



Kathleen O'Grady Santostefano

November 29, 1960 - January 19, 2022

Kathleen O'Grady Santostefano, 61 of Huntington, WV, passed away on Wednesday, January 19, 2022. She was born November 29, 1960 in Brooklyn, NY the daughter of Loretta DeCresenzo O'Grady of Brooklyn, NY and the late, Thomas O'Grady. In addition to her father, she was also preceded in death by one brother, Thomas O'Grady. She was a sales clerk at Macy's. She is survived by her husband, Anthony Santostefano of Huntington, WV. and one brother, Patrick O'Grady. Funeral services will be conducted at 2:00 PM on Thursday, January 27, 2022 at Henson and Kitchen Mortuary, 6357 East Pea Ridge Rd. Huntington, WV near Barboursville. The family will receive friends two hour prior to services on Thursday at the Mortuary. Burial will follow in Ridgelawn Memorial Park, Huntington, WV. Online condolences and memories may be shared with the family by visiting www.hensonandkitchen.com

Cemetery Details

Ridgelawn Memorial Park

5547 W. Pea Ridge Road
Huntington, WV 25705

Previous Events

Visitation - Following COVID-19 Guidelines

JAN 27. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Henson & Kitchen Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Kathleen O'Grady Santostefano



Henson and Kitchen Mortuary and Cremation Services - January 26, 2022 at 10:47 AM

KO

My beautiful sister in law of 44 years, you were , fun, super generous , what a gorgeous bride you were, Rest In Peace, I know Tom is with you and my heart is so sad for your husband Tony and your Dog Fiona who you adored.

Kathleen O'Grady - January 26, 2022 at 11:21 AM

MK

I started working at Macy's on November 23.2021 and was trained by Kathy she trained me on the register and how to fold shirts and was always there when I had many many questions she will be missed

mary dalynn kelly - January 27, 2022 at 12:22 PM

JT

*Kathy, my beautiful and special childhood friend. My heart hurts for Tony and the O'Grady Family...❤️❤️❤️
I feel so blessed to have had the chance to reconnect with you.
I take some comfort in knowing that you are together again with Tom. I will love you both until the end of time...❤️❤️*

Juliet Termini - January 29, 2022 at 03:34 PM

LB

Kathy was a very dear friend for many years. We met in 1986 when she joined CFS & the rest was history. Being 5 years younger than Kath, I leaned on her life experience in coming of age. Kathy made it so easy to talk to her. She was quite gregarious, quick witted, personable and a great protector & big sister personality who lived, laughed and loved deeply. I loved taking lunch breaks with her when we both worked in the Chrysler Building on the 24th Fl for Shaw Walker. Every time guys would see us together, they'd always comment about us being tall glasses of water, Ebony & Ivory. We lost touch when she moved out of NY to her new home in WV. I am so very sorry to hear she left here without me having the opportunity to say goodbye to my dear beloved friend Kathy. It was even more tragic finding out her husband Tony, left here this year as well. My most sincere condolences to The O'Gradys and Santostefano families. I remember when she FINALLY married the love of her life — Tony, I told her, "now your last name officially matches your beautiful Italian looks". Lastly, I pray her little brother Pat, who she was so very protective of and doted over, knows how very much his big sister loved him & talked about him so very much. If anyone knows how I can reach Pat O'Grady, please call me at (917)449-1403. I am quite devastated by this new reality. God bless 🍀💕💕🥺😭😭

Laurie Bligen - November 08, 2025 at 10:33 PM



“ Kathleen O'Grady Santostefano

October 23, 2023 at 01:49 AM

IJ

“ I just found out that kathy has passed away, i knew her from Macy's , i went to Macy's yesterday , i was looking for her and a salesman told me what happened, i could'nt beleive it. i met her about 6 months ago, we always talked and laughed as she rang up my purchases, we called each other friend, she told me about her life in New York and i always teased her about moving here, she laughed. I'm going to miss her and our talks. Kathy was such a sweet person, i already miss my friend, Macy's will not be the same without her.

india johnson - February 22, 2022 at 02:55 PM

JT

“ Tony, I am so very sorry for your loss. I am still in shock and disbelief. I am praying that our Heavenly Father will sustain you during this difficult time. Kathy was a very special person, and I share in your grief. She will forever remain in the hearts and minds of those who knew and loved her... ❤️🦋🕊️💜

Juliet Termini - January 29, 2022 at 03:11 PM

PO

“ Patrick O’Grady lit a candle in memory of Kathleen O’Grady Santostefano



Patrick O’Grady - January 27, 2022 at 05:31 AM



“ [https://www.hensonandkitchen.com/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518"; target="_blank">Memorial Trees was purchased for the family of Kathleen O’Grady Santostefano.](https://www.hensonandkitchen.com/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518)

January 27, 2022 at 05:28 AM

PO

“ My beautiful sister Kathleen O’Grady.. from the moment I was able to comprehend you were my sibling, my only sister, you made sure you took it upon yourself to protect me, love me, teach me, and make me see that life was filled with hope, and love. All you ever wanted for me was to feel at peace and to be loved and appreciated.

Your wisdom and your compassion you had for me, Tom, mommy and daddy, is locked away inside my heart and soul forever.

I loved ever second of our time together. You made me laugh, made me not to take myself to seriously. You always told me my dream of becoming a fireman would come true, it certainly did. I owe my determination and courage to you my sister.. I know of no other person who stood by my side, decade after decade, more than you. Of course Tom but a sister’s love is priceless so precious.

I will miss the special way you always spoke to me, so caring and softly. I’ll miss having lunch with you in Manhattan most of all... boy Moe, didn’t we have so much fun all those years?! You always treated Kat, because you were soo kind to me. God has called you home for reasons I cannot comprehend right now. I know Tom was waiting for you. As our big brother always protected you and I. I will take care of mommy and make sure nothing happens to her. I will also be kind and true and not dishonor myself. Like you asked me not to.

This is not goodbye my wonderful sister.. as grandma would always say.. “don’t say goodbye, because goodbyes are forever.. just say I’ll see you soon” I will carry your essence inside my soul.. love you for all eternity.. your baby brother Patrick

Patrick O’Grady - January 27, 2022 at 05:12 AM

BA

Pat, So deeply heartbroken over Aunt Kathy's passing. She was such a loving, caring Aunt towards me and my family. She certainly was so proud of you and always spoke of you when we got together. I will miss her funny stories, conversations and visits. Please accept my deepest sympathies. Take care. Bea Santostefano Armony

Beatrice Santostefano Armony - January 27, 2022 at 09:01 PM

JT

*Beautiful tribute to your beautiful sister. So very sorry Patrick...💔
She truly defined the word special.*

Juliet Termini - January 29, 2022 at 04:47 PM

BA

“ To my beautiful Aunt Kathy, My family and I are so deeply saddened and devastated by your passing and we will miss you dearly. I wish we had more time to see you again.

I will always remember you for your thoughtfulness and loving my family. You were always so thoughtful and caring especially towards my kids Brandon, Rachel and Hannah and you have always been such a wonderful aunt and dear friend. Your great sense of humor always made me laugh. We shared so many wonderful times and stories together surrounded by family. Brandon, Rachel and Hannah have expressed how much they will miss you and they will always remember your visits Upstate. I also will cherish the great memories we made having dinner together at your favorite Italian restaurant in NYC. I also will always hold dear my weekend visits with you and Uncle Tony in Westbury through the years. I will always cherish our family gatherings at Grandma and Grandpa's house in Medford as well. I wish I had one last time to visit with you and Uncle Tony in West Virginia.

My heart goes out to Uncle Tony, your brother Pat, your mom, the O'Grady and Santostefano families, friends and coworkers. You are deeply loved by all and will be sorely missed.

I am certain you are at peace and hugging your brother Tom, your dad, Uncle Al, Grandma Beatrice and Grandpa Anthony, and my dad, Frank Santostefano. May you rest in Peace. Love you and Love Uncle Tony.

Love always,

*Your niece Beatrice Santostefano Armony and husband Joe,
nephew Brandon, nieces Rachel and Hannah.*

Beatrice Santostefano Armony - January 26, 2022 at 10:09 PM

FS

“ Our hearts ache for Aunt Kathy. It is very clear how she touched so many lives, all in different ways. But common threads were her love to make people laugh, sharing/talking about the things she loved, her devotion to family and friends, and ever lasting memories each of us hold for her. In time we will be comforted by her gift of these special memories, and even smile again when we think of her laugh. Aunt Kathy you are very loved, and deeply missed. -Frank & Maria



Frank Santostefano - January 26, 2022 at 10:01 PM

MS

“ When I first met Kathy, over 30 years ago, I was so amazed by her. I thought she was beautiful and so full of life. She had a contagious laugh and smile. I wish that I had a lot of memories of her, only a few but they mean so much. You touched so many people and your family loves you more than you know. I always admired the love between you and Uncle Tony. You were such a sweet couple and you cared so much for each other. My heart breaks for him - you were the light of his life. You were taken from us too soon - you had so much life to give. I hope you are with the family and are watching over all of us. Love you very much.



Maria Santostefano

Maria santostefano - January 26, 2022 at 09:28 PM

JS

“ Kathy was a beautiful and loving soul and a sister in my heart by choice. She will be greatly missed but never out of my heart and thoughts. My love and prayers go out to Tony and her precious Fiona.

sis Joanna Santostefano. 🌹🌸💕

Joanna Santostefano - January 26, 2022 at 09:21 PM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Kathleen O'Grady Santostefano.



January 26, 2022 at 11:38 AM



“ 26 files added to the album Life Tributes



Henson and Kitchen Mortuary and Cremation Services - January 26, 2022 at 10:47 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kathleen O'Grady Santostefano.*



January 25, 2022 at 09:22 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Kathleen O'Grady Santostefano.*



January 25, 2022 at 06:03 PM



“ *Montano Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Kathleen O'Grady Santostefano.*



Montano Family - January 25, 2022 at 02:52 PM



“ *Your friends at Macy's purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Kathleen O'Grady Santostefano.*



Your friends at Macy's - January 25, 2022 at 02:22 PM

PB

“ *My dear Kathy, I will miss your smiling face, and your laughter at Macy's, you were such a fun employee and a hard worker. So glad I was able to meet and know you, fly high my friend. Deepest Sympathy!*

*Pat Bailey
Macy's Friend*

Pat Bailey - January 25, 2022 at 02:06 PM

LH

*Kathy my friend. I will miss you always. You and I had alot of laughs,when I kept take your jacket from stockroom and putting it on the floor. Until you said Lynn this is my jacket don't put it out. Loved working with you. Fly hi. See you again one day. Deepest sympathy!
Lynn Hendrix
Macy's friend*

Lynn Hendrix - January 26, 2022 at 11:18 PM

PB

“ *Pat Bailey lit a candle in memory of Kathleen O'Grady Santostefano*



Pat Bailey - January 25, 2022 at 12:52 PM

KO

“ *My Dear sister in law of 44 years, I am devastated . I last saw you at your brother Thomas funeral 4 months ago, I saw how hard you took your brothers death. I first met you when you were a little girl , 5 years old , your brother always holding your hand, years later when I married your brother , you were only 16 , I can still remember your laugh, you were always fun to be around. I know that you are with him now, I know you are at peace !*

Love Kathy,

Kathleen O'Grady - January 25, 2022 at 09:16 AM

DO

“ *Deborah OGrady purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Kathleen O'Grady Santostefano.*



Deborah OGrady - January 25, 2022 at 05:33 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Kathleen O'Grady Santostefano.*



January 24, 2022 at 07:55 PM

“ Aunt Kathy, I hate that you're gone. I cry the most about the memories we will never get to make together, the experiences not yet shared. But after I cry, I smile, and even laugh over the times we DID share, all the funny things you have done and said. Though we didn't do nearly as much together as I had wanted, I'm so happy to be able to look back at all we experienced together.

Even before we ever met in person, I just KNOW you were the one who told Uncle Tony which dolls to get me and Renée for Christmas when we were little- Cabbage Patch Kids, baby! You knew what was what. ;)

When we were high school age, as my sister said, you took us out on the town. (You always loved having outings with your nieces -- and great-nieces.) You showed us your favorite diner and we had lunch, just the 3 of us. You had us try your favorite meal, and it was good! I kept a matchbook from that place for years and years so that I would always remember it.

Then we rode the subway into Manhattan where you worked. You defended my honor when a grumpy old lady acted like I was going to steal her purse, hahaha. (I think she was scared! You were about a foot taller than her.)

We felt like big stuff, walking around the City, having sodas at the downtown pub where you used to meet up with your coworkers for a bite. That was the first time we heard "Simply Having Wonderful Christmastime," and you thought it was so funny how we thought it was so lame! We didn't even have to do anything there. You knew we would just enjoy the experience of hanging out where the locals went in downtown NYC.

Years and years later, you did something similar for my own two girls when you'd take them to the mall for the day, having lunch, watching a movie, going nuts in the candy store, and perusing purses and headbands at Claire's. Girl stuff.

We were just giggling today over the time we went to see Madagascar 3 together and how much you loved the zebra - "Circus

afro!" You couldn't stop singing it all afternoon!

I'm remembering all the birthday lunches in your colorful kitchen, the birthday outfits you bought them when they turned 9. They felt so pretty.

And you were so patient with them when they thought they were doing you a favor and cut all the tags off your Ty Beanie Babies when you first moved here!!

And, man! You knew how to cook! I loved your meat sauce.

I loved how you loved Little House on the Prairie and had a collection of different versions of A Christmas Carol. It said a lot about your heart. You loved your Christmas lights and decorations- they made you so happy as you showed all the little trinkets to the children. You got me drinking fruit-infused water, and every time I put my purse on a table, I heard your voice and saw your eyes telling me that you NEVER put your "bag" on the table.

Your kisses were the biggest. And though your temper could get pretty big at times, your caring heart was even bigger. It was the best gift this past Christmas when for some reason you were just extra happy and bubbly and going around spending special time with each person. You were crying happy tears and telling each of us how you felt so loved, how happy you were to have family around you, and how much you loved each of us. You had a heart-to-heart with my girls that they will never forget. And you FINALLY ate my cookies and tiramisu!! It's silly, but it meant so much to me since you were always watching what you ate before and wouldn't try things. But this time you didn't hesitate. And you just enjoyed it so much. Again, it's silly, but it blessed me. You were doing things like that all night, just cutting loose and wearing your heart on your sleeve, giving and receiving love freely. And that is my favorite memory of all.

It's so hard to say goodbye, Aunt Kathy. I don't want to. But since we are at this juncture where we must part, I go forward cherishing you in my heart.

I love you so much.

*Until later,
Gina*

Gina Easter - January 24, 2022 at 04:12 PM



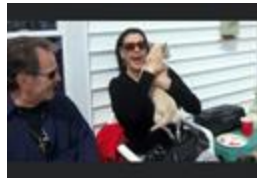
“ 9 files added to the tribute wall



Gina Easter - January 23, 2022 at 05:32 AM

RD

“ MY BEAUTIFUL VIVACIOUS GOD-AUNTIE ONE OF THE MOST FUN, LOVING, GENEROUS WOMEN I KNOW!! Unforgettable memories but one of my best is the night on the town in the Big Apple with my lil sis and my Auntie living it up at Christmas time going to eat Penne then the mall and subway where she held my hand so tight and locked arms with me protecting me like a mama bear from the crazy subwayers and then the ultimate Radio City Music Hall! But still yet too many good memories to even begin. Always the one where I'm flying first class to NY to bring these two Godparents home to us for good in WV driving two dogs and one Siamese cat home! What a ride!! And One of the most special last ones seeing her sit down and one-on-one, eye to eye with my littlest baby Natane sitting alone at the party and she comes just to her seat just to talk and let her know she sees her! She loves her! And that she's special too! Always my Aunt Kathy's mission. Let us know we're special to her! With a kiss and a squeeze so amazing. You're waiting for us now! I LOVE YOU my Auntie!! I LOVE YOU my Uncle Tony!!



Renee Dingess - January 21, 2022 at 09:37 PM

CA

“ Aunt Kathy, you were (and are) loved by SO many. You had a tough exterior, but inside was such a loving, generous heart. You made sure those close to your heart knew how dear you held them. Thank you for always being there; I'll never forget the good times, laughs, and conversations we shared. I love you and will miss you forever.



Carmella - January 21, 2022 at 08:06 PM