



Kathrin "Kathy" Ann Kind

May 21, 1949 - May 14, 2026

Kathrin "Kathy" Ann Kind passed away suddenly on Thursday, May 14, 2026 at the age of 76. Kathy was a loving mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, cousin, friend, and neighbor. Her presence is already incredibly missed.

Kathy was born on May 21, 1949 in Hancock, MI, the daughter of Edwin and Irene (Kemppainen) Klemett, of pure Finnish descent. She graduated from Hancock High School in 1967 and continued her studies at Eastern Michigan University. After getting married and starting a family, Saline became her home base; however, her heart was always in the U.P. and she visited the family "Kamp" in Dollar Bay every summer, a treasured tradition her children and grandchildren have continued.

She was an excellent homemaker in her younger years and volunteered in local service clubs, making lifelong friends in the community. After circumstances at home changed, Kathy needed to tap into her Finnish "sisu" (grit, determination) to make her way in the world on her own. She joined a small telecommunications company that slowly grew and eventually ended up being bought by AT&T, providing long-distance service and billing to college campuses. She worked hard at her job, acquiring and maintaining accounts at colleges all over the country, giving her exciting travel opportunities. She was very successful in her position, secured a good living for herself and her family, and made lifelong friends at the company. Unfortunately, as cell

phones replaced dorm room land lines, this eliminated the need for the services that her company provided. Not old enough to retire, she worked as a teller for some local banks and credit unions and started a part-time cashier job at Busch's grocery store in Saline, a job she had for the rest of her years. We are sure Busch's shoppers already miss her smiling face and friendly demeanor.

Kathy was a woman of many talents. A gifted cook and baker, she spoiled her family with delicious meals and treats at every holiday, special occasions, and weekly family dinners. She had a love for gardening, and kept up her yard each summer with beautiful flowers and plants, including growing her own vegetables and herbs, and even did her own canning back in the day. She had an artist's eye and indulged her creative side in sewing and quilting projects, various craft projects, and home décor, collecting many antiques over the years.

Kathy was bursting with personality. She had a sharp wit and loved to laugh, often getting herself into unbelievably funny situations she loved to share. She was compassionate and generous to a fault, always helping where she could. She loved being a mother and a grandmother as she watched her children and grandchildren grow up, and was always very involved in their lives.

Kathy is survived by her daughters, Nona (Robert) Walls, Andrea Smith, Jill (Kerry) Durnen, and Kaisa Hartman; granddaughter Hope (Collin) Holmes and grandson Carter Smith; nieces and nephews, cousins, lifelong friends, her Busch's family, her Hillcrest Drive family and her beloved cat, Bushka. Kathy was preceded in death by her parents, Edwin and Irene Klemett; sister, Lois Lescelius; brother, Phil Klemett; brother, Rick Klemett; a stillborn daughter; and grandson, Hayden Smith.

Friends may join the family for visitation at the Robison-BahnMiller Funeral

Home on Friday, May 22nd, 2026 from 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. Visitation will continue on Saturday, May 23rd from 10:00 A.M. until the time of Funeral Service at 11:00 A.M. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in her name may be made to Saline Area Social Service, 1259 Industrial Drive, Saline, MI 48176 or by visiting <https://salinesocialservice.com/ways-to-give/donate/> Donations may also be made to Saline Area Senior Center, 7190 N. Maple Road, Saline, Michigan, 48176. Please write "Meals on Wheels" in the check's memo line. To leave a memory you have of Kathy, to sign her online guestbook or for directions please visit www.rbfhsaline.com

The service will be live streamed and can be viewed by visiting <https://gracea2.org/grace-bible-church-memorials/kathrin-kathy-ann-kind/>
Or
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j3YbnhJKSkY>

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **22**. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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Visitation

MAY **23**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Memorial Service

MAY **23**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Kathrin "Kathy" Ann Kind



Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home & Cremation Services - May 20 at 04:20 PM

WH

“ To the family and many friends I send heartfelt condolences and prayers. Although I met and knew her from her job she was always nice and kind. I will miss her wonderful smile.

Willie Hall - June 23 at 08:52 PM

JF

“ My condolences to Andrea, Hope, Carter, and all of Kathy's family and friends. Kathy was truly a treasure. Oh, the sparkle in her eyes and the smile on her face, along with her caring demeanor, are what first drew me to her. I would see her over the years at Busch's, and later learned she was Carter Smith's grandmother, my son's good friend. She always spoke so lovingly about her family and about Carter's friends. Kathy truly loved being involved in the lives of those she cared about. She will be greatly missed.

Jennifer Fowler - May 21 at 11:22 AM

JH

“ I will miss our conversations about family and your Bushka. I will miss you my friend.

Judy Hinckley - May 21 at 07:19 AM

JJ

I will miss our conversations when at Busch's much. You were always so nice to me.

John Jarrett - May 22 at 08:58 AM

CK

“ Cathy Kemppainen lit a candle in memory of Kathrin "Kathy" Ann Kind



Cathy Kemppainen - May 20 at 11:55 PM



“ You're my friend and your name fit you so well. I loved seeing you and wondered when you were coming back when you left. I loved chatting with you whenever we could in-between work stuff and you always wore a smile so gracefully. I loved to hear how much you loved your family. I loved praying with you. God Bless you Kathy 🌹
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Steph Lugosi - May 20 at 07:57 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are being sent to Kathy's family and wide community of friends. The Saline Busch's store lost a treasure. I loved seeing her when I shopped. She was helpful, funny and genuine. I made it a point to checkout wherever she was stationed. I know I could always count on a happy conversation! She was a stellar example of what small town community members should strive for. May the knowledge that she touched so many people with her wonderful spirit lift and sustain your memories and ease the pain of her loss.*

Karen Liska - May 20 at 12:03 PM

SO

“ *Sandy Ormsby lit a candle in memory of Kathrin "Kathy" Ann Kind*



sandy ormsby - May 20 at 12:01 PM

JK

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Joanne Klemett - May 19 at 03:11 PM

JB

“ *Kathy Helped To Train Me Way Back in 1987 @ ACUS in Ann Arbor Michigan And One of the Most Patient (And Nicest) Supervisors Ever.*

*So Glad To Have Known Her. Condolences To The Families.
Joclynn Ballard May 17, 2026.*

Joclynn Ballard - May 17 at 08:01 PM

JS

“ *I was around 10 when you married my big brother. You were so good at gathering our family together for dinners, birthdays or any occasion! You certainly had the gift of hospitality and friendliness. Your sweet smile will be sorely MISSED!! So glad that I got to see you this past December in Saline. Can't wait to see you again~ Jane :)*

Jane Sherwin - May 17 at 06:54 PM

BO

“ *I am so sad to hear this. My roommates and I lived accross the street from Kathy and her roommates on Pearl Street in Ypsilanti while going to Eastern Michigan University. She was a very nice lady and will be greatly missed. God Bless Kathy and RIP.*

Bob Sautter

Bob - May 16 at 09:29 PM

AA

“ I worked with Kathy for almost 6 years. There wasn't a day when I walked in the door that she didn't have a smile on her face. And a wave to quickly follow. And there was always a see you tomorrow when I was leaving. I'll miss helping her with all her tech questions and our little chats when working. It won't be the same anymore when I go but I know she'll be there in spirit. Thank you Kathy for supporting me when my dad passed and being a shoulder to cry on. I'll miss you dearly

Amber Alexander

Amber Alexander - May 15 at 07:39 PM