our lives. We love you buddy. Don't forget that.*

Pam & Mike Milam - Friends - October 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Susan M. Moore - Dear Friend posted a condolence *I stare at my keyboard, and my fingers won't move. I can't put into words my feelings for Kathy. She was my breath of fresh air, my friend, my confidant, my clown. She will be missed deeply. Thank you for the Blessing that was Kathy. She is now our special Angel.*

Susan M. Moore - Dear Friend - October 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Jennifer Whitaker - Friend posted a condolence *I'm so sorry to hear about Kathy's passing. Her decorations always made me smile. She always made me laugh. I still have that picture of the blue dolphin candle she gave me for Christmas. It always makes me smile. She will be missed. My thoughts are with you all.*

Jennifer Whitaker - Friend - October 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Carrie - sister posted a condolence *Dear Kathy, You were never alone on your journey even at the most difficult times. You just got lost along the way and stopped reaching out. If I tried too hard or not enough to reach you, I am sorry. I feel comfort in knowing that your kind and generous soul is finally at peace and that you are with Grandma, Grandpa, Uncle Bill and all your puppies and kitties. I feel you around me and this is comforting. Please do not leave. I look forward to the day when I can touch you and see you and as the beautiful sister you once were to me. I will miss . . .*

Carrie - sister - October 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Carrie - sister posted a condolence *Heim, You and Kathy have always been there for me and pulled me through many difficult times. The support you two provided me meant more to me than you know. I will always be there for you. You will always be a member of our family. I cannot comprehend losing my sister right now. It's just too surreal. I will though when it quiets down and I want to share something with her, or borrow something or wonder what to get her for Christmas, or . . . I've known her all my life. Although I feel her around me, I look forward to seeing and touching her again one day.*

Carrie - sister - October 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ *Chip Hansell and Jeb Yates - Friend and co-worker posted a condolence Kathy was such a special person, and it was a privilege to know her. She made it tolerable to face each day in an otherwise crazy office! She will be missed, and our hearts go out to Bill and family.*

Chip Hansell and Jeb Yates - Friend and co-worker - October 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ Kathy Salladin - Carrie's Sister-in-Law posted a condolence Dear Carrie & Family: Expressing sympathy is always difficult, but all we can say is how sorry we are. You are all in our thoughts and prayers and, if you need ANYTHING we are here for you. May Kathy be at peace now. Love, Kathy & Dave

Kathy Salladin - Carrie's Sister-in-Law - October 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Rita Leider - Friend of Sister posted a condolence Kathy, Although I never met you, I feel that we are all sisters in this world. I know your sister, Carrie, is going to miss you terribly. Now that you are in peace, please pray for the rest of your family so that they can have only fond memories of your time spent together.

Rita Leider - Friend of Sister - October 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Jack & Judi - Friend posted a condolence Dear Family, We have the fondest memories and albums full of good times with Kathy and Bill and all of you. She is at peace now. God Bless you all

Jack & Judi - Friend - October 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

VF

“ Vince and Lisa Amadeo - Friend of Family posted a condolence Dear Carrie and Family; Just wanted to let you know how sorry I was to hear of the loss of your sister. Vince, Lisa, Rocky and Lexi

Vince and Lisa Amadeo - Friend of Family - October 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ *Shar and Ed Kraycik - Friend of Kathy's Sister, Carrie posted a condolence My Dear Friend Carrie, You and your entire family are in our hearts, thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Our hope is that you will find comfort in the many wonderful and loving memories you have of Kathy and knowing that she is at peace now. Love, Shar and Ed*

Shar and Ed Kraycik - Friend of Kathy's Sister, Carrie - October 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ *Lana - Bill's friend posted a condolence Bill, so sorry for your loss. I still have Kathy's recipe for her best banana bread I ever had. You and her are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Lana - Bill's friend - October 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM