



Kathy Louise Rhoadé

December 6, 1964 - June 23, 2023

Kathy Louise Rhoadé, 59, passed away peacefully in her Sarasota home on Friday, June 23rd, 2023.

Born December 6, 1964 to Janet Stewart and Richard Stewart, Kathy grew up in Elkhart with a younger sister, Julie Yeakey, and a younger brother, Robert Stewart. She remained in Elkhart until attending college, but always dreamed of moving to Florida to escape the winter weather.

After graduating from Hillsdale College, Kathy moved back to Elkhart to be close to family. She began teaching at a local Elementary School, and eventually met her husband, Jeff Rhoadé. They had two children, Collin Rhoadé and Brendan Rhoadé. She put her teaching career on pause to focus on raising the kids, and was a very dedicated mother.

Once the kids were in college, Kathy made her dream of living in Florida a reality. She moved to Sarasota, Florida with her husband and her dog Bingo. She quickly realized that Sarasota had more to offer than just warm weather and white sand beaches.

She began volunteering at a local non-profit, Women's Exchange, and found that she fit right in. She met some of her most cherished friends and enjoyed the work so much that she took a position as an employee. This organization

became a big part of her later life, along with the marriage of her son Collin to Brittany Rhoadé, and the birth of her four grandchildren: Eli Rhoadé, Isaac Rhoadé, Lillian Rhoadé, and Eleanor Rhoadé.

There will be a celebration of life gathering on Thursday, July 6, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Toale Brothers Funeral Home 40 N. Orange Ave Sarasota, FL 34236.

In lieu of flowers, Kathy has requested that donations be sent to your local humane society.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUL 6. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Toale Brothers Funeral Home & Crematory-Colonial Chapel
40 N. Orange Avenue
Sarasota, FL 34236

Tribute Wall

JW

“ We are so sorry to hear about Kathy's unexpected passing on June 23rd.

Kathy was kind, caring, and pleasant when greeting us at the Exchange. As John and I approached consignment table, Kathy was smiling and helpful. At times, she would personally take our cushions/ pillows, and linens inside for acceptance specifically. Kathy like wearing dresses, so did I, she would comment to me, please bring in some of your dresses, I like your wardrobe and style. We had a nice connection and we will miss her warm personality and friendly smile. Kathy was dedicated to volunteering and outstanding at her position at the Exchange. She will sorely be missed by many.

May God's blessings bring the you peace and comfort during these difficult days of sorrow. Jane Hunter and John Wheeland, Longboat Key, Fl.

Jane Hunter and John Wheeland - July 06, 2023 at 08:54 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kathy Louise Rhoadé.*



July 04, 2023 at 01:53 PM

CA

“ My mom and I knew Kathy thru the Women's Exchange and saw her pretty regularly on Tuesday mornings during consignment hours. She was always smiling and happy. Such a joy to know. We were shocked and saddened to learn of her passing. She will be missed. Prayers and comfort to her family during this difficult time.
Cheryl Anderson and Goldie Ankley

Cheryl Anderson - July 01, 2023 at 06:41 PM

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“ We have been lucky to have so many beautiful and caring neighbors, which included Kathy, with whom I often talked in the morning while she walked her dog.
Our condolences to Jeff and family,
Nela and Octavio Choy



OCTAVIO G CHOY - June 30, 2023 at 07:55 AM

CW

“ I taught both Collin and Brendan piano lessons. Kathy was a delight to know, always positive and full of life, generous, and supportive. I will always remember her as a truly special person. Celia Weiss

Celia Weiss - June 30, 2023 at 07:31 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Kathy Louise Rhoades.



June 29, 2023 at 02:06 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Kathy Louise Rhoadé.

June 29, 2023 at 02:06 PM



“ Kathy was a beautiful and kind lady. As one of her neighbors, I often saw her on her walks with Bingo and she always stopped to say hello. I will miss her and keep her in my prayers. My heartfelt condolences to Jeff and her family.

Lorraine Witzak

Lorraine Witzak - June 28, 2023 at 08:53 PM