



Kathleen W. Davies

November 5, 1929 - March 18, 2020

Ms. Kathleen (Kay) Murphy Davies 90, of Lumberton, NJ passed away Wednesday March 18, 2020.

Kay is thought to have been born in New York City, NY. As an infant, she was left in a church pew in St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Church in Manhattan. She was taken to The New York Foundling Hospital and raised in an orphanage and foster care by the Sisters of Charity in New York. Her childhood was colored by the Great Depression and its lessons never left her.

Kay married a career soldier in 1949, Thomas J. Murphy, and for 20 years traveled the world as a military wife. She spent six years living in Germany and loved traveling all over Europe. Nothing gave Kay more enjoyment than spending time with her children and grandchildren. She had the patience of a saint for endless rounds of "Candyland" and never had a harsh word for anyone.

Kay enjoyed classical music, her crossword puzzles and the beach. After retirement, Kay spent 25 years as a volunteer at Virtua Hospital, the hospital thrift shop and the Children's Home Thrift Shop in Mt. Holly. She volunteered every week until the age of 89.

Kay was preceded in death by her first husband and her son, Thomas J. Murphy II. She is survived by two daughters Kathy Walsh and husband Michael of Mt. Holly, NJ and Barbara Crane and husband Paul of Elkins Park, PA.; four grandchildren Rhys Rotolo, Melissa Murphy, Maura Walsh and Molly Walsh; and two great-grandsons Rhys and Rocco Rotolo.

Kay requested cremation and there will be no services at this time. www.perinchief.com

Comments



“ Rosemarie B lit a candle in memory of Kathleen W. Davies



Rosemarie B - April 22 at 01:31 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear of Kay's passing! My condolences to her family. I had the pleasure of working with Kay at the Children's Thrift Shop. We shared many stories and pictures together. Kay was a dedicated and enthusiastic worker. I feel honored that I was fortunate enough to know her and will surely miss her. May she rest in peace!

Rosemarie B - April 22 at 02:04 PM



“ A generous soul, willing to always join in to help where ever she could. She was very proud of her family especially the grandchildren.They brought her a special joy.. Kay on behalf of your fellow volunteers at the Child's home thrift shop, we love you and will miss you. You. are a very special lady.. Rest in peace. with love Diane



diane rementer - March 27 at 09:08 PM



“ Dear Kathy... I had no idea that Kay was your Mother till reading this... I am so sorry for your loss. I have been in her company many many times over the years while browsing the Hospital Thrift Store. Such a sweet pleasant lady and always so helpful. Prayers for the Lord's comfort for you and your family... Julie Rockhill

Julie - March 20 at 07:33 PM



“ Amy lit a candle in memory of Kathleen W. Davies



amy - March 19 at 07:57 PM



“ Ms Kay was a very beautiful woman she was loved by everyone who came in the thrift shop. When I walk in and see her she was always smiling I would say gd morning ms Kay how are ushe was just an all out great person I will miss u ms Kay u will always be in my heart and prayers I love always

amy - March 19 at 07:56 PM



“ Thank you for your kind words, Amy. Her greatest joy as she got older was spending time in that thrift shop and chatting with all the wonderful people like you....you made her days happy ones! Kathy

kathy walsh - March 21 at 07:27 PM



“ Kay was a wonderful woman with a huge heart. She became a valued member of our volunteer team over fifteen years ago. Her dedication was an inspiration to many. She was always up beat and had a kind word for everyone. We all loved her including our customers. When she was no longer able to volunteer she was always in the hearts and minds of all of us. She always will be. We will always miss her.

Joyce Wentz - March 25 at 03:16 PM