



Cathyrn Berbos Steiger

January 26, 1954 - March 18, 2016

Cathyrn Berbos Steiger, 62, of Tully, New York, passed away on Friday, March 18, 2016, at UHS Wilson Medical Center, Binghamton, New York. The daughter of the late Thomas and Dona Giannonatti Berbos, Kate was born in Aberdeen, SD.

Kate worked in Special Education for 30 years in the Syracuse City School District, in addition to seven years prior to that in Huron, SD and Casper, WY. Since her retirement, she's worked with inmates in the Cortland County Jail, helping them receive their high school equivalency diploma. Kate was very active in her community as a member of the Dancing Ladies in Tully and the Syracuse Teachers Association. She was also past president of the Tully After School Program.

She is survived by her husband of 32 years, Kenneth; sons, Alexander Joseph Steiger of Binghamton, NY, and Drew Elliott Steiger of the Bronx, NY; brothers, Nicholas James Berbos of FL, Joseph Alexander (Lisa) Berbos of Aberdeen, SD, and Thomas Gian (Lisa) Berbos of Helena, MT; sisters-in-law, Marjorie (Harold) Schechter of Wayne, NJ, and Jill (David) Orbuch of Minneapolis, MN; mother-in-law, Florence Steiger of Hewlett, NY; several nieces and nephews; and special cousins in California.

Calling hours will be Monday from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. with a service to follow at

11:00 a.m. at Temple Concord, 910 Madison Street, Syracuse, New York 13210. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Syracuse.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Kate's name may be made to Cornerstone Park, c/o Tully Action Group, Inc. PO Box 394, Tully, NY 13159 or American Heart Association, CNY Chapter, PO Box 3049, Syracuse, NY 13220. Also, an academic scholarship through the Tully Central School District will be set up in her honor for a graduating senior intending to pursue a career in Special Education, and contributions can be made to the school district in support of it.

Tribute Wall



“ *Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Cathyrn Berbos Steiger*

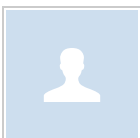


Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home - March 18, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Ken,
I am so very sorry about your wife's passing. My heart goes out to you and your sons. Ken, you and your family will be in my thoughts and prayers.
Kerry Carney*

April 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of Kate's passing. We have many happy memories of the week in the Outer Banks, when we ran into Kate, Drew, and Alex. Our children, Morgan and Cam, enjoyed the time we spent in the pool and at the beach. As well as the birthday parties that followed. From time to time, whenever our paths crossed, Kate was always so gracious, friendly, and caring. What an incredible loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.
Bill and Lori Lawless*

April 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ I worked with Kate many years ago at Nottingham when I was a vice principal there. I loved working with Kate - she was a professional in every sense of the word. I was shocked and saddened to hear about her death. My sincerest condolences to her sons and husband whom she loved. She was a great lady and teacher.
-Beth Kramer

March 30, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ To Ken and the entire family - I am very saddened to hear of Kate's passing. May your days be filled with good memories and the loving support of family and friends. - Martha Christiano

March 28, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Sending love, kindness, and peace to my dear ski buddy, Ken, and his family.
So sorry for the sad sad loss of your beautiful wife.

March 28, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Ken, Alex and Drew,
We were so sad to hear about Kate's passing. She was always so warm, welcoming and upbeat. I always remember her willingness to help those in need and give of herself. What a loss to you, her family, and the community at large. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Sending our love and condolences, Joan, Sean and Danae Cummings.

March 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Ken - So sorry to hear of Kate's passing. I had met her years ago through Lynn Cummings, and she was always so warm and welcoming and upbeat. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Sending our condolences, Sue and Mike Vaccaro

March 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Ken- I am so very sorry to hear of Kate's passing. I will remember her as lovely, energetic and engaging. My prayers are with you and your family during this very difficult time. Be well my friend. Ingrid

March 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Kate was always so upbeat and energetic. She was the picture of good health. It is so unbelievable that she is gone. My thoughts and prayers are with her family. She will be missed.

March 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Ken and family -
I'm so very sorry for your loss. May Kate's memory always be for a blessing.

Stew Koenig

March 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ You will be missed Kate. I still cannot believe you are gone. Prayers and hugs of support are sent to everyone who feels the void of Kate's passing. God has welcomed you with open arms into His Kingdom of Heaven. I loom forward to seeing you there later.

March 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM



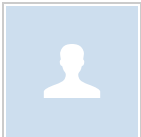
“ Ken, I'm so very sorry for your loss. I'll keep you and your family in my thoughts and prayers. Sara, CXtec

March 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Ken and family: So sorry for your loss. We got to know Kate (and all of the Steigers) during the period we had exchange student Mari from Finland. Kate was always gracious, friendly and easy to be around - in our home, your home or anyplace else. Heartfelt condolences..... Jim, Novellou & Ellen Brayer

March 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ I am very sorry for loss of Kate. I only knew her a short time working with her at OCM BOCES, but every time I talked to her she was very sweet, and had a great sense of humor. She will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Dennis Walker

March 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Ken and family, my prayers are with you all. I am sorry for your loss.

*With sympathy,
Kev McCartan*

March 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Ken - I'm so sorry to hear this very sad news. My heart goes out to you and your whole family. ~Cindy Renno

March 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM



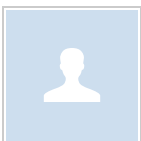
“ Ken, so sorry for your loss. My heart goes out to you and your family. Kim Moore

March 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Ken, I am very sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Steve Maloney

March 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Ken, Alex and Drew,
I am so sorry to hear of Kate's death. She used to frequent the TSOC library when I worked there, and we always shared book ideas back when our boys were reluctant readers. I got to know her more during the 9/10 grade TSOC trip to NYC. I send you all hugs, and heartfelt condolences,
Lisa Lopez

March 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *Kenny, we are so sorry to hear about Kate's tragic and untimely passing, and cannot imagine your pain. Please know our thoughts are with you during these difficult times.*
Sara Imershein and family

March 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Ken, Alex, and Drew, Sometimes there are just not the right words to express all that I would wish to say about Kate and your bond as a family. Know that I am sending strong heartfelt hugs your way as I hope your memories offer both strength and comfort. May ou eac continue to live in ways that keep her memory strong as you live with passion and the joy of life, family, and caring.* Iris Koller

March 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dearest Steigers,*
So sorry to hear of this loss. Kate was a wonderful person who touched so many in so many ways. Take care and take heart.
Sincerely,
Mike Fixler

March 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *Our prayers and thoughts are with you Ken, Alex and Drew. We feel blessed to have known Kate and will always remember her beautiful smile and warmth, her kindness and genuine spirit. Mike enjoyed sitting on the Tully After School Board with her; she offered so much of herself. Wishing you each God's peace. Love, Mike, Loretta, Andrew and Luke Krewson*

Forget Me Nots - March 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the Steiger Family. I'm so sorry for your loss. I'll always cherish our many "conversations" at school. Kate could always make me laugh. Rest in peace, Kate. I'll miss you.*

Love, Loretta Windhausen

Candle of Peace - March 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *May you all carry on Kate's memory with all the respect and dignity her good life surely deserves.*

With sympathy,

Rab E

March 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BU

“ *A gracious and amazing lady. She will remain an example of what a wife, mother, educator, friend, and neighbor should be like for all eternity. Rest in peace, amazing Kate. Our thoughts and prayers, love, Mary Pagan and family*

Butterfly - March 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Kate always had a smile on her face...our kids were in school, scouts, activities. ..always took time to chat and ask how everyone was doing...you will be missed..*

Butterfly - March 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

ED

“ I worked with Kate for five years. She always made me smile! Her love for teaching and for the people dedicated to education was contagious. She will be missed.

Educator - March 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ I worked with Kate in the Syracuse Schools for many years. I can still hear her voice as we talked about her students and her own boys and husband Ken. She was a wonderful teacher; the kids always came first with Kate. Ken, Alex and Drew, I wish you peace and the warmth of your glorious memories as you endure this painful loss.

Mary Ellen Andrews
San Diego, CA

March 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ May your memories of the wonderful times you shared with your loved one comfort you and your family, today and always.

March 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Ken, Alex, Drew, I was so sorry to read the news. I have wonderful memories of those weekly visits for bar mitzvah preparations, and I always looked forward to seeing your mom. What a kind and generous and funny woman! She will be missed.

March 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ So sorry for your loss, Alex and Family. I always loved hanging out at your house in high school. Mrs. Steiger was always so laid-back, quirky, and just a really cool lady. She always made me feel at home. I wish you guys all the love and strength.
Arielle

March 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ I am very sorry for your loss . I worked with Kate in the Syracuse schools and she was always so kind
To all of the students and to me. She often spoke of her sons with pride and her dear husband.
I will keep each of you in my thoughts and prayers.... Lisa Hayes

March 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ What a beautiful lady. May all your happy memories comfort you Ken.

March 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

HE

“ I became friends with Kate through our sons...Drew and Travis. The first time I brought Travis over to the Steiger house... he was probably 7 or 8. Kate greeted us at the door and Trav and Drew went off to play. Kate and I remained in the entryway gabbing for probably an hour and a half! Alex spent a fair amount of that time on the stairs hanging out with the "Old Ladies", She had such an openness about her....people felt instantly comfortable around her. I didn't have to worry about having to supply all the conversation...there were no awkward silences with Kate! I loved that about her. Another story I love involved our being at soccer for our boys...I was in my car watching their soccer game or practice and Kate got in to the passenger seat of my mini van to chat. It started to rain. Kate went to put the window up and was having difficulty finding the button. Being one to find ways to save money....my van didn't have electric windows! I said to her, "Kate it's the handle on the side of the door." We had a good laugh about it. The World is a better place because she was in it. She will be missed.

Heart - March 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

HA

“ May God give your family the strength to cope with such a loss. I had the pleasure of working with "Steiger" at Nottingham and enjoyed using my dry humor and practical jokes on her...

Z. Hussein

Heavenly Arch - March 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ We always talked about Aberdeen, SD. I am also from SD. We always found things to talk about. I will miss her.

March 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Great memories I have of Mrs. Steiger throughout my 4 years of high school and during visits through college. One that I always think about is when we would talk about bath and body Works hahahahaha we love the whole lotion cream thing. Always remember she wanted to know more about my country Cuba and when I go back how is that feeling. Your in a good place now I love you 🥺 and I'll see you Monday

Red Swirls - March 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ I had the pleasure of working with Kate at Corcoran. She was always so kind and compassionate not only to students, but to staff! She will be truly missed! May the God grant her family strength to endure this terrible loss and peace in knowing what a loving, remarkable woman she was!

Sincerely,
Melody Mariani

Candle of Peace - March 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ For a mentor and friend. RIP Kate

March 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ *My prayers and blessings go out to the family. I got to know Kate at Roberts School (SCSD) in 1996. She had a kind, open soul, and cared deeply about the children and her career there. We'd periodically see one another at Temple Concord. The children, their families and the staff who's lives she touched were blessed. She shall be missed.*

*Sincerely,
Gary Dunner*

Candle of Peace - March 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM