



## Kathleen Marie Burns

January 15, 1936 - March 25, 2021

On Thursday March 25, 2021, Kathleen Marie Burns, 85 of Bonita Springs, FL formerly of Farmington Hills, MI. passed at home with her husband Brian at her side. She was born January 15, 1936 in Sunfield, MI, a daughter of the late John White and Mildred VanderVeere White. Besides her parents, she is preceded in death by her brother Robert White.

Surviving are her husband of 62 years Brian A. Burns, daughter LuAnn (Chris) Koster, daughter Janice Burns; son Jeff (Kathy) Burns; grandchildren Blair Burns, Deanna Burns and Corbin Harnden; sister in-laws Diane Lehman and Penny Burns; numerous nieces and nephews.

Kathleen attended Michigan State University where she earned a bachelor's degree in Education. She was Vice President of Employee Benefits Concepts; a Director of Aerobics at the Farmington Hills YMCA; she achieved a lifetime certificate with the American Red Cross as a water safety instructor. In 1995 Kathleen and Brian moved to Pelican Landing in Bonita Springs, FL. She loved all water activities, golfing and is a former member of Pelican Nest Golf Club. Kathleen was involved with the First Presbyterian Church of Bonita Springs.

Services are planned for later this year.

Family suggests memorial donations to charity of one's choice.

To sign her guest register or to leave online condolences, please visit [www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com](http://www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Kathleen Marie Burns*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *Mrs Burns was a woman with a huge heart filled with so much love ❤️. She was quick to welcome you in and share a piece of her heart with you. Throughout my life from the first time I met her in 1967 on Newman Drive, Kay Burns was an important woman in my life. She taught me to sew through lessons filled with encouragement (and helping me rip out stitches so I could try again), she welcomed my brothers and I to her home for lunch every day. We spent fun times together after they moved to Farmington and when she & Brian would visit my parents in Colorado and they always took time to come visit my family. We enjoyed an extra special time together in Steamboat including some of her wonderful massages. My children also have warm memories of her sharing some of her loving heart with them. She will be missed by all who loved her and we are blessed that she leaves behind special memories sprinkled with lots of love.*

*Sending our love and condolences to the entire Burns family.*

*Julie Bush & family*

**Julie Bush** - April 07, 2021 at 07:43 AM

ZA

“ Aunt Kay, You were a wonderful aunt! Thanks for the many Thanksgiving dinners and wonderful summer pool parties. Some of my favorite memories were spent with our family, hosted by you, Uncle Brian, Luann, Janice, and Jeff. As sad as I am to hear of your passing, I am excited to know that you will be greeted at heaven's gate by so many that love you. My love and condolences to Uncle Brian and L, J, and J.  
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**Zachary** - April 05, 2021 at 02:22 PM

BD

“ Kay was a very special friend and a fantastic massage lady 🤗. We had great times together with Brian and Don.



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**Barbara DeGrazia** - March 31, 2021 at 07:03 PM

DL

“ To My Big Sister, I will miss you so much! We had such great conversations and so much fun together. Loved going to the beach with you. We could just sit there for hours and talk. Remembering the time you and Bri took me on vacation with you, supposedly to help with the kids. I had a wonderful time, but I'm not sure I was much help with the kids. And the time you two took me out to dinner for my birthday with Rog & Pen. I'm pretty sure it was Brian's idea to have the wait staff sing Happy Birthday. Surely you would not have embarrassed me that way :) And lets not forget the fact that I, of course, am the one responsible for you and Brian getting together. LOL. You were the best Big Sister! I love you!

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**Diane K Lehman** - March 31, 2021 at 12:43 PM

DC

“ We first made friends with Kay and Brian at Orchard Methodist Church, Farmington Hills, Michigan. They seemed to really enjoy Tom's music, and always told us so. It was a delight to have them to our home for dinner on several occasions--Kay made the most delicious salads! Then as they "snow bired" to Florida, we got together in the summers in Michigan. Kay didn't know a stranger--she was friendly, loving, gracious, kind and generous to all her family and friends. Then they moved to Florida, and we were able to spend at least a week with them every February. Looked forward to when Kay and Mary would have their annual mani-pedi appointment together and, of course, shopping. Was fun to do some cooking for them, as they loved it when someone else cooked. Will remember many mornings sitting by the pool and having breakfast together, talking, and solving all the world's problems! Kay and Brian were such a team--beautiful! We will miss her spunk, her total engagement in life, her smile, her genuine enjoyment of people, her love of good food, and how she lived the joy of God. A light has gone out--but never in our hearts.

*Drs. Tom and Mary Clark  
Plymouth, Michigan*

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**Drs. Thomas, Mary Clark** - March 31, 2021 at 11:55 AM

JA

“ Kay and I went to high school and college together. she was a very nice lady. She and Brian had a long and happy marriage. It is very hard to lose your partner and i feel for Brian. Jeannie aten

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**jeannie aten** - March 31, 2021 at 10:59 AM

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“ *Brian,*

*My condolences to you. It sounds like you and Kay had many happy years together. She was a beautiful and active woman, for sure.*

*Thank you for your devotion to Kay and the wonderful life and death you were able to provide. Praying for your comfort and joy.*

*Elaine Nelson*

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**Elaine Nelson** - March 31, 2021 at 09:40 AM