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In a world that can be loud and chaotic, Kathy Killingbeck was the source of quiet calm and consistent kindness we gravitated toward.

Born Kathleen Audrey Patterson on May 29, 1947 to Donald and Luella (Hirn) Patterson in Westland, Michigan, Kathy was the second of six children. Her love of family started in her childhood home with her beloved siblings and remained evident throughout her life.

Kathy attended Wayne Memorial High School with her lifelong best friends Marlene & Kathy who gave her the nickname “Patter.” In 1962 she met the man who would stand by her side for the rest of her life: Robert “Moe” Killingbeck. Kathy would go on to graduate in 1965 and marry the love of her life in 1966. Together, Kathy and Moe built a life and family that spanned 6 decades and nearly 55 years of a marriage that exemplified mutual devotion, partnership and love of family.

Kathy’s greatest joy came from being a mom to Rodney, Casey and Julie and grandma to Molly, Jack, Cate and Casey. When her kids were young, Kathy was a dedicated supporter of education, served in parent-teacher organizations and assisted in their classrooms. Regardless if the event was related to art, theater, choir or sports, Kathy was there to offer kind, insightful encouragement. She loved and appreciated each of her kids and grandkids as individuals and did not miss an opportunity to support their endeavors. To Molly, Jack, Cate and Casey, “Granny” was simply the epitome of comfort, fun and kindness.

Throughout their marriage, Kathy admired Moe’s ability to fix or build almost anything including three beautiful homes. Kathy’s thoughtful attention to detail contributed to each of those homes as well as her work as a paraprofessional at an elementary school and later, her job as an insurance adjuster.

In 1999, Kathy and Moe moved from Westland to Canadian Lakes where they spent the next 22 years in the community they loved. Kathy took pride in her job at the pro shop and enjoyed the



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commroderie with her fellow golfers. She organized and participated in the Ladies Cup golf tournament, she was match play champ and even achieved the elusive hole-in-one. When she was not on a golf course, Kathy enjoyed watching the Detroit Tigers, playing bridge, socializing with her wonderful friends and traveling (she especially loved going on cruises with Moe). Kathy was known for her sweet confections and brought joy to many when she made her specialties: Fudge, buckeye balls and pumpkin cookies.

Kathy was preceded in death by her husband Robert Killingbeck and her parents Donald and Luella Patterson. She is survived by her daughter Julie Killingbeck; her son Casey, his wife Melissa and their children Molly and Jack; her son Rodney, his wife Kathleen and their children Cate and Casey. Kathy will be missed by her beloved siblings, extended family, lifelong friends down state and many dear friends in the Canadian Lakes community.

A memorial service will be held in Spring, 2022

Memorial contributions for Kathy Killingbeck may be made to Spectrum Hospice:
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LB

Linda Bigelow posted:

The memory I would like to share is our first vacation together. I was somewhat of an outsider in this group of four. Chas, Moe and Kathy had known each other for years; living near each other, attending the same schools, and of course sports, tied them together. I could have felt somewhat like the, "odd man out". Not in this group! The fun started right away and there was never a question of acceptance. That was a relief! Kathy and Moe and Chas and I rented a cabin at Pleasant Lake. It came with a large pontoon boat. This seemed to be an opportunity to develop our fishing skills. As I recall, we probably caught more than 100 little perch and bluegills. We decided to keep them and have them for dinner. Our first problem was that none of us had fish cleaning experience. I had spent a number of years during my childhood watching my dad clean "our keepers" which were substantially larger than the Pleasant Lake catch. Throughout those years I had successfully avoided ever touching fish guts. Needless to say, there was much laughter that day and small morsels of fish on our plates. Pleasant Lake also provided time for card playing, guys against the girls of course, and much more laughter. We played Cannasta. According to the guys, the girls always froze the pile and then we won! As I look back over the years it is clear to me that I have never had more fun or more laughter with anyone in my lifetime. They will be missed.

November 8 at 6:20 PM

MR

Marcia Richmond posted:

Kathy and Bob (Moe) were one of the first couples we met when we first came to Canadian Lakes and what a friendship it grew into. From golfing, to cruises, to lots of cards, to many visits with us in Florida, the shopping trips and lunches with Linda B and I. A true friend, somewhat quiet but oh so Kind with a heart of gold. We miss you and will never forget you. Marcia Richmond

October 26 at 2:52 PM



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TP

Terry Patterson posted:

Kathy always had a smile and kind word for everyone. I was especially lucky in my teenage years as Moe and Kathy took me on many great vacations camping with my niece and nephews.. It was some of my best times in life. I will always cherish the memories of those great times. I love you Sis. You will truly be missed Terry

October 26 at 7:11 AM

MP

Margie Pierson October 26 at 1:11 PM

So glad I grew up with such wonderful siblings. They helped make me happy the person I am today. When our kids were growing up Kathy and I would get on the phone and talk for hours several times a week. We always had so much to say to each other. The nicest, kindest person I know. Life won't be the same but I am grateful for her and all the things she taught me. Will love and miss you sis!!

SP

Stephen Lee Patterson posted:

To say my heart is broken is an understatement, The thing that is helping console me is that she is pain free, and with her beloved husband again and our Mother. I lost my best friend, but i will try not to be sad because she wouldn't want me to. If everything i believe about God is true Kath has a prominent place next to him, because that's where the best of the best belong. Kath i love you ,and these tears i shed everyday are appreciation for the impact you had on my life and all you did in helping raise me. I love you, miss you terribly, and will never ever forget you.

October 26 at 6:54 AM

JO

John October 26 at 2:28 PM

I always admired what a great Mom you were and the way you would always stay calm in any situation. You made our golf outings fun and never made me feel out of place even though I wasn't a good golfer, you had a way to make anyone feel at ease. Although we didn't see each other as much as I would have liked I thought of you often and will miss you



Memories only last if you share them

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