



Kathy Lee Krupa

January 7, 1961 - September 8, 2019

Beloved wife of Marian "Marty" for 27 years.

Loving daughter of Lee and Kathryn Hedeem.

Cherished sister of Brent (Cindy) Hedeem and Bonnie Hedeem (Tina Peek).

Treasured sister-in-law of Arthur (Mary Frances) Stema.

Dearest aunt of Chelsea Leigh Hedeem, Nicole (Mike) Frazier, Michael (Marilyn) Stema, and Jeffrey Stema.

Loved by several great nieces and nephews.

She was a talented portrait artist; fun-loving friend; art chair, volunteer and avid supporter of local chapter of Ducks Unlimited; entertainment co-chair for her beloved Lexington cottage community; mother to several fur babies (2 of which are missing her now); organizer; planner; leader; listener; avid reader, kayaker and walker. Always had a smile for everyone, made fast friends of strangers and made us all laugh.

Kathy Lee Krupa, while in her mid to late twenties, suffered from an infection of the mitral valve of her heart. Kathy narrowly survived this ordeal however the infection resulted in damage to the valve and through the years required frequent cardiac check ups. Last year Kathy suffered from a minor T.I.A event (like a very small stroke) possibly linked to her heart condition.

On September 8, 2019, at about 2:00 pm, Kathy suffered the onset of what would become a full Cardiac event that she would not survive.

We consider it a great blessing to have known her and her artwork for nearly 59 years including the 30 some years since the onset of her heart condition. While Kathy had a physical heart condition, she suffered no loss of heart for her family and friends. She is sorely missed by all she met.

We will all miss this amazing woman.

Please, if you wish to, in lieu of flowers, you can donate in support of her commitment to Ducks Unlimited.

Checks to: Ducks Unlimited, Inc.

In memo on check: Kathy Lee Krupa Memorial

Send to: Ducks Unlimited, c/o:Kathy Lee Krupa. One Waterfowl Way,
Memphis, TN, USA, 38120

Tribute Wall



“ *Kathy Lee Krupa*

October 23, 2023 at 04:00 AM



“ *Kathy Lee Krupa*

January 06, 2023 at 05:24 AM



“ *Marty we were so saddened to hear of Kathy's passing! She was such a wonderful person with a beautiful smile! It was wonderful knowing her through the years! We have a portrait she had made of our dogs which we will cherish forever! Our thoughts and prayers go out to you Marty and your family at this difficult time. Rick & Kris*

Kris Adair - September 13, 2019 at 09:55 PM



“ *Marty, We are so very sorry to hear of the loss of your Beautiful wife, Kathy! Love & Prayers, Sincerely, Marty & Diana Ardito*

Diana Ardito - September 13, 2019 at 06:28 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Kathy Lee Krupa.*



September 13, 2019 at 05:58 PM

RV

“ So saddened to hear about Kathy's passing. She was such a wonderful and talented woman. As I sit in my family room I am looking at 3 portraits she did of my 4 legged friends. She also did a portrait of my parent's cats for their 50th anniversary. I am sorry for her early passing. She and her entire family will be in my thoughts and prayers. God speed Kathy.

Steve and Renee Verklan

Renee Verklan - September 13, 2019 at 05:19 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Kathy Lee Krupa.



September 13, 2019 at 05:02 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Kathy Lee Krupa.



September 13, 2019 at 03:15 PM

JC

“ *Kathy was such a dear friend to us. We have so many great memories of our little group and all our outings together. Kathy was our ring leader. We could always count on her to plan our outings from the chili cook-offs to birthday parties to whatever we wanted to do. And it was always fun and a good time. I don't know that we will ever be able to fill the void she has left. We so admire her for her love of nature and animals because she was such an all around great person. I hope Marty and her family know that we are here for all of them and we'll get through this together because that's what Kathy would have wanted.*

Jackie & Stan Cwiek - September 12, 2019 at 10:02 AM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Kathy Lee Krupa.*



September 12, 2019 at 09:05 AM

LM

“ *09.12.19. Dear Kathy: Rest In Peace..Dear Friend. You were one of the most pleasant friends a person could ever ask for. I am honored to have known you since you and Marty first met. In my eyes..you were both..The Perfect Couple..I am here..Marty..to help you through this tough time. Love you..Brother. My deepest condolences to all Family and Friends...Larry*

Larry Maykowski - September 12, 2019 at 08:52 AM

MP

Every so often God sends a special soul to us. Seemingly unfair, he takes that soul back much too early. God must now have a higher purpose for Kathy. In the midst of all the sorrow and turmoil, we need remember the Kathy that was. The love of life that she had, the unending abundance of energy for helping and sharing of herself. I remember hearing "if you love animals you have a kind heart". Through her portraits and involvement with animals her life touched so many and that love will live on far longer then I imagine she even was aware of. Kathy, when I described you, you were one of us. I am proud to say that we were friends and relatives. I pray that family and friends find consolation in the joy that was Kathy's life. Peace in the knowledge that she did what she loved to do.

Michelle Palleschi - September 12, 2019 at 02:37 PM

DA

Marty, We are so very sorry to hear of the loss of your beautiful wife. Love & Prayers to you & your family. 🙏 Sincerely, Marty & Diane Ardito

Diana Ardito - September 12, 2019 at 06:07 PM

MV

“ *Michigan Ducks Unlimited Staff & Volunteers purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Kathy Lee Krupa.*



Michigan Ducks Unlimited Staff & Volunteers - September 11, 2019 at 06:04 PM

ML

“ *Kathy got married to my High School buddy, Marty, in the early 90's. I haven't had much contact other than a High School reunion 3 years ago. It was so nice to visit with old friends and to get to know Kathy a little more. We were friends on Facebook, so I got know of her love for animals and nature. It was a sad moment when Jim McCloud called me and informed me of her passing. She seemed like a very special person and I am sure all that knew and loved her are saddened by her passing.*

Michael Laemers - September 11, 2019 at 03:05 PM

MR

“ *Mike and Sue Laemers, Grand Rapids. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Kathy Lee Krupa.*



Mike and Sue Laemers, Grand Rapids. - September 11, 2019
at 02:51 PM

FU

“ *From cousins Kara Johnson & Marla Umstead purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Kathy Lee Krupa.*



From cousins Kara Johnson & Marla Umstead - September
11, 2019 at 12:25 PM

JH

“ I had the privilege of having Kathy paint 2 portraits of my dogs that I will forever cherish. We knew each other for several years and shared a love of dogs, nature, and all things outdoors. Kathy's exceptional talent and generous spirit will be greatly missed. Condolences to all her family and friends. I am sending a donation to Ducks Unlimited in her memory.

Joan Hall - September 11, 2019 at 11:56 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kathy Lee Krupa.



September 11, 2019 at 10:57 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Kathy Lee Krupa.



September 11, 2019 at 09:41 AM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Kathy Lee Krupa.



September 11, 2019 at 09:02 AM

DC

“ *DAVE AND BRENDA CREIGHTON purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Kathy Lee Krupa.*



DAVE AND BRENDA CREIGHTON - September 11, 2019 at 08:48 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Kathy Lee Krupa.*



September 11, 2019 at 08:00 AM

MB

“ *We are sorry to hear of Kathy's passing. She will be missed by many. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.*
Mike and Mary Bluschke

Mary Bluschke - September 11, 2019 at 07:59 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kathy Lee Krupa.*



September 10, 2019 at 10:10 PM

KM

“ *Kathy and I worked at Cass McDonald's back in high school. We attended each other's homecoming. Kathy was so sweet and down to earth. Rest In Peace my friend.*

Ken Martorana - September 10, 2019 at 06:00 PM

LA

“ *Lauers (Barb and Kurt) and Else Amann purchased the With Deepest Sympathy Gift Basket for the family of Kathy Lee Krupa.*



Lauers (Barb and Kurt) and Else Amann - September 10, 2019 at 05:12 PM

EA

“ *Were sorry to hear of Kathys passing. I still remember the girls climbing the ladder over the fence to your house and having good times. Hubert called her ‘ his second daughter’. She will always be in our hearts. May God guide your way in your bereavement.*

else amann - September 10, 2019 at 04:58 PM

BL

“ *Rest In Peace, my sweet childhood friend. I shall cherish the memories of our youth. I hope you are able to visit that rainbow bridge and all beloved dogs up in heaven. Say hello to my Dad. Condolences to the Hedeem family*

Barb Lauer - September 10, 2019 at 04:39 PM

DU

“ We are saddened to hear of your loss, and the loss of a great member of the DU family. Please accept our deepest condolences.

Downriver DU team, Chapter 03

Downriver Ducks Unlimited - September 10, 2019 at 04:32 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Kathy Lee Krupa.



September 10, 2019 at 01:46 PM

DH

“ Am very sorry to hear about Kathy's passing, she was a tremendous artist, filled with compassion and love of her craft as evidenced by her professional work. She will be greatly missed by her Ducks Unlimited friends and family's, for all the effort she has put forth in managing and supporting the DU State Art Competition. As of now, heaven has become a littler richer, as it has received one of Gods angles, coming home. My condolences to all her family and friends, may she RIP!

Dan & Teresa Heuer

Daniel F Heuer - September 10, 2019 at 10:44 AM

JV

“ We are so saddened to hear of the passing of our dear friend, Kathy. She was so full of life and such a wonderful person. Kathy was a very talented artist. Her beautiful portraits will be her legacy. She loved the town of Lexington so much and knew everyone there. I know there will be a void in town without her. Our group of friends will no longer be the same without her. We will miss her dearly. Although we are unable to be there at this time, please know that Marty and the entire family is in our thoughts and prayers.

Love, Frank and JoAnn

JoAnn VanCoppennolle - September 10, 2019 at 10:39 AM

MD

“ So very sorry to hear about Kathy - what a shock!! She was so much fun & so full of life. Always smiling & welcoming. Our thoughts & prayers to Marty & family.
Frank & Marian

Marian Donovan - September 10, 2019 at 10:08 AM



“ We are so sorry to hear about Kathy's passing. She was a very warm and vibrant person and will be deeply missed. Marty and Kathy's family are in our thoughts and prayers.

George and Leslie Hartley

Leslie Hartley - September 10, 2019 at 09:47 AM

JT

“ Marty & Family, I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Kathy. It is still unbelievable to me that she has left us, as I had just chatted with her earlier on last Sunday morning, before she passed. Kathy was truly a vibrant and wonderful person. Kathy was also an outstanding, and totally committed Volunteer for Michigan Ducks Unlimited, and did a great job for us as State Art Chairman. She is truly loved and will be greatly missed.

May God bless and receive Kathy, and comfort her family.

*Jim Toth
State Chairman
Michigan Ducks Unlimited*

James A. Toth - September 10, 2019 at 08:44 AM

DB

“ So sorry to hear about Kathy. She was such a fun and caring person. We will miss her greatly. Our condolences to the family.

Dale and Joan Borske

Dale and Joan Borske - September 10, 2019 at 07:40 AM

DS

“ Kathy was a good friend and an outstanding volunteer and asset for Michigan Ducks Unlimited. Always with a smile on her face every time I saw her. We will sorely miss her. Marty our prayers are with you and Kathy wherever she roams.

Dave Steinbach - September 10, 2019 at 07:39 AM

ES

“ We are so sorry for your loss. This is such a shock! Kathy was so friendly and outgoing. Every time we saw her walking her dogs she would stop and talk. We just saw her helping her parents trim the tree in Lexington. She was so full of life! She will be missed by all. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

BJ and Bob Saums

Elizabeth J Saums - September 10, 2019 at 07:14 AM

TS

“ i been friend with marty and kathy for 27 years, very good person, i sure she its in heaven, god blessed her soul and rest in peace

thomas sabados - September 10, 2019 at 07:09 AM

MJ

“ My prayers to Marty and Kathy’s family. I’m so sorry for your loss 🙏
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Martine Jordan - September 09, 2019 at 11:44 PM

CF

“ We are very blessed to have known Kathy and to have two of her astonishing portraits of our much loved dogs.
We are also grateful that we were able to connect a number of friends to her and they too have had their lives enriched by her enormous talent.
She was tender hearted, generous, and deeply loved.
We are holding her family in our hearts and grateful to be able to trust the Lord for their peace and their healing.
Chris and Grace Fenton

Christian Fenton - September 09, 2019 at 10:21 PM

KM

*“ I have only known Kathy for 10 years and I enjoyed her company very much. Marty and Kathy were very dear to Tom and me. Kathy is at peace and has her wings now. She will forever be in our hearts. Rest in Peace dear friend. Marty we are here for you.
Karen and Tom Moros*

Karen Moros - September 09, 2019 at 09:53 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kathy Lee Krupa.



September 09, 2019 at 08:55 PM

DT

“ We've all lost a beautiful and kind woman that I'm sure has touched many lives. Kathy, thank you for being a wonderful neighbor. You will be missed by many here in our park. Enjoy your new wings, for heaven has truly just gained a beautiful angel. Rest in peace.

Dawn Torina - September 09, 2019 at 08:50 PM

JS

“ My heart can not hold all my sadness for wonderful Kathy. I'm so glad I could call her Friend.

Jeanne Simon - September 09, 2019 at 07:30 PM