



Mary Kathryn Pulkrabek

November 11, 2021

Mary Kathryn (Kaye) Pulkrabek, 77, of Lancaster, PA, passed away on Thursday, November 11, 2021. Born in Warren, OH, she was the daughter of the late Milton Day Baughman, Jr. and Jeanne Louise Whiting Baughman. Kaye received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Speech Pathology and Audiology from Purdue University in 1966. She was a member of Alpha Xi Delta Sorority.

After college graduation, Kaye worked as a speech pathologist in a public school system in Cincinnati, OH. She met her future husband, the late Larry Pulkrabek, at that time and they married on August 17, 1968. They moved to Lancaster where Larry became a member of the legal department of Armstrong and Kaye worked for the School District of Lancaster. They had a son, Ross Whiting in 1972 and adopted a daughter, Loring Elizabeth in 1980.

In addition to her family, Kaye felt her greatest accomplishments were as an advocate for children. She organized a petition drive in 1985 that resulted in Manheim Township buying Skyline and Overlook pools. Her work as a member of Friends of Township Schools resulted in a board majority that moved the High School project forward. As a member of Citizens for Effective Government, she ensured that the Board of Commissioners had enough pro votes to build the library. As a member of Township United, she worked to elect a school board who would make a new Middle School a reality. Together

with fellow residents, she returned Community Day to Manheim Township.

In accordance with her wishes, there will be no services. Donations in her memory may be made to the Manheim Township Community Center Fund, 1840 Municipal Drive, Lancaster, PA 17601.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Kathryn Pulkrabek*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *I was so saddened to learn today of Kaye's passing. I met her in the mid-90s in a drawing class at the old Lancaster County Art Association building in Lancaster city. From that class, a group of "Art Girls" continued to meet about once a month, often at Molly's Pub, for lunch and some great conversation. As the years passed, the group began dwindling down, from six of us until, a few years ago, just three of us: Kaye, Caryn and me. Kaye was such a sweet, soft-spoken lady who was always interested in how you were doing. It was also apparent how much she loved her Manheim Township community and how she was willing to get involved. Those lunch conversations often turned to current events, with Kaye adding her well-informed perspective. Underlying all that was her mischievous sense of humor. And of course, she talked often of her family, especially her beloved granddaughter, Boston. In fact, she once brought Boston to my house a few years ago to swim. I'm so glad I got to know Kaye. My heartfelt condolences to her family. Rest in peace, Kaye.*

Diane Bitting

Diane M. Bitting - March 04, 2022 at 07:52 PM

MF

“Kaye and I met when we went to different high schools together in Warren, Ohio. After we graduated from college we were roommates in Cincinnati. Kaye and Larry married and moved to Lancaster, Pa. and I moved to Atlanta, Ga. We kept in touch over the years through visits, letters, phone calls and emails. Kaye was a great friend to Bill and I and will be greatly missed. Mary Jo McBride Fineran.

Mary Jo McBride Fineran - January 08, 2022 at 11:23 AM

JS

“It was an honor to know Kaye and to call her a friend. I loved that I was able to help her with her final move to the house and neighborhood she desired to call home for the last several years. She had a heart of gold. I recall once her saying "Jill, you and I are alike in that we aren't aggressive but assertive to accomplish the things we believe in". I remember that quote often. Kaye will be missed!

Jill Stoltzfoos

Jill Stoltzfoos - December 01, 2021 at 10:54 AM

RK

“To the family of Kaye,
I will truly miss my dearest grade school friend. Kaye and I re-connected as adults with cards and emails, sharing our lives, back and forth, for many years. I always looked forward to reading her messages - intelligent, humorous, sympathetic and kind. We had a rare and lasting friendship that I will always cherish.

Ruth Schade Knapp
Golden, Colorado

Ruth Knapp - November 17, 2021 at 09:00 PM

HS

“ Kaye was such a special friend. Our early years on Wheatland Ave. had us spending long evenings playing bridge. During the day we spent time pushing our boys around the neighborhood and having them play together.

Please know her accomplishments have helped so many. The library alone was a fantastic gift of her time and talents.

Hugs,
Helen

helen stine - November 16, 2021 at 12:06 PM

RS

“ I will remember Kaye as a sweet woman, who could be tough and determined when circumstances required those actions. I appreciated our relationship and feel fortunate to have had the opportunity to work with her through the years. She was dedicated to finding ways to benefit the children of Manheim Township and their families. I will miss her as many, many will also.-Sincere sympathy to her family and may God bless you with his mercy and strength in this sad time. ----Randy Sammet/ENVISIONS Business Manager/Retired

Randy Sammet - November 15, 2021 at 11:25 AM

MO

“ I met Kaye at Skyline pool. My children were taking swim lessons and Kaye was selling baked goods for the swim team. My children became skyline swimmers. Thanks to Kaye's positivity. I had the opportunity to work with Kaye on various Manheim Township projects over the years. She she will be missed.

Monica Wilson

Monica - November 15, 2021 at 10:38 AM

VY

“ *Family of Kaye,
I remember Kaye from being the President of
Envisions (MT before and after school
childcare) when I first went on the board of
Envisions. She always ran a good meeting. I
also really appreciated the many times Kaye went to MT school
board meetings and spoke her mind - for the good of all the
children, and politics be damned! I enjoyed knowing her.*
Virginia Young



Virginia Young - November 14, 2021 at 07:51 PM