



## Kathleen R. Chapin

April 5, 1947 - December 16, 2016

Kathleen R. Chapin passed away suddenly in her Saline, Michigan home on Friday, December 16, 2016 at the young age of 69. Kathy was born on March 5, 1947, to the late Leota (Blakley) Kinaitis, and grew up in the Lake Orion, Michigan area along with her step-father, the late John Kinaitis Jr., and her three brothers Eric and Lynn (Butch) Bothwell, and Michael Blakley. She married Steve Chapin on July 20, 1968 and is survived by her two children, Michael Chapin of Clinton, Michigan and Susanne (Chapin) Parra, along with Susanne's husband Richard of South Riding, Virginia. Kathy has four wonderful grandchildren: Nicolas Parra (12), Isabel Parra (8), Alexander Chapin (12) and Kyla Chapin (8). Kathy is also survived by her brother Eric Bothwell, his wife Gail and their family of Rochester, Michigan and her sister-in-law Beverly Bothwell and her family of Davidson, Michigan. Kathy and Steve enjoyed 48 + years of marriage together while enjoying their family, especially their grandchildren.

Kathy had an amazing love for life and everything that glittered. Kathy, along with Steve, family and friends loved to vacation, and especially staying for a month or two in Destin, Florida. Destin held a special place in Kathy's heart and where she looked forward to visiting during the Winter months. Kathy's greatest source of joy were her dear friends, family and grandchildren. She cherished her lifelong friends, affectionately nicknamed the "Chick-A-Reeno's". Kathy also loved her grandchildren and spent as much time as she could with them and cherishing the special relationships she had with each of

them. Kathy was a doer everywhere she lived, volunteering for a lot, and was willing to always help others. She was secretary of the largest home owner's association while living in Beverly Hills, Michigan (over 500 homes). While living in Texas, she was a docent for the Albany, Texas Old Jail Museum (food chairman). Throughout her 30-year residence in Saline, Kathy was very active in the community and with her children. She was most recently an election official and precinct co-chairman for the City of Saline, as well as Vice Queen and chauffer of the Saline Sexy Sirens Red Hat group. Kathy was also President for two terms, as well as Secretary for many years of the Saline-Brecon Friendship Guild. Kathy, along with Joan Roth, were both known as the "Trolley Dolly's", providing snacks and beverages for the long bus trips with our Brecon Visitors. Kathy was one of the founding organizers of the Saline Celtic festival, including Volunteer Chairman (recruiting over 3,000 volunteers in her ten years as Chairman), while also acting as its office manager for over ten years. Kathy attended training at the Ronald McDonald House in Chicago and became one of its volunteer coordinators for over 10 years. Decorating, crafting projects and card making became Kathy's primary artistic passions. She started her business, Kathy's Creations, through which she designed custom wedding invitation packages, as well as provided wedding coordinator services. All of Kathy's cards were originally handcrafted and uniquely made for specific occasions. Kathy loved entertaining, and Red Hat Bunco any time, but especially during the Christmas holiday. The family had a saying that "every flat surface in her house was not safe". She had some amazing, unique and beautiful winter display everywhere. Christmas held a special meaning to Kathy, and one she always loved sharing with her family and friends. A Memorial Service is planned for Kathy on Saturday January 28, 2017 at the First United Methodist Church of Saline. Visitation with the family will start at 10:00 AM with the Service at 11:00 AM and a luncheon to follow. At Kathy's request her ashes will be spread by her family in Destin, Florida this summer. (In lieu of flowers please contribute on Kathy's behalf to your favorite Charity this is what Kathy wanted)



# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JAN 28. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

First United Methodist Church of Saline  
1200 North Ann Arbor Street  
Saline, MI  
<http://www.fumc-saline.org/>

## Luncheon

JAN 28. 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

First United Methodist Church of Saline  
1200 North Ann Arbor Street  
Saline, MI  
<http://www.fumc-saline.org/>

## Gathering of Friends

JAN 28. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

First United Methodist Church of Saline  
1200 North Ann Arbor Street  
Saline, MI  
<http://www.fumc-saline.org/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Kathleen R. Chapin*

October 23, 2023 at 01:07 PM



“ *Trevor, Mary Anne and family purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Kathleen R. Chapin.*



**Trevor, Mary Anne and family** - January 26, 2017 at 11:13 PM



“ *Dear Steve, Mike and Sue,  
Our thoughts and prayers will be with all of you this weekend as you join in remembering beautiful and loving Kathy. She spread love to everyone she encountered. Kathy's warmth embraced you instantly- to know Kathy was to truly love her. She will be missed greatly by all of us. Please know that we will be offering up prayers all weekend for your family as you pay special tribute to this incredible woman. How blessed we all are who were lucky enough to share in her love.  
God Bless,  
Trevor, Mary Anne and kids*

**Mary Anne Clark** - January 26, 2017 at 10:03 PM



“ *Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kathleen R. Chapin.*



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January 26, 2017 at 11:26 AM



“ *Brad, Jodi and Debbie Griggs purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Kathleen R. Chapin.*



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**Brad, Jodi and Debbie Griggs** - January 23, 2017 at 02:55 PM



“ *Dear Steve and family,  
Thank you for informing us of Kathy's passing. We were shocked and saddened, as we had just received the beautiful family photo and Christmas greeting and all seemed just fine. Please know that we will always remember her and wish you and yours our deepest condolences. It will be hard. But there are many who love you and will help you get through it.  
Fondly,  
Jane Mehta and of course, Anand too.*

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**Jane Mehta** - January 04, 2017 at 05:58 PM



“ *To her family: you have my sincere condolences . I'm so sorry you loss such a great person, May God's love and holy spirit be with you all at this sad time. And may you find comfort at Revelations 21:4.*

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**Tierra** - December 27, 2016 at 06:19 AM

SS

“ Sarah Scholl lit a candle in memory of  
Kathleen R. Chapin



Sarah Scholl - December 23, 2016 at 08:16 AM

SS

We love you

Sarah Scholl - December 23, 2016 at 08:17 AM

IG

“ Steve and family,  
We were so sorry to hear of Kathy's passing. We shared some very  
fond and happy memories with Kathy both in Saline and Brecon.  
She will be sadly missed by all who knew her.  
Ian and Carol Gerrish, Brecon, Wales

Ian and Carol Gerrish - December 23, 2016 at 02:25 AM

JT

“ Kathy was always bright & cheerful so the  
yellow candle signifies her light !



Joyce Bastow Tripp - December 22, 2016 at 11:18 PM

MD

“ *Martha Irons Delvo lit a candle in memory of Kathleen R. Chapin*



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**Martha Irons Delvo** - December 22, 2016 at 10:44 PM

BW

“ *Bonnie Walker lit a candle in memory of Kathleen R. Chapin*



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**Bonnie Walker** - December 22, 2016 at 09:28 PM

DO

“ *Most treasured for me are lots of special memories of good times vacationing with Kathy. From Sarasota to Destin to Bonita to Miami to Myrtle Beach to Scottsdale to Washington DC - and even locally in Windsor and East Tawas, we always had a great time with Kathy. Then she'd present us with beautiful memory photo albums full of her special touches! Love her and will truly miss her. 💕💕*

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**Donna** - December 22, 2016 at 06:53 PM

MR

“ We are deeply saddened by Kathy's passing. I loved our talks and time together! She was always enthusiastic and amusing. Kathy's love for Steve, her children, and grandchildren knew no bounds! She was artistically talented and really enjoyed planning her school's reunion and weddings. I will miss her smile, sparkling eyes, and friendship. If any of you need anything please reach out to me.

Sincerely,  
Maura and Matt Rains

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**Maura Rains** - December 20, 2016 at 06:59 PM

SK

“ Steve and family,

Kathy's devotion to and love for her family were well known. Her service to this community was amazing. Please know we are all holding you in our hearts and that Kathy is resting in the warm loving hands of God.

Susan Keezer

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**Susan Keezer** - December 20, 2016 at 10:51 AM

MS

Steve and family.....I am so sorry for your loss....our loss. Kathy was a little "firecracker". We laughed, drank wine, laughed some more while working on the reunion committee. I am so glad to have gotten acquainted with her these last several years. She certainly loved her family.....I love her!

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**Marj Sullivan** - December 22, 2016 at 06:39 PM