



Kathleen Anne Gamache

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Kathleen Anne Gamache, 79, of Lakeland, FL passed away peacefully on Monday, August 12, 2024.

Kathleen was born in Utica, NY, on May 4, 1945, the daughter of the late Dr. Thaddeus J. Karwacki and Ethel J. (Kivler) Karwacki. She was raised and educated in Utica and graduated from Utica Free Academy and Mohawk Valley Community College. On November 25, 1967, Kathleen married Robert Gamache in Utica. After several promotional relocations, they finally settled in Lakeland, FL in 1990. A devout Roman Catholic, Kathleen was a cherished member of Resurrection Catholic Church in Lakeland, FL as well as Espiritu Santo Catholic Church in Safety Harbor, FL. She was actively involved in the Diocese of Orlando's Women's Emmaus Ministry and was a proud member of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, Lakeland Chapter Gamma Eta Masters. Kathleen had a deep love for her family and found joy in spending time with them. She also enjoyed participating in religious retreats, cooking, reading, and staying informed on current events. A retired RN, Kathleen worked in hospitals in New York, Pennsylvania, and Florida. She was an excellent nurse devoted to her patients. Kathleen had the wonderful gift of making friends, always effortlessly engaging in conversation with whomever she met.

Kathleen is survived by her daughter, Elizabeth J. (Gamache) Walker of Clearwater, FL. Two cherished granddaughters, Merryck L. Walker and Mae E. Walker, both of Clearwater, FL. Her brother, Joseph J. Karwacki and sister-in-law Ellen (Zizzi) Karwacki of Utica, NY. Her brother, John C. Karwacki and sister-in-law Linda (McClusky) Karwacki of Scarborough, ME. Her sister Carolyn J. (Karwacki) Nethken and brother-in-law Arlie Nethken of Fairbanks, AK and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Robert E. Gamache and her parents Dr. Thaddeus J. Karwacki and Ethel J. (Kivler) Karwacki.

A funeral service will be held on Friday, September 13, 2024, at 11:00 am at Resurrection Catholic Church, 333 Terrace Way, Lakeland, FL. Burial will be held at Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, FL on Monday, September 16, 2024, at 9:00 am. In addition, Kathleen's life and legacy



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will be lovingly remembered with a memorial mass in her hometown on Saturday, September 28, 2024, at 11:30 am at Mary, Mother of Our Savior Catholic Church, 2222 Genesee St, Utica, NY.

Those wishing to donate in Kathleen's memory, please consider the Suncoast Hospice Foundation at suncoasthospicefoundation.org (<http://suncoasthospicefoundation.org>) or the American Cancer Society at americancancersociety.org (<http://americancancersociety.org>)



Events

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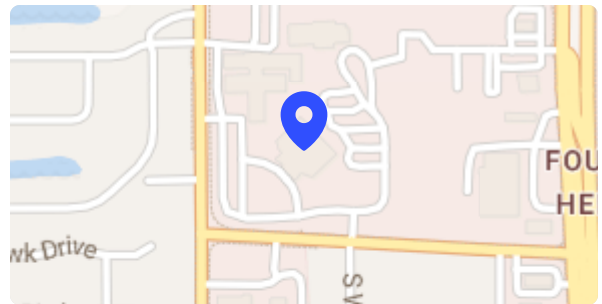
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Funeral Mass

 **Friday**, September 13, 2024


 11:00 AM ET


 **Resurrection Catholic Church**
333 Terrace Way, Lakeland FL 33813

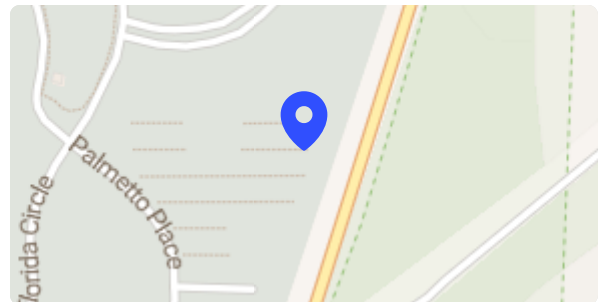


Graveside Service

 **Monday**, September 16, 2024

 9:00 AM ET

 **Florida National Cemetery**
6502 SW 102nd Ave, Bushnell FL 33513





Tribute Wall

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MO

Marilou Ondra posted:

Rip Cathy we used to do mother of perpetual help weekly novena if she is here in town . She was a great n devoted to our faith 🙏❤️

October 8 at 6:49 AM

TR

Timothy Rookey posted:

My wife Anne and I were blessed to share time with Kathleen at the Our Lady of Guadalupe retreats featuring Cardinal Raymond Burke in La Crosse, Wis. including the one last fall. We loved speaking with her and greatly enjoyed being in her wonderful presence. Both of us related very well with her and we'll miss this beautiful soul who lived such an authentic Christian life. Rest in peace, dear Kathleen. Timothy Rookey

September 16 at 11:38 AM

DO

Doreen Williams) Ohara posted:

I remember my cousin Kathy, Jeannie, Joey & John going to their home at Christmas time and parent's having X-Mascheer with Uncle Teddy and Cioci. Ethel. Wonderful memories and remembering when told she was a nurse and when she got married.

September 4 at 5:33 PM

DO

Doreen Williams) Ohara lit a candle in honor of Kathleen.

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September 4 at 5:28 PM



LH

Linda Hennessey posted:

Kathy was my circulating nurse on many cases at Faxton Hospital Surgery Department. I enjoyed working with her.. She was a super nurse! I'm so very sorry for your loss. I'm sure you'll miss her very much.

September 4 at 2:26 PM



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VB

Vernita Balch lit a candle in honor of Kathleen.

Enjoyed working with Kathy at LRMC and Plant City hospital, for many years. So sorry to hear of her passing.

September 4 at 11:49 AM



PE

Pamela Wollenberg, London England lit a candle in honor of Kathleen.

My sincerest condolences to Kathleen's family. Kathleen was such a lovely person and I will miss her. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

September 4 at 11:00 AM



JB

Jill Bird lit a candle in honor of Kathleen.

Jill bird lit a candle in memory of Kathleen Gamache

September 3 at 12:48 PM





Memories only last if you share them

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



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