



Kathleen Rose Ruffalo (nee Willmes)

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Racine – Kathleen Rose Ruffalo (nee Willmes), 83, passed away on August 11, 2023, at Aurora St. Lukes Medical Center in Milwaukee surrounded by her family.

Kathy was born to the late Charles and Helen (nee Esser) Willmes on December 27, 1939, in Racine. She graduated from St. Catherine's High School, class of 1957.

Kathy first worked for InSinkEerator as an executive secretary in the engineering department. After having children, she became a homemaker. Kathy was very devoted to her family. She never missed an event, her children and grandchildren could always count on her to be there in the front row, showing them love and support. After Kathy's children were a little older, she returned to work as a Bridal Consultant at JC Penney until her retirement in 2001. Kathy was a devoted member of St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church.

Kathy will be deeply missed by her children: Terri Voyles, Tom (Kim) Ruffalo, Tamra (Michael) Black, Tena (Mike) Chaffee and Troy (Jodie) Ruffalo; grandchildren: Ariana Voyles, Annalise (Jacob) Dorst, Autumn and Austin Voyles, Abby (Tyler) Platz, Katie and Trenton Ruffalo, Hanna, Greta, George and Jack Black, Mackenzie (Sam) Miles, Connor and Spencer Chaffee, Vincenzo and Stella Ruffalo; great-grandchildren: Ross and Ren Miles; former husband, Ronald Ruffalo; siblings: Mary Willmes, Helen (John) Miller, Tim Willmes (Lynn Crawford); dear friends Barb Walker, Gloria Sikes, and Karen Vinkavich; along with many more friends and relatives too numerous to mention.

Kathy was preceded in death by her baby sister, Nancy Jean Willmes; sister and brother-in-law, Arlene and Joe Blommel; and son-in-law, Brian Voyles.

A funeral mass for Kathy will be held at St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church on Monday, August 28, 2023, at 11:00 A.M. Family and friends are invited to a time of visitation at the church on



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Monday from 10:00 A.M. until the time of mass. Memorials in Kathy's name may be directed to St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church (6400 Spring St, Mt Pleasant, WI 53406).






Events

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Visitation

-  **Monday**, August 28, 2023
-  10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CT
-  **St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church**
6400 Spring Street, Mt. Pleasant WI 53406



Funeral Mass

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Tribute Wall

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Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Kathleen.



August 27 at 10:45 AM



Christine Kinzelman posted:

We are so saddened by the passing of our neighbor of many years. We extend our sympathy and prayers to the whole family. May God's Grace and Peace be with Kathy and her family. The neighborhood will not be the same without her. We miss her already. Christine and Tom Kinzelman

August 21 at 6:38 AM



John N Ricchio sent a Heavenly Heights Bouquet to the Ruffalo (nee Willmes) family.



August 19 at 5:02 AM



Scott & Cindy Black sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Ruffalo (nee Willmes) family.



August 19 at 4:00 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Kathleen by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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