



Kathleen Jo Allen

July 6, 1940 - May 8, 2018

Kathleen Jo Allen, 77, of Fife Lake, formerly a long time resident of Martinsville, OH, passed away on May 8, 2018. Kathleen was born on July 6, 1940 in Wheeling, West Virginia, daughter to the late Joseph R. and Loretta (Murray) Kurtz. She will be forever remembered for her generosity, independent nature, and strong willed personality. Kathleen enjoyed staying busy: whether it was crafting or gardening, going antiquing or making afghans, watching westerns and QVC, or making a "damn good pie". Most of all though, she loved her family unconditionally and treasured laughing together. Kathleen will be severely missed by her family and friends; especially her children: Kari Lynn (Kelly Malone) Kitchen, Kristi Jo Kitchen, Thomas Joseph (Karen) Kitchen, and Susanne Kay (Mark) Dunham; step children: David (Barbara) Allen, Carol (Robin) Barnes, and Debbi (Glen) Roache; grandchildren: Elise (Justin), Annie, Grant, and Drake; great grandchildren: Duncan and Boone; brother Joseph R. Kurtz; and her best friend Rose Ann Hayes. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Lawrence Allen, grandson Brant, and brother Richard Murray Kurtz. Arrangements have been entrusted to Kalkaska Funeral Home and Cremation Services.


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Kitchen

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Susanne Dunham - May 15, 2018 at 08:25 PM

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I am so sad to know that this precious friend is gone from us. I am glad to know she is no longer suffering though. Kathy was a great friend to me many years ago when I was in need of a friend who was strong, wise, and caring. She was ALL of that and more. She allowed me to cry and mourn for a long time. Then one day, she told me it was time to get over it and get on with my life. That is just what I needed to hear at that time. She remained an active friend for MANY years. I was honored to stand up with her and Larry when they married. She, then, slowly became less active in our relationship, but I knew she was there for me if I ever needed her and she knew I would have done anything for her. It is said that God sends people into our lives for a purpose and once that purpose is fulfilled, they go out of our lives and into the lives of others. That was my "angel" Kathy. Rest in peace dear friend. You will be GREATLY missed!! I love you and you will remain in my heart and in my mind as long as my rememberer keeps working!

Shirley Gallenstein - May 18, 2018 at 07:22 AM