



## Kathleen F. Lucia

February 7, 1942 - May 12, 2020

Kathleen F. Lucia, age 78, of Kirtland, passed away Tuesday, May 12, 2020 at Lake West Medical Center, Willoughby, OH. She was born on February 7, 1942 in Cleveland.

She was a proud graduate of St. Joseph Academy, class of 1959, and a graduate of Kent State University in 1963. She was a retired teacher, starting her career at Hudson Elementary, then to Star of the Sea in Honolulu, Hawaii, Parma Public Schools, and finally at Kirtland Schools. She loved teaching and working with her students.

Kathleen is survived by her daughter, Dawn Lucia (Tom) Nickerson. She was preceded in death by her parents, Jean and Francis “Mugsy” Murray and sister, Patricia DiSantis.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m., Thursday, May 28, 2020 at the Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060. Social distancing is encouraged during all publicly attended events.

A private family inurnment will be held at Western Reserve Memorial Gardens, Chesterland, OH.

Contributions may be made in Kathleen's memory to Geauga Humane Society  
Rescue Village, 15463 Chillicothe Rd. Novelty, OH 44072.

Send flowers and offer condolences at [www.brunners.com](http://www.brunners.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Western Reserve Memorial Gardens

11521 Chillicothe Rd.  
Chesterland, OH 44026  
(440) 729-9465

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

**MAY 28.** 10:00 AM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall

PH

“ *I was classmates with Ms. Eterovich and echo her sentiments below completely. Peace to her and all her family.*

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**Paul Hoegstrom** - September 21, 2020 at 05:14 PM

KE

“ *Mrs. Lucia was one of my all-time favorite teachers. I had her in the 5th grade and I have never forgotten her. May she rest in peace, she was extraordinary. The photo I have attached is of another little girl with her.*

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**Karen Eterovich** - September 21, 2020 at 05:02 PM

KE

“ *1 file added to the album Kathleen F. Lucia*



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**Karen Eterovich** - September 21, 2020 at 04:59 PM

LK

“ *Dear Dawn:  
You have my sincere sympathy in the loss of your mom. I liked her tell it like it is personality and her humor. I can remember sitting next to her at Kitland home football games when my brother coached there when you were a youngster. Good memories. Take care, my condolences to you and your family*

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**Laura Kramer Kuns** - June 10, 2020 at 02:58 PM

JS

“ Dear Dawn

*I went to school with Kay at Saint Frances DeSales School in Parma, Ohio and we kept in touch over the years!*

*I was so sorry to hear of your Mother's loss.*

*We had many good times and great laughs over the years, and saw each other at Saint Francis DeSales reunion a few years ago.*

*Please accept our condolences in your great loss.*

*Joseph and Shirley Salzgeber*

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**Joseph F. Salzgeber** - May 30, 2020 at 10:16 AM

JG

“ Dearest Dawn and Family, Our deepest sympathy. I know for a fact what a great mother you have and the fondest memories we all have of her. We were best of friends since our teens. Kay was my maid of honor and I was in her wedding party. What a terrific person; what great times we had together all these years. I think we met when dancing at the VFW in Parma. We just looked so forward to all the dances. What wonderful teen years we had. I had to even go and pick her up at Kent the day before our wedding and she could not get a ride home. I did her hair and she stayed overnight for the 8:30 AM wedding at St. Patrick’s Church on July 14, 1962, but we made it to 58 years this coming July. John is Italian and I am Irish. Kathleen was such a delight to be with and her wit was something else. I will never forget her. Dawn, you were a wonderful daughter and you did your best all the time. Your mother loved you to the moon and back. I can hear it in your voice: YOU ARE YOUR MOTHERS DAUGHTER. So my dearest Kay, as you always say you were a true Parma girl. See you on the other side. Love you so much, John and Judy Girard.

*Will you miss so much Kay, love Judy (Love) Girard.*

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**John and Judy Girard** - May 28, 2020 at 03:34 PM

DJ

“ Condolences to the Lucia family. All of The Juday family thought the world of Mrs. Lucia. We both loved laughing and crying with her (frequently laughing until we cried)!! You will never be forgotten. Peace be with you, Kay. Much love, The Judays.

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**Dee Juday** - May 27, 2020 at 05:24 PM

CF

“ *My deepest sympathy to the Lucia family. As a co-teacher at Kirtland with Kay for decades, I have many good memories of her. These are some of my favorites. We were lab partners when computers were first being introduced to the Kirtland Schools. It would have been an awkward, unpleasant journey had we not amused ourselves through the whole ordeal. Kay and I were often two of the group of chaperones for the Junior Senior Prom; many students would come to socialize with her, making her warmly welcome even though some of them hadn't been in her classes for several years. And of course she was wicked fun on the dance floor! I feel a loss, and my heart goes out to Dawn, who was always the most delightful daughter for whom anyone could ask (see that awkward, but correct, grammar? Once an English teacher, always an English teacher.)*

*Carol Fynn*

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carol fynn - May 27, 2020 at 04:38 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kathleen F. Lucia.*



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May 27, 2020 at 11:13 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kathleen F. Lucia.*



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May 23, 2020 at 02:05 PM

PM

“ I am a waitress at the nursing home Kathleen was living at. I only knew her for less than a year but she is a lady I'll never forget. She always made me smile, and gave you a good laugh too. She is one of the reasons I looked forward to going to work. I will forever cherish the memories I have of her.

Payton Miller - May 22, 2020 at 12:34 AM



Thank you from her daughter Dawn

Dawn Nickerson - May 22, 2020 at 02:46 PM

AZ

“ Mrs. Lucia was one of the few teachers I invited to my 8th grade graduation party. The best part was - she showed up! What a feisty, fun, and quirky teacher she was. I will always remember her fondly. Sending love to the family.

Anna Zimmerman - May 20, 2020 at 01:48 PM

NB

“ Lucia Family  
I am so sorry for your loss. Lucia was one of my favorites! I had the pleasure of having her as a teacher as a student. When I became a teacher we became good friends and Dawn became my little sister. Many good times with my dear friend. I know she is in heaven with Laurie looking down on us. Lucia has impacted so many children and everyone loves her. She will be dearly missed. The dancing queen of Kirtland!  
God Bless  
Noel Bottesch

Noel Bottesch - May 19, 2020 at 06:49 PM

KV

“ Your mama was an icon at KMS when I started there in the 90's! She is part of a wonderful teaching staff that made me feel at home right away. After I got over being scared of her :) I sure did love her! She was sarcastic and hilarious and will never be forgotten. She always had a story about you, too! Sweeter than she ever wanted anyone to know...and so committed to our school and the students. She is missed.  
Sending my thoughts and prayers for you and your family. Fondly,  
Katie (Powers) Vitatoe

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**Katie Vitatoe** - May 19, 2020 at 02:39 PM

DW

“ Dawn,  
My condolences. Your Mom was a firecracker and I loved that. She did not let anyone get away with anything. She was a great teacher and will be missed for sure. She was was so funny and her sarcasm was fantastic. I am also a middle school teacher and her relationships with students definitely had an influence on me as a teacher. We had so much respect for her because she was tough but also cared very much for her students’.

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**Debbie (Whalen) Watson** - May 18, 2020 at 07:46 PM

BL

“ Dawn I’m so very sorry for your loss! Your mom was an amazing lady! I had the privilege of working with her at Kirtland an had many wonderful conversations with her, my son also had her as his teacher an thought very highly of her, my thoughts an prayers for you an your family, She will be missed by so many 🥹🙏 R.I.P. Kay



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**Bev Lynch** - May 18, 2020 at 06:57 PM



*Thank you*

**Dawn Nickerson** - May 22, 2020 at 02:47 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Kathleen F. Lucia.*



May 18, 2020 at 05:45 PM



“ *Dawn  
Sending you the deepest sympathies. Your mom’s laugh was infectious. I had the privilege of interacting with her when my daughter went to kirtland and she subbed. She had the same quick wit and tenacity. She was truly one of a kind*

**Alison Hamilton Calkins** - May 18, 2020 at 02:55 PM



*Thank you*

**Dawn Nickerson** - May 22, 2020 at 02:47 PM



“ *Dawn,  
Please accept our deepest sympathy over the loss of your mother. She was a devoted mother, teacher, and friend to so many. Cherish and hold dearly the fond memories of time spent with her. May she rest in peace.  
Alan & Judy Russ*

**Alan Russ** - May 18, 2020 at 02:31 PM



*Thank you*

**Dawn Nickerson** - May 22, 2020 at 02:48 PM

RH

“ *Dawn, I am so sorry for your loss. Your mom was always a breath of fresh air.*

*Her sense of humor lightened the most serious situation. Most of all and most significantly, she loved you with every ounce of her being. My thoughts and prayers are with you as you deal with the loss of your greatest champion.*

*Rosalie Hall*

**Rosalie Hall** - May 18, 2020 at 01:58 PM



*Thank you*

**Dawn Nickerson** - May 22, 2020 at 02:48 PM



“ *This was my favorite relative I had so many laughs with her quick wit and straight forward talk Aunte Kay I will miss you and always remember you in my heart.*

*Love Chris*

**Christopher Zlamal** - May 18, 2020 at 01:07 PM



*So sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers for the family and friends. She was a great teacher*

**Sheila Lea** - May 18, 2020 at 06:49 PM