



Catherine "Kit" Musnicki

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Catherine "Kit" Groves Musnicki, born September 13, 1921, passed away August 31, 2021 just days short of 100 years in Oldsmar, FL. Kit was born in Townsville, Australia to James and Martha O'Brien Groves. She is survived by two daughters Veronica "Ronnie" Evans of Trinity, FL and Ann Chiamonte (Joseph) of Sherman, CT, 6 grandchildren, Kathi Lee (Tom) of Kent, CT, Jodi Pelletier of Odessa, FL, Brian Bardelli (Geri) of Cheshire, CT, TR Smith of Loveland, CO, Courtney Smith of Sherman, CT and Kelly Nash of Grayslake, IL. She also leaves 9 Great-grandchildren, Andrew Bardelli, Benjamin and Megan Pelletier, Claire, Ava and Wyatt Lee, Samantha and Lila Bardelli, Brooks Nash and one great-great-grandson, Jay Bardelli.

Kit was predeceased by her husband Peter Musnicki in April 1970, Danbury CT, her daughter Linda Nash, Odessa, FL, her parents, her 4 brothers and 1 sister and her beloved grandson Adam Nash.

Kit was born and raised in Townsville, North Queensland, Australia. It was during World War II that while volunteering for The American Red Cross, Kit met and married the love of her life American Staff Sgt. Peter Musnicki who was transferred not long after the marriage while Kit remained in Australia and gave birth to the first of three daughters. Upon the end of the war, Pete arranged for Kit and baby daughter Veronica to travel to America. Once arriving, the family settled in Danbury, Ct where they would raise their three daughters and become integral members of the local community. Kit would help Pete run the family business Martha's Luncheonette on Main Street for many years and then continued to greet the locals when with the changing times they switched over to Four Seasons Sporting Goods. Kit continued to work at the family business even after Pete's passing. Once the business was sold she continued working in local retail both at Howlands department store and a local maternity shop.

Kit's life was filled with love and fun. There was always laughter and she was always "put together" to perfection. She enjoyed junkets to Vegas, trips to Atlantic City, but most of all she enjoyed



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visiting with friends and family. Services will be private in CT at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers a donation to the Alzheimer's Association would be appreciated. As anyone who knew her as she leaves this world knows, she is reminding us "Remember with clean hands and good table manners you can dine with the Queen". Of course everyone who dined with Kit already knew they were dining with The Queen and we say as she would, "God Love Her".



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EF

Ellie Fiorita posted:

Ronnie and Ann, We just learned the sad news of Kit's passing today. So many wonderful memories came back to myself, Frank and Gary. Kit was truly a special person! She had a beautiful smile and such a loving way. Our thoughts and prayers to all the extended family. Frank and Ellie Fiorita

September 11 at 1:55 PM

RE

Ronnie Evans September 16 at 12:43 PM

Thank you. I was sorry to hear about JoeJoe as he will forever be known to me.

JG

Joe Ginty lit a candle in honor of Catherine.

My condolences to the Musnicki family. I have fond memories of going to Martha's and Four Seasons. My Father was good friends of Pete and Kit. We would go there often to have a soda and say hello. We bought my first baseball glove there and my first set of skis. I am sorry for your loss. Joe Ginty Danbury CT



September 9 at 7:20 AM

RE

Ronnie Evans September 16 at 12:44 PM

Thank you. I also have fond memories of your family. Ronnie



Jill Fiorita Vitti posted:

Jill Fiorita Vitti 6 hours ago So very sorry to hear of Kit's passing. She would be a frequent visitor to my Grandparent's house on Smith Street. I remember sitting around the kitchen table and listening to her endearing Aussie accent. She had a vivacious, happy personality and she was a wonderful, caring friend to my Grandmother Marie Fiorita. I'm sure My Grandparents Joe and Marie and my Dad Joe Jr. are chatting up a storm and catching up on things now that they are all together again in heaven. RIP ❤️

September 3 at 10:54 AM

PB

Philip Bennett September 15 at 1:33 PM

My sincere condolences. She was a very special soul...

PP

Pege Minck Payne September 5 at 6:33 AM

I also remember Kit from Smith Street. My Mom Jean Callahan Minck often spoke about the family even when we moved to Washington Avenue. So sorry to hear of her passing. My your happy memories give you some peace in these difficult times



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TM

Tamm Miller posted:

Kit Kat I met you almost two years ago in Memory Care at Grand Villa, and I enjoyed every minute I spent with you as one your RCA's. You always had a smile and a joke for me. You told me when you were younger your brother said to your mom you don't have feet, you have yards, because he thought your feet were too long. But that's not true you are the most beautiful person inside and out, that I have had the pleasure to meet. You always had a smile and wink when I would come into work and you always knew if I was upset about something and asked if you could help in anyway. You were always concerned about everyone. You are a wonderful person and will be dearly loved and missed forever. The other residents have been asking about you, they haven't seen you in awhile, I say you are resting. I love you Kit Kat, thank you for all your kind words and for everything you taught me.

September 3 at 5:55 AM



Lisa Pape posted:

I knew Catherine for many years as a care giver and Activities Coordinator. Katherine, better know to us as Kit Kat. She was the sunshine that brightened everyone's day. Always welcomed me when I would arrive at work. She would clap for me. Everyday was a new day for her. She never complained even when her knees gave her problems. She was my biggest Cheerleader. I miss her so very much. She had the kindest soul and loved her family very much. She had many stories about growing up in Australia. I Loved when I would say, Smile for me Kit Kat and she would wink at me and give me one of her funny faces. She always thought about others. She would alert me whenever someone may have looked in trouble. Her concern for everyone around her was just part of her personality. I personally am a Better person to have know Kit Kat. She taught me a lot about Compassion. I miss you everyday but I will carry you in my heart always...Love You Always Kit Kat.. Rest In Peace with the Angels...I know You will Always Watch Over Us ❤️

September 3 at 4:37 AM

IR

Isabella Rosado posted:

My condolences to Kit Kat, I met her through my mom (Vanessa) when Grand Villa had a Family day. She was so sweet. After that I would ask about her and Mom would always come home talking about her. May she Rest In Peace. Isabella Rosado

September 3 at 2:53 AM

RE

Ronnie Evans September 16 at 12:46 PM

Thank you. Sincerely. Ronnie.



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Liz Doyle posted:

Ronnie and Ann, this is Liz Coughlin from Oak Ridge Gate. We all have great memories of your mom and your father. My mom just passed this February and Dad is still at oak Ridge Gate. Your mother was so beautiful and had such a wonderful laugh. Buzzy and my father are the only two left from the neighborhood. They've had a good long life. My condolences and best wishes to you .

September 3 at 2:25 AM



Ronnie Evans September 16 at 12:48 PM

Thank you Liz. I had long conversations with both Buzzy and Lisa. I'm sorry to hear about your mom she was such a lovely lady. Thoughts of you and your family. Hugs Ronnie.



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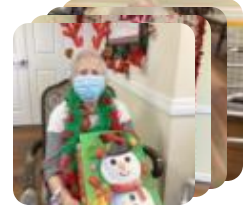
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Vanessa Glasford shared 12 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Dear Family Groves Musnicki, With a heavy heart I would like to give you my condolences. I had the honor to know Mrs. Catherine "Kit" Musnicki for Two years. She was one of my residents in Grand Villa of Clearwater. As her Life Enrichment Coordinator Assistant I spent a lot of time with her. I truly honestly adored her. She is very missed. Memory Care isn't the same. She had a beautiful smile followed with a cute laugh. Along with her signature joke: "If a bean is a bean what is a pea?" "A relief". I can never forget when the clock marked eight o'clock and I started to pack my bag, she would be the first to say: "Are you leaving?, Do you live far? Ok, Honey have a good night, see you tomorrow. I pray for you girls every night and everyone in here. I do." Miss her hugs. Listening to her speak about her mother and how she would cook and receive the American soldier boys back in Australia. She spoke proudly of her family. I got to meet many of them through text messages, visits and FaceTime! On weekends that box of Dunkin' Donuts never failed! Her bag of Kit Kat's! Dear Kit Kat, May God bless you, May you Rest In Peace. Thank You for everything you taught me! Celebrate your birthday in heaven! ☐-Vanessa Glasford



September 2 at 10:41 AM

RE **Ronnie Evans** September 16 at 12:49 PM

Thank you Bobby. Because that's the name I remember you by. Ronnie.

BN **Bob Neilson** September 7 at 6:30 AM

I grew up in the Oak Ridge neighborhood and was their paperboy for many years. I have great memories of both Mr and Mrs Musnicki. She "God blessed" me more than all the priests and nuns in my Catholic school upbringing. It is now my time to God bless her. Bob Neilson

TU **Tracey Ussery** September 3 at 3:25 PM

Dear Ronnie and Ann, so sorry for your loss. I have had the pleasure of taking care of KitKat for four years. I meet her down stairs when I first started she was very encouraging and always supportive to a newcomer. Then I moved up to memory care. Not long after KitKat moved up to memory care. I was lucky enough to see her every day. She always had something nice to say to me. My heart is heavy but I know she is my guardian angel, and I was blessed to have KitKat in my life. I will miss seeing and talking to you to Ronnie take care sincerely Tracey shift coordinators in mc



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MM

Michael Mannion posted:

Very sorry to read of your mother's passing, Ronnie. I always sensed that she "liked" me during those "high school years" and often bumped into her at the Trellis restaurant in Danbury where we would chat during lunch in later years.. Lost my own mother at 104 in December, so I know It's difficult. My condolences are extended to you and your family;

September 2 at 6:23 PM

RE

Ronnie Evans September 16 at 12:59 PM

Thank you Michael. Of course mother liked you. What was her not to like? Blond, Catholic She adored that. Of course there were those occasions when dad questioned my choice. Rolling down a hill in Bethel, In a car, (only time I ever did that) and the arrival at 9AM in tux and gown after prom. Moms passing was not easy. She spent days in agony Medical examiner and Clearwater police involved. A push by another resident at her ALF. Sorry to hear about your mom. 104! Hope all is well with you and your brother.

DE

Deborah & George Englert posted:

George and I have such fond memories of a time gone by. We were so lucky your family are part of those wonderful memories. Kit was a beautiful woman. She truly had it all. We used to laugh till we held our sides. I wish George and I could have made it to the west side of Florida to see Kit but many circumstances made that impossible. So we will remember Kit in our hearts forever.

September 2 at 11:34 AM

RE

Ronnie Evans September 16 at 12:51 PM

Thank you Debbie. It is lovely to hear from you. Hope you both are healthy and safe. Ronnie.



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AK

Andrea Kaplan posted:

My memories of Kit begin on Smith Street in Danbury, CT where I made friends with her daughter Ronnie. Kit was always dressed beautifully and very sweet to us young children. She was friends with my mom during the years we were neighbors. I lost touch with the family until recently when I "found" Ronnie on Facebook and resumed the friendship. Photos of Kit in recent years were a joy to see. Still dressed to impress and meeting every challenge put in front of her with grace. RIP Kit. Heaven will be more beautiful now that you are there.

September 2 at 10:41 AM

JV

Jill Fiorita Vitti September 3 at 5:22 AM

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September 2 at 6:32 PM





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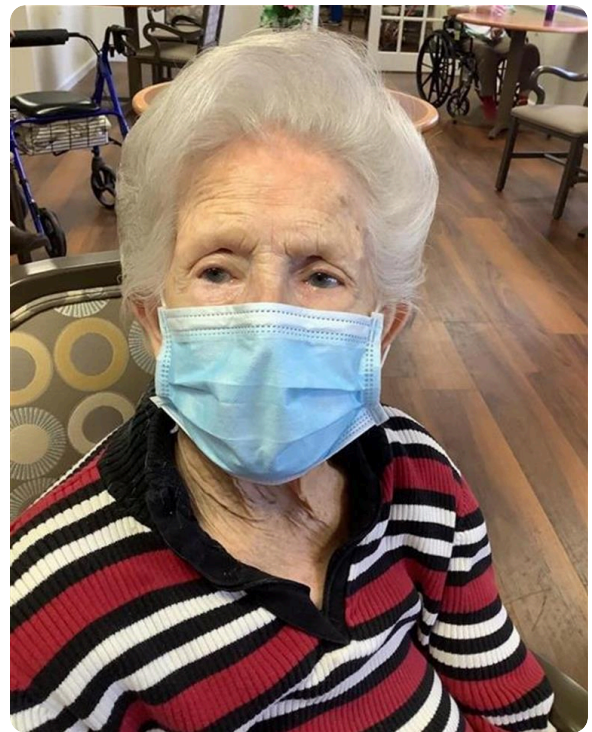




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Memories only last if you share them

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



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