



Kathleen Ann Bezzeg

June 2, 1949 - April 8, 2025

Kathleen Ann Bezzeg, 75, of Mentor, passed away peacefully on April 8, 2025. She was born June 2, 1949 in Painesville, to the late Emery and Barbara Bezzeg.

Kathy's greatest joy came from spending time with her family. She was a loving mother of three daughters and an adoring, playful grandmother of four grandsons. As a mother, she will be remembered for her patience and her devotion to creating a warm and loving home, always pouring her time and energy into making our childhoods magical and full of cherished memories. As a grandma, she was always ready to play dress-up, get down on the floor with cars and blocks, have ice cream parties and throw confetti. She was the best listener and gave the biggest snuggles. She nurtured her family, teaching by example the true meaning of unconditional love and strength.

Kathy was a registered nurse and earned her diploma from the Huron Road Hospital School of Nursing in 1970. Kathy dedicated her professional life to serving people with compassion and love. Her long career path led her from hospitals to nursing homes and eventually to her work with the Hospice of the Western Reserve, each step taken to increase the quality and quantity of time with those she cared for.

She was a nature lover, having a special fondness for Northern Cardinals and

hummingbirds, and enjoyed being outdoors, walking in nature and boating with her family. She loved all things about Lake Erie, including its many lighthouses, waterskiing, and watching sunsets from her family boat. She also loved to bake. Her specialties included Hungarian balish, Linzer Tart cookies, and specialty birthday cakes for her daughters. She loved music and travel, combining the two in trips to Ireland, Scotland and Hawaii.

Kathy was a devout Catholic and belonged to St. John Vianney parish. She leaned into her faith throughout her entire life, but especially as she faced many health challenges. Kathy was a gentle warrior. She courageously battled multiple sclerosis for many years, with her unwavering faith in God as her light. We take comfort knowing she is now free from all pain and suffering, wrapped in the peace of God's love.

Survivors include her daughters, Stephanie Fialko (Sheldon Pierce), Kelly (Brennan) Johnson, and Christi (Gabriel) Zelinka; grandchildren, Tommy Fialko, Julian and Holden Zelinka, and Torin Johnson; sisters, Barb (Jim) Hacha, Mary Lee (Tom) Corlett and Connie (Bill) Golden and many other loving family members and friends.

The family will receive friends on Monday, April 21, 2025 from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. at the Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home and Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, Ohio 44060. A funeral mass will be held on Tuesday, April 22, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. at St. John Vianney Catholic Church, 7575 Bellflower Rd., Mentor, Ohio 44060. Burial to follow in Riverside Cemetery, 385 Riverside Dr., Painesville, Ohio 44077.

In honor of Kathy and in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of the Western Reserve, P.O. Box 72101, Cleveland 44192, donate online at www.hospicewr.org or The National MS Society at www.nationalmssociety.org

Offer condolences at www.brunner.com.

Cemetery Details

Riverside Cemetery

385 Riverside Drive
Painesville, OH 44077
(440) 392-3727

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 21. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center
8466 Mentor Avenue
Mentor, OH 44060
(440) 255-3401
ajs@brunners.com
<https://www.brunners.com/>

Funeral Mass

APR 22. 9:30 AM (ET)

St. John Vianney Catholic Church
7575 Bellflower Road
Mentor, OH 44060
(440) 255-0600

Tribute Wall

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“ *The Northeast Ohio Nurse Honor Guard wishes to express our sincere condolences to the family and friends of nurse, Kathleen Ann Bezzeg.*



We thank her for her contribution to caring for others and representing the nursing profession with trust, dignity and respect. Your nurse colleagues will take over from here. Rest in peace.

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<https://northeastohionursehonorguard.com/>*

Secretary @ Northeast Ohio Nurse Honor G - April 16, 2025 at 10:05 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kathleen Ann Bezzeg.*



April 14, 2025 at 09:14 AM

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“ *We remember Kathy's smile, gentleness and loving spirit. She can now view the top of the tapestry of life with all its beauty. God rest and peace be with you old friend. The Betts family.*

Chris and Dave Betts - April 12, 2025 at 11:35 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kathleen Ann Bezzeg.* ”



April 12, 2025 at 10:10 AM