



## Kathleen Farrell

August 26, 1953 - November 27, 2018

Wantage - Kathleen Farrell, age 65, passed away on Tuesday, November 27, 2018 with her two sisters by her side. Born in Kearny to the late John P. and Isabell M. (Campbell) Farrell, Kathleen lived in the Sussex County and Port Jervis, New York areas for most of her life. She graduated from Glassboro State College, majoring in Early Childhood Education. Kathleen was a kindergarten teacher for the Clifton E. Lawrence School for the Sussex-Wantage School District for 35 years, retiring in 2010.

She had a deep love for reading and loved books. Kathleen was very involved with the Friends of the Sussex-Wantage Library, a member of the local teacher's book club, and was very active in the Sussex County Farm and Horse Show, where she served as the Director of Parking and Passes. Kathleen thoroughly enjoyed the time she spent at the Fair and felt as if everyone were her second family.

She is survived by her two sisters, Maureen Farrell Wisnewski and her husband Steve of Marietta, Georgia and Eileen Clontz of Absecon; her nephews, Steven and Alex; and her niece, Katie.

Friends may pay their respects to the family on Sunday, December 2, 2018 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Pinkel Funeral Home, 31 Bank Street (Route 23), Sussex. Interment at 11 a.m. at Holy Cross Cemetery in North Arlington on Monday, December 3, 2018. A celebration of Kathy's life will be held in the spring. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations may be offered in Kathleen's memory to the Agricultural Learning Center at the

Fairgrounds (NJSF-ALCF), P.O. Box 2456, Branchville, NJ 07826, Friends of the Sussex-Wantage Library, 69 Route 639, Sussex, NJ 07461, or the Karen Ann Quinlan Center of Hope Hospice, 99 Sparta Avenue, Newton, NJ 07860. Online condolences may be offered to the family at [www.pinkelfuneralhome.com](http://www.pinkelfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Holy Cross Cemetery

340 Ridge Road  
North Arlington, NJ 07031

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 2. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Pinkel Funeral Home, Inc.  
31 Bank Street (Route 23)  
Sussex, NJ 07461  
(973) 875-3272  
alexis@pinkelfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.pinkelfuneralhome.com/>

## Graveside Service

DEC 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

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340 Ridge Road  
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# Tribute Wall

JJ

“ I remember how happy Kathy was to be at Steven and Carly's wedding with her very much loved sisters. I felt like I had known her all her life! She had an infectious smile and a witty sense of humor. Kathy's faith and trust in her Savior has allowed her to enter into a more beautiful and magnificent place...no more sorrow...no more pain.. A place where we strive to meet her and rejoice with her again.

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**Janice Jenkins** - December 02, 2018 at 06:09 PM

TG

“ I only knew Kathy for a few years but shared some special times and talks with her over many cups of tea. She was an avid reader as am I and being an artist by profession she had me participate in being a judge at the fair where she worked. She had an infectious laugh that I will always remember. May she rest in eternal peace.  
*Tony Gianti*

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**tony gianti** - December 02, 2018 at 12:58 PM

LI

“ Miss Farrell was my kindergarten teacher many years ago and I was lucky enough to work at the fair with her as an adult. She made me smile and laugh every day of the fair when we saw each other as I'm sure she did for me as a child in her class. I will miss our daily chats at the fair. She was one of a kind.

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**lisa** - December 02, 2018 at 11:13 AM

CW

“ Dear Maureen and Eileen,  
We are so sorry to hear that Kathleen has passed away. What a special gift that the three of you were together when she went to heaven. Sister bonds are forever!  
After things settle, your memories will no longer include medical treatments and complications. You will remember her happy and healthy! May she Rest In Peace  
With sympathy,  
Chris and Tom Wittig

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**Chris Wittig** - December 01, 2018 at 04:42 PM

AY

“ Dear Maureen and Eileen, DeYoung  
My heart goes out to you both. Kathleen was always such a happy, intelligent, kind and loving person. I hope to be able to see you on Monday in person to give you my condolences.  
Love Always, Anne Marie and Ace DeYoung

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**Anne Marie De Young** - December 01, 2018 at 12:30 PM

JD

“ With deepest sympathies to Maureen and Eileen. What a wonderful person. Memories from Washington St. to Sussex over a lifetime. It went too fast. With much love, John.

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**John DeRosa** - December 01, 2018 at 09:56 AM

JV

“ Hello Neighbor,

*I'm sorry to hear about your loss and our sympathy goes out to you and your family.*

*We know that many people have their own religion but you will agree that regardless of our background we all have to deal with the loss of our love one.*

*Please watch this two minute video called "What is the condition of the dead?"*

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- *Who will return to life?*
- *What does the resurrection tells us about Jehovah God?*

*<https://jw.org/en/publications/books/good-news-from-god/>  
(Please copy the link and paste it in the address bar of the internet webpage)*

*While you are reading the brochure, it will be very helpful to read it along with your Bible. This will help you to understand what the scripture means to you.*

*If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact us.*

*Take care and have a blessed day.*

*Sincerely,*

*The Vanegas Family*



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**Jairo Vanegas** - November 30, 2018 at 02:00 PM

JW

“ *I worked with Kathy for many years. She always had a bright smile for everyone she met. She truly loved her kindergarteners- each and every one. Her positive personality will be missed. She is gone too soon.*

*Fondly,  
Jean wardell*

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**jean wardell** - November 30, 2018 at 01:52 PM

VW

“ *So very sorry for your loss. She was a wonderful person. She was my teacher many years ago, but I never forgot her smile, her kindness, or her patience. Rest In Peace 🌸*

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**Vashni De Schepper Wyatt** - November 30, 2018 at 01:27 PM

BS

“Kathie has been a friend since high school and her smile and that sparkle in her eyes will be missed. In recent years, I would see her at the Fairgrounds, where she was a friend and help to everyone in the busy preparations leading up to and through the 10-day Fair. My Dad, a lifelong Fair volunteer, appreciated Kathie's pleasant attitude and hard work, and always looked forward to seeing the "girls of summer", as he called Kathie and her co-workers in the Admin building. Rest in Peace, Kathie, we will all miss you and remember you fondly.  
-Brian Sayre

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**Brian Sayre** - November 30, 2018 at 12:24 PM

LK

“I met Kathy several years ago at the fairgrounds where we both volunteered. She was always a happy go lucky person and always had a smile and nice word for everyone. I will miss her very much come fair time again this August as she always saw that I had all the tickets and passes I needed for my committee and contestants. RIP Kathy.

Lois K.

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**Lois Kinney** - November 30, 2018 at 08:58 AM

SA

“Kathy's never-ending smile will be remembered always.

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**Sandy** - November 30, 2018 at 06:00 AM

AL

“ *I remember her very fondly as a lovely teacher. Kind. Gentle and a beautiful spirit. Very saddened to hear of her passing.*



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**alison** - November 30, 2018 at 03:34 AM

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**Jairo Vanegas** - November 29, 2018 at 09:24 PM

TP

“ *I am heart broken. I have known Kathie for many years from the SCFHS, and I have worked with her for the past few years in the office. We had many discussions about growing up in a city, Scotland, and Irish soda bread. I know that she was a great teacher from all of her stories. My condolences to all of her family-she was a true gem. RIP my dear friend.*

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**Theresa Post** - November 29, 2018 at 09:15 PM

JW

“ *Janice Philips Wilkerson lit a candle in memory of Kathleen Farrell*



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**Janice Philips Wilkerson** - November 29, 2018 at 08:48 PM

DD

“ This is your cousin in Florida - Debbie - I am saddened beyond belief to hear of my cousin's passing and that she had to go through all the medical treatments and endure such misery to no avail. Although the miles separated us, our hearts and love for each other was always strong. I will miss her terribly. I love you Kathy. Rest in Peace. Now you are reunited with your heavenly family.



Debbie Duftesne - November 29, 2018 at 08:44 PM

JW

“ My cousin Kathleen was a beautiful, caring and very special woman ... When my daughter Jennifer was born, we found out she had Down Syndrome ... Kathleen's wealth of knowledge and unsurpassed support and humor, was and will always be so close to my heart forever ... On a lighter note ... In Kathleen's college years in Florida, when she came for one of her visits, she was going to the beach ... This is a life long memory that at the time was not so funny but became a lifetime story ... Long story short, when she returned, she was truly the expression, \* red as a lobster\* ... A childhood memory I will never forget ... Thank you Kathleen for that unfotgettable smile of yours and the warmest heart ... As it is painfully said, you are now home again with Aunt Izzy and Uncle Johnny ... There are many of us in the family there, in God's hands, waiting to see you again ... Please watch over us, and all my love to Eileen and Maureen ... Till we meet again ... Love for always, Janny Boo ... 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏

Janice Philips Wilkerson - November 29, 2018 at 08:42 PM

SH

“ I am so sorry for your incredible loss. I was saddened when I learned Miss Farrell had entered the final phase of her life. As soon as I heard, I got a card and copy of our class (1975) picture in the mail to Miss Farrell. I hope it will let you, her family, know how much she was thought of over the years. I know I am not alone in saying she WAS thought of and will never be forgotten. Even though, we were all very young when we were in her Kindergarten class, it was still easy to remember her as one of the sweetest teachers. I had many great teachers over the years, I remember enjoying my time with, and she was definitely one of my favorites! Peace to you all. Sending prayers. Love, Stacey



Stacey (Stoll) Harteis - November 29, 2018 at 08:20 PM

EW

“ My name is Eleanor Wagner. Kathy is the first teacher whose class I was assigned to assist eleven years ago. She was always so kind and helpful and quick to praise good things you had done. We remained friends after she retired making certain to meet for lunch over summer break and after the fair was finished, though I loved seeing her at the fairgrounds to catch up while I was there handling 4H business. I will miss her immensely ❤️

Eleanor Wagner - November 29, 2018 at 07:21 PM

SO

One of the BEST Kindergarten Teachers ever. Both of my children had her. RIP. Sending prayers and condolences to her family!

Susan Olsen - November 29, 2018 at 06:49 PM

SR

*I had the pleasure of working with Kathy at the Lawrence School in her Kindergarten classroom. She was a dedicated teacher and helped so many of her students and a pleasure to work with. Maybe she rest in peace now. Sue Rome*

**Sue Rome** - November 29, 2018 at 06:53 PM

JH

*June Harde and Family. Kathie was a dear best friend, kgn.teacher of our children, and a fellow kgn. teacher. We taught together for many,many years. Her gentle,caring,loving spirit will always be with us. Our prayer to the family. June Harde and Family*

**June Harde** - November 30, 2018 at 07:40 PM

AH

“ *So sorry to hear of Kathie’s passing such a kind sweet hearted soul. Work with Kathie for years at the Fair. She was always a ray of sunshine greeting people with a smile ear to ear Rest In Peace a huge loss to for your family, friends and fair.*

*Alan Henderson*

*Past President NJ State Fair/Sussex County Farm & Horse Show.*

**Alan Henderson** - November 29, 2018 at 07:01 PM

BD

“ *I first met Kathie while working at the Fair and have very fond memories of her.. She was the most kind-hearted person I have every met, always caring and helping everyone. I so enjoyed all the kind notes I got from her. Her words always gave me comfort. A beautiful person - she touched many lives. Heaven has a new angel. Love you Kathie.*

*Betty Depuy*

**Betty Depuy** - November 29, 2018 at 05:51 PM



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“ My most heartfelt condolences. My name is Nadine Olsen. I have known Kathy for many years working at the New Jersey State Fair. Every year for 10 days we all become part of our “Fair Family”. This past year was especially special to me because of Kathy. I am a cancer survivor and Kathy and I spent a lot of time together sharing our war stories. We had the same surgeons and oncologist. We not only cried together but we also laughed together. These were special times that I will always cherish in my heart. She will live on by all the people’s lives that she has touched, especially the children. May God Bless you during this difficult time.

Nadine Olsen - November 29, 2018 at 04:00 PM

JH

Hi my name is Jeanne Heinke and I first met Kathie when she had my daughter (now an adult) in kindergarten. She was a stellar teacher. We then became friends through mutual friends. We would see each other here and there at events and I truly enjoyed her. I got breast cancer a few years ago and Kathy found out and wrote me such a beautiful letter of support. I have been praying for her and just recently sent off another card. I am so saddened for your immense loss. Sending love and blessings.

Jeanne Heinke - November 29, 2018 at 11:40 PM

SA

“ My condolences to the family. Miss Farrell was my kindergarten teacher back in '75 and she was someone I truly admired and respected; I thought she was beautiful inside and out! I will never forget her long brown hair & smiling face every day I went to school and she is the reason I found school to be enjoyable.

Sandy - November 29, 2018 at 03:58 PM

KB

*My awesome kindergarten teacher. Such a sweet and nice person. She made it easy to learn and made you want to come to the post office to go to school. Way better than the fire hall...yes I had kindergarten in the post office. May you rest in peace knowing you inspired so many to learn. Thank you Miss Farrell*

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**Kevin Barno** - November 29, 2018 at 09:32 PM