



## Kathleen Kananen

August 9, 1942 - October 13, 2017

Kathleen Janet Kananen, 75, of Napoleon, Ohio died Friday, October 13th, 2017 at Genecross Lutheran Services - Napoleon Campus. She was born August 9, 1942 in Detroit, Michigan to the late Carl and Charlotte (Soter) Maier. On October 10, 1964, she married David L. Kananen.

Kathleen worked for the United States Postal Service and prior to retirement was Postmaster for several offices in the area. She was a BGSU graduate, lifetime member of the Girl Scouts, member of BG Curling Club, the Red Hatters, and Music Box Society International. She enjoyed rock collecting, Ukrainian egg decorating, stamp and post card collecting, and was an avid traveler.

She is survived by her husband, David, children, Laura (James) Lewis, Susan (Brian) Walrath, and Douglas (Amy) Kananen, grandchildren; Charlotte, Jacob, and Elijah Lewis, Kelley and Tanner Walrath, and Ashley, Chase, and Colby Hutchison; and sister, Barbara Maier. Kathleen was an honorary mom and grandma to numerous international students from BGSU. She was also preceded in death by a brother Carl Maier.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday, October 20th, 2017 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 155 Depot St. McClure, OH with visitation from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. A luncheon will follow the memorial service.

Memorials are suggested to a charity of the donor's choice.

Rodenberger funeral home is assisting with arrangements.

Online condolences at [www.rodenbergerfuneralhome.com](http://www.rodenbergerfuneralhome.com)



# Previous Events

## Memorial Gathering

OCT **20**. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, McClure  
155 Depot St.  
McClure, OH 43534

# Tribute Wall

SA

“*Dave and family. I am sorry for your loss. You were great neighbors. We drove school bus for Napoleon. Kathy was great with kids. God be with you and the family. Sincerely, Sue (Schramm) Adams*”

Sue Adams - October 31, 2017 at 04:12 PM



“*Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kathleen Kananen.*”



October 20, 2017 at 05:54 AM

LG

“*So sorry to hear of your loss. Kathy will be dearly missed and lovingly remembered.*”

Larry Grove - October 19, 2017 at 10:33 PM

RA

“*RCE's K/1 teachers and assistants purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Kathleen Kananen.*”



RCE's K/1 teachers and assistants - October 19, 2017 at 11:31 AM

DA

“ I'm sorry, Dave! I'll always remember Kathy because she was the quietest in our group. She always responded "I don't know". She'll be remembered always.  
I'm so sorry that I will not be able to attend Kathy's funeral, I have to work at the hospital.

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**Darlene Allen** - October 19, 2017 at 07:01 AM

YO

“ Your friends at Silliker Ohio purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Kathleen Kananen.



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**Your friends at Silliker Ohio** - October 18, 2017 at 10:23 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Kathleen Kananen.



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October 17, 2017 at 10:09 PM

JL

“ Dave: I was saddened to see the passing of Kathy. She was a great person, and will be missed much by her many friends. I only knew her thru curling, but always appreciated her love of the game and the camaraderie she brought to the Club.

*I hope you are well, I know how difficult these first few days can be, once reality sets in.*

*My advice is to be good to yourself, and take some time to normalize. When you are ready, perhaps we can meet for lunch?*

*Your friend, Jim Litwin*

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**jim litwin** - October 17, 2017 at 12:54 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Kathleen Kananen.



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October 17, 2017 at 12:38 PM

BH

“ Dave - our condolences to you and your family as you grieve the loss of Kathy. We enjoyed being with you both during happier times at BG hockey games home and away, and Frozen Fours.

*Bill & Karen Hoffert*

*Tiffin, OH*

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**Bill Hoffert** - October 16, 2017 at 10:48 PM

MP

“ *Maria, Arnab and your friends at PepsiCo purchased the Pink Potpourri Bouquet for the family of Kathleen Kananen.*



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**Maria, Arnab and your friends at PepsiCo** - October 16, 2017  
at 11:38 AM

DS

“ *Laura, I cannot tell you how sorry I am for your loss, I am praying for strength for all of you and sending you hug after hug may God Bless you all*

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**Debbie Singletary** - October 16, 2017 at 09:32 AM