



Kathleen E. Bergen

September 2, 1947 - January 22, 2021

Kathleen Ellen Bergen, age 73, of Georgetown, DE, passed away on Friday, January 22, 2021. She was born in New Brunswick, NJ, on September 02, 1947, daughter of the late John F. and Regina (Mielke) McKnight.

Mrs. Bergen worked for many years at Eastern Airlines as a reservations agent. She also worked at Pace University's Welcome Center, a place she made feel like home for the countless student assistants and tour guides at the University who considered Mrs. Bergen like a second mother.

Mrs. Bergen loved nature, wildlife, and bird watching. Among her greatest interests was traveling. She was an avid supporter of environmental conservation and was particularly passionate about protecting endangered species such as elephants and whales. She was a member of American Legion Ladies Auxiliary Post 17 in Lewes, DE., and active in the Tunnel Cancer Center Support Groups. Above all, Mrs. Bergen enjoyed spending time with those she held most dear. She was a loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and friend who will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

She is survived by her loving husband of 43 years, Michael; her two daughters: Kathleen A. Seger of Buchanan, NY, and Regina Lifrieri of Wappingers Falls, NY; her grandchildren: Nicholas Lifrieri, Christopher Lifrieri, and Juliet Lifrieri, all from Wappingers Falls, NY; and her sisters: Ruth Ternyila of Beach Haven, NJ, and Roberta Wilson of Whiting, NJ.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, there will be no in - person service.

A Celebration of Life via live streaming will be held on Monday, February 1, 2021 at 3:00 PM. All are welcome to join the stream by visiting the following link:

<http://www.parsellfuneralhomes.com/obituaries/permalink/9819215/LTWebcast>

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions in Mrs. Bergen's memory to Brandywine SPCA, 22918 Dupont Blvd, Georgetown, DE 19947, Ovarian Cancer

Research Alliance, www.ocrahope.org, or the Wildlife Conservation Society, www.wcs.org,
2300 Southern Blvd, The Bronx, NY 10460.

Please sign the online guest book located on the tribute page.

Events

FEB **Flowers**

10:00AM

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Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium-Atkins-Lodge Chapel
16961 Kings Highway, Lewes, DE, US, 19958

FEB **Virtual Service**03:00PM - 04:00PM

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Comments



“ A webcast video has been added.



Parseell Funeral Homes & Crematorium - January 26 at 04:16 PM



“ Just going to miss my sister so much! Still can't believe she is gone. She loved her two girls and grandchildren so much and even in last years always managed to get to see them. Just so sad. Ruthie

Ruth Ternyila - January 30 at 02:37 PM



“ Kathy was my Godmother, I will always remember her infectious laugh! The times spent down the shore with Grandma Jean. She was so caring. Her family was her whole life and pride. Through all her struggles she never complained while it was her right to do so. Mike, Katie, and Regina our thoughts and prayers are with. Heaven just got a great human being. You touched a lot of people and will be sorely missed by everyone. Till we meet again...RIP

Tom Ternyila

Tom - February 01 at 02:53 PM



“ I will miss you, Kathy. I'm so glad your daughters are in my life, and that I got to know you through them. Thank you for always being such a sweet friend to me and my family. Love, Lauren

Lauren - February 01 at 03:03 PM



“ Wish we could be there to hug you guys! We loved Kathy dearly and she will be missed. Love, The Damianos.

Maureen - February 01 at 03:03 PM



“ What a beautiful service to send my friend Kathy home to be with our savior. She was so loved and it showed in the words and songs today. R.I.P. Kathy. I love you, your friend Shirley

Shirley - February 01 at 03:45 PM



“ You will be so missed Kathy. There are countless memories filled with laughter and love, I am grateful to have a piece of you in my life through your two daughters. RIP sweet friend <3 Liz McCluskey

Liz - February 01 at 03:46 PM



“ Thank you for sharing Kathy's service.

Dee Perry - February 01 at 05:54 PM



“ Kathy, my life will never be the same without you in it. I keep thinking what a loss to never be able to call or see you again. I will be missing you so much. Rest in peace, my sister! Ruthie

Ruth Ternyila - February 03 at 04:02 PM



“ Rest In Peace my beautiful friend....fly high and free from all earthly pain...you've more than earned your wings...till we meet again.....

Patty Bergen

Patty Bergen - February 05 at 01:38 AM



“ In loving memory of Kathy McKnight Bergen....Fly high my sweet friend

Patty Bergen - February 05 at 02:00 AM



“ Kathy was everyone's favorite aunt. She introduced me to The Beatles when I was six years old. (Read the whole story at <http://hbts.com/i-wanna-hold-your-hand/>). She was also the first person to take me out driving when I got my learner's permit, and she was completely chill. I'm sorry we did not get to spend more time together in recent years. -- CCW

Cliff Wilson - February 01 at 02:56 PM



“ My heart is heavy and I know Michael and family all have a heavy heart on the passing of Kathy. She was such a wonderful person and always so kind to my Mother when she visited Aunt Rena.

Lois Balanda Platt - February 01 at 02:47 PM



“ My Aunt was a great friend to me. As a child , my family lived with her and and grandma in E Brunswick. I remember her as a teenager listening to pop music with the phone in her hand , the legs up on the headboard. The typical teenager. I wanted to be her.

This past summer I was very sick (so was she) and she called me almost every day. What a great person. I will miss her so much

Judy Wilson - February 01 at 02:41 PM



“ My Aunt Kathy was more than aunt to me. She was like a big sister to me especially when I was younger. I would go to my grandmother’s house and go into Kathy’s bedroom and she would play the latest 78 record,, from Teeny Weeny Yellow Poka Dot Bikini To the Beat to a Different Drum. In high school she would take me shopping and I could talk to her about anything. I always looked forward to holidays when I knew I would get to see her. She became more than an aunt , she became a friend and was my Maid of Honor. Though we lived far apart and didn’t see each other as often as I wish I could have, are hearts were close. Kathy always made it easy to talk to her. The last time we were together, we laughed so hard trying to get a good picture of us. She was a wonderful mother and grandmother. Even when she was sick she carried herself with amazing grace. Kathy, I love you and will miss you. Sending Michael , Kate and Regina’s family peace at this time. With love, from Janet and Ron

janet Hoffman - February 01 at 11:04 AM



“ I met Kathy as an incoming freshman to Pace University. My mom and I were lost trying to find the financial aid office and ended up at the Welcome Center for directions. Kathy was working the front desk as always & gave us directions... and ended up offering me a job as a tour guide! I was a complete stranger but she said she had a good feeling about me! I ended up working there until I started student teaching full time in my senior year! So thankful she took a chance on me and I’m honored to have been able to work with her so long. The Welcome Center is still one of my favorite jobs I’ve ever had!

Julianne Postupack - February 01 at 10:32 AM



“ My kids and her kids grew up together in Pocantico Hills. I remeber all the parties, fairs, school trips, school functions and all the activities we did together. She was a kind person, an attentive and caring mom and a good friend. She will be missed but her memory will be with me and all the people she touched during her life. May she rest in peace. Jane Elber

Jane Elber - January 31 at 01:00 AM



“ I remember Kathy well from our time together on the PTA at Pocantico Hills. We worked in the publishing center and on many other activities at the school. My condolences to Mike, the girls and her family. May She Rest In Peace. Pat Smyth

Patricia - January 31 at 10:26 AM



“ To my first friend,
Kathy, from our shows, our shenanigans, our adventures, our little white lies (never) and our silly plans and sometimes not too bright decisions, I will always remember you.
Love,
Your first friend...Maryann
To Mike, Kate and Regina,
My heart goes out to each of you. May you find peace in the fact that she rests in the arms of the Lord. No longer in pain, she can celebrate with Jesus.
We will all miss her.
Maryann

Maryann Wyckoff Slater - February 01 at 12:42 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kathleen E. Bergen.



January 30 at 12:16 PM



“ I am very sad for this loss. Kathy and I worked on the same floor at Pace University. Friends are a very rare jewel, indeed and Kathy was one. she always made me smile. I will cherish the time and memories we shared. Being friends with someone is not an opportunity, but a sweet responsibility.

I loved Kathy and will try to imitate her friendliness and warmth.

Kathy Fiorentino

Kathy Fiorentino - January 29 at 04:47 PM



“ So sorry for your loss praying for your family . From the Seacord Family.

James Seacord - January 30 at 11:44 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. I still can't believe she's gone. Rest In Peace beautiful lady! Forever in our hearts.

Helen Bergen

Helen Bergen - February 01 at 04:13 PM



“ Kathy and I were friends for many years. I worked with Michael and I spoke with Kathy quite often. When they moved to Delaware we would meet for lunch whenever she came back to visit the girls. She was so kind and loving. She was a special friend and I will miss her.

Shirley Spieles - January 27 at 07:52 PM



“ Kathy and I went all through High School together back in East Brunswick. I can still remember she and I were lined up on the bleachers right next to one another for graduation. Connecting with her on FB after a lot of years was really a pleasure and will miss our conversations. So Kathy RIP up there with your mom and to the family please remember how much we all loved her.

Michael Mcnaughton - January 27 at 05:55 PM