



## Kathleen Ann Kis

October 13, 1950 - July 1, 2019

MT. PLEASANT - Kathleen Ann (nee: Kraschnewski) Kis, 68, passed away on Monday, July 1, 2019. She was born in Marshfield on October 13, 1950, the daughter of Melvin and Idelle (nee: Holseth) Kraschnewski. Kathleen moved to Racine graduating from Case High School in 1968. She attended UW Parkside, then graduated from UW Milwaukee in 1972, with a degree in early childhood education. While attending UW Parkside she met John Kis and they became engaged in 1971. They were married on June 17, 1972 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Kathleen taught in Racine public schools as a library media specialist, where she received many accolades. She also taught in Milwaukee schools. Kathleen was an active member of St. Lucy's Catholic Church, including chairing St. Lucy's Parish Festival for many years.

Kathleen is survived by her husband of 47 years, John, and twin sons, Michael (Frances) Kis, grandchildren, Samuel and Charlotte; John (Dina) Kis, grandchildren, Alex and Anthony; daughter, Chelsey (Eric) Latimer, grandchildren, Luke and Liam. She is further survived by her father, Melvin Kraschnewski; siblings, Jeff (Judy) Kraschnewski and Susan (Edward) Kraschnewski; many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends and special dog, Peedee.

Kathleen was preceded in death by her mother Idelle Kraschnewski, in-laws, John and Ione Kis.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St. Lucy's Catholic Church, 3101 Drexel Ave on Tuesday, July 9, 2019 at 11 a.m. with Fr. Javier Guatavia

officiating. Entombment will follow at Holy Cross Cemetery. Visitation will be at the church on Tuesday from 9 a.m. to time of service at 11 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, those wishing to remember Kathleen in a special way may direct memorials to The American Cancer Society.

# Cemetery Details

## Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery Hwy 32

5600 Holy Cross Road  
Racine, WI 53402

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 9. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Lucy Catholic Church  
3101 Drexel Avenue  
Racine, WI

## Mass of Christian Burial

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# Tribute Wall



“ Sturino Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Kathleen Ann Kis



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**Sturino Funeral Home** - July 04, 2019 at 11:55 AM

EB

*I worked with Kathy at Wadewitz from 2013 up until her retirement. She always put the students first and was unafraid to challenge students through new learning experiences. Her passion for her work was inspiring to me as a young educator. My deepest sympathies go out to all of her loved ones.*

*Eric "Mr. B." Borchert*

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**Eric Borchert** - July 08, 2019 at 10:06 PM

NJ

*These beautiful pictures of all of you show a wonderful life. I know how much Kathy loved her children and grandchildren. She was blessed. She will always be 17 in my memory, as we drove around the neighborhood with Kathy behind the wheel. We had so much fun together. I am so sorry for your loss. Nancy Jindrick*

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**Nancy Jindrick** - January 18, 2020 at 05:47 PM

MB

“ *To the Kis Family  
Everyone at Christ Church Child Care send  
their condolences. On a regular basis Kathy  
picked up her two grandchildren from the  
center and she always came in with a smile.  
May your memories of this lovely lady bring you all peace.*



*Christ Church Child Care*

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**Marianne Burks** - July 09, 2019 at 05:18 PM

RO

“ *Rebecca Orth lit a candle in memory of  
Kathleen Ann Kis*



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**Rebecca Orth** - July 09, 2019 at 02:34 PM

JB

“ John....John...John...

*My thoughts truly are with you.*

*I carefully viewed all of the pictures of you, Kathy and your children. What came through in all of them, in absolute brilliance, was your love for her, and the joy that she brought to you and all who had the pleasure in life of knowing her.*

*I am fortunate in that my life intersected with you and Kathy back in the days when we were all young, vibrant and invincible. Back in the days when our lives were ahead of us, and, on a side note, when one of your dress shirts worn as a Loan Officer for Pioneer Savings was midnight black in color. (Sorry...I just couldn't resist making that last comment!)*

*Time has since passed along....treating us to the twists and turns of living our later years, but at all times giving us a richness of life that is to be envied, but unfortunately never fully appreciated until times such as these.*

*God speed to Kathy. And John, may time heal at least some of your wounds that you are suffering from her loss.*

*Best wishes to you always, my friend.*

*John Bjelajac*

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**John Bjelajac** - July 09, 2019 at 02:20 AM

SH

“ *Deepest sympathies John, sorry to hear. Bruce & I send our prayers. Sandy & Bruce Hess.*

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**Sandra Hess** - July 07, 2019 at 01:17 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Kathleen Ann Kis.*



July 06, 2019 at 11:05 AM



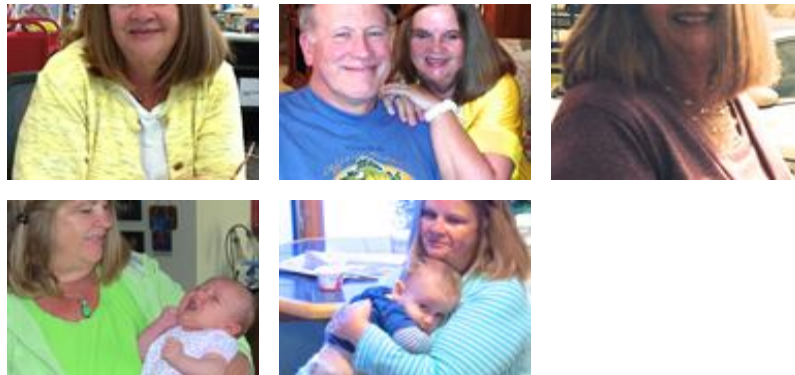
“ *The Hyttel Family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Kathleen Ann Kis.*



**The Hyttel Family** - July 05, 2019 at 09:53 AM



“ *149 files added to the album Life Tributes*



**Sturino Funeral Home** - July 04, 2019 at 10:43 AM

KP

“ John, we provided your new countertops years ago. Kathy and I shared much joy together talking about grandchildren. She loved to leave a hand print of one someone and not wash it away. Treasure her memories and maybe she left some handprint or memory not to be washed away for a bit for you to treasure. She was a delightfully positive person. I'm sure your family will miss her much but may you all find solace in the memories of her.

*Kim Peuschold*

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**Kim Peuschold** - July 03, 2019 at 06:04 PM

JH

“ John - I'm very sorry to hear of Kathy's passing. I only met her once but she was very warm to me and all the times I heard you speak of her showed me what a good person she was. I'm sorry for your loss and pray that you'll find comfort in God's provision during this very hard time.

*God Bless - James Hauser*

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**James Hauser** - July 03, 2019 at 05:44 PM

JN

“ Dear John and family,  
I am deeply saddened to hear of Kathy's passing. I know that your visits to my mother and Grandma made them very happy, especially at Christmas and Kathy made Baklava. I'm sure they are together again.

*Love,  
Jill*

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**Jill Niesen** - July 03, 2019 at 03:31 PM

DR

“ John, Michael, John and Chelsey:

*Sending our deepest sympathy to all of you. I was delighted to run into you and Kathy at KCC. I regret not having seen or talked to Kathy since then, which I will regret to the end of my days. She was a bright light in this world and filled the world with such kindness. I have been thinking a lot today about how much I enjoyed spending time when our girls were young and the house on Country Lane. She was such a delight to be around. I will always remember her heartwarming smile. I was hoping she would win this battle and kept her in my prayers. May she rest in peace in God's loving embrace.*

*Denise and Tony Rossi*

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**Denise Rossi** - July 03, 2019 at 02:41 PM

GJ

“ John,  
Carol Burns called me and told me about Kathy. Just speechless....I know we haven't been in touch but in old age, I think back to wonderful memories we made on 4th of Julys!  
Both of us know 68 is far too young to die. Doug at 66. My prayers and thoughts are with you and the family. Kathy had a very big heart and a beautiful soul....I know you will miss her. We go back a long way and our lives have taken different paths.  
Last summer I remarried a wonderful man that Doug would have loved, Norman Thompson. From Connecticut, also a widow. Doug has been dead 12 years. We live in Port St. Lucie, Fl. Gail Julius/Thompson, 435 n.w. Sunview Way, 34986. Steven and Brad are down here and doing fine.  
djul7955@bellsouth.net 262-939-0092

Would love to hear from you about the kids sometime in the future.  
Sincerely,  
Gail Julius

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**Gail Julius** - July 03, 2019 at 12:29 PM



“ John, I'm so saddened to hear of Kathy's passing. My heart aches because I miss her, but I'm celebrating her life of caring and giving to others. She rests in Our Lord's arms and is pain free and a Heavenly Angel. I'm blessed to have had her in my life. May God give you the strength to carry on. Frank and I will keep you in our thoughts and prayers! We send love, John, in this difficult time. Kay Prevatt



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**Kay Prevatt** - July 03, 2019 at 11:51 AM

SM

“ *Saddened to hear of Kathy’s death. My condolences to John and her family. Kathy was an innovative creative hard working teacher. She was way before her time teaching children to use technology to expand their learning. I learned a lot from her as a colleague at Johnson Elementary. She was always willing to share her talents with others. She was also very caring and worked hard to highlight the students and others. I will never forget the farewell videos she would produce with the students when a colleague retired. God’s peace be with all her loved ones.*

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**Sue Malone** - July 03, 2019 at 08:09 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kathleen Ann Kis.*



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July 02, 2019 at 04:45 PM