



Kathryn J. DePumpo Harding

December 22, 1972 - September 9, 2018

On Friday, December 22, 1972, Kathryn “Katie” J. DePumpo Harding, 45, was given life. Crushing for those she left behind, on Sunday, September 9, 2018, she was asked to give it back. Two years prior, Katie was diagnosed with multiple myeloma—plasma cell cancer—but few were aware and fewer still, saw the pain and struggle tucked carefully behind her effervescent smile. She endured innumerable therapies that teased success only to let her and her husband, best friend, & business partner, David, down each time. Yet, Katie remained unbowed though physically broken, until she was whisked away to the arms of her mother, the late Julia J. DePumpo.

Following a memory-laden childhood in the company of her surviving father, Joseph F. DePumpo, and siblings, Julie A. (William) McCarthy, Joseph F. (Elizabeth) DePumpo, Nancy M. (Thomas) Martin, Daniel G. (Kelly) DePumpo, and twin brother, Timothy J. (Sarah) DePumpo, Katie graduated from Waverly High School in 1991. She went on to receive her Bachelor of Arts degree in 1995 from the State University of New York at Albany. Not many years later she abandoned the cold New York winters for the sunny Gulf Coast of Florida.

Having packed her car to the roof with her indomitable spirit, optimism, and sense of humor, Kate embarked on a love-affair with both David & Florida that lasted nearly 20 years. In those years she wrested an unparalleled degree of

success from her real estate investment firm, Kerwin Designs, named lovingly after her mother. Always willing and eager to share her strategies, Kate's keen eye and business savvy pushed the envelope of creativity and provided a challenging marker for others to follow.

Katie's kind spirit is epitomized in her favorite expression, "No one has ever become poor by giving," a mantra she adhered to through her entire life. She was a strong financial supporter of many charities as well as a practitioner of innumerable random acts of kindness that put teeth behind the belabored expression, "thoughts & prayers." Her giving and forgiving nature brought out the best in others and made her impervious to drama of any sort.

All her gifts and expertise went into her favorite role—Aunt to fifteen nephews and nieces. Known as "Kiki" or Auntie Kate, she was loved and adored by all. The older nephews and nieces sought her out for familial advice, career counseling, travel tips, a good joke, or a compassionate listening ear over a soft shoulder. The little ones found in her a resourceful playmate with an endless supply of ideas and energy. Her firmest desire was to witness, and have a hand in, the successes of this next generation who gave her in return, meaning and a reason to battle when the days were darkest.

Kate leaves her husband and family heartbroken by her passing, but moving forward under the tone she set and covered with the warmth of her unique and special spirit. Though her life was interrupted, Kate embraced all of life's opportunities and left everyone she touched better for the experience.

A celebration of Katie's life, and a reception by her family, will be held on Friday, October 5, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Alteri-Bowen Funeral Home, 314 Desmond St., Sayre, Pennsylvania.

A mass of Christian burial will be held on Saturday, October 6, at 10 a.m. at

St. James Catholic Church, Waverly, New York, and an interment ceremony will occur thereafter at St. James Cemetery. The Family suggests that contributions may be directed to ST. James Music in Memory of Katie.

Cemetery Details

St. James Cemetery

161 Elm Street
Waverly, NY 14892

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 5. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Alteri-Bowen Funeral Home
314 Desmond Street
Sayre, PA 18840
(570) 888-2113
info@bowenfuneralhomes.com

Service

OCT 6. 10:00 AM (ET)

St James Catholic Church
503 Clark St
Waverly, NY 14892-1007
(607) 565-2014

Tribute Wall



“ Kathryn J. DePumpo Harding

October 22, 2023 at 08:10 PM



“ Kathryn J. DePumpo Harding

October 08, 2023 at 10:34 PM



“ Kathryn J. DePumpo Harding

October 06, 2023 at 09:57 AM



“ Kathryn J. DePumpo Harding

October 06, 2023 at 03:29 AM



“ Kathryn J. DePumpo Harding

October 05, 2023 at 02:02 PM



“ Pink & White Standing Cross With Pink Rose Break was purchased for the family of Kathryn J. DePumpo Harding.



October 05, 2018 at 11:43 AM



“ Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Kathryn J. DePumpo Harding.



October 04, 2018 at 05:44 PM



“ A perfectly whole and healthy Daughter has now been reunited with a perfectly whole and healthy Mother, thanks to the immortality and eternal life provided by our Lord Jesus Christ. May His sweet Spirit be with your entire extended family. Dr Samuel C. Orme (samormedmd@yahoo.com)

Dr Samuel C. Orme - October 03, 2018 at 07:38 PM



“ Pink & White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Kathryn J. DePumpo Harding.



October 03, 2018 at 02:02 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kathryn J. DePumpo Harding.



October 01, 2018 at 02:19 PM

DA

“ 4 files added to the album *New Album Name*



David - September 30, 2018 at 10:23 AM

VL

“ *Loved Kate's spirit, sense of humor and passion for life...will forever miss our laughs "thoughts and prayers" my dear friend, love you!*

~Vikki

Vikki Lupatin - September 30, 2018 at 09:23 AM



“ *Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Kathryn J. DePumpo Harding.*



September 29, 2018 at 11:30 PM

JB

“ *My sincere condolences on your loss but I must tell you that this is one of the most sincere obituaries that I have ever read. - John Briggs*

John Briggs - September 27, 2018 at 01:30 PM

SH

“ Seeing Katie's obituary this morning was heartbreaking. I called my sister and we shared a wave of wonderful childhood memories, a bit of laughter, and lots of tears. We're praying for everyone's comfort and peace during this time.

Our thoughts, prayers, and heartfelt condolences to everyone.

Hugs & Love - Sheila and Julie Teeter

Sheila - September 26, 2018 at 12:05 PM

BF

“ *Our heartfelt sympathy Joe from old friends Bill and Barb Franks*

Bill & Barb Franks - September 25, 2018 at 11:02 AM

SW

Please accept my heartfelt condolences for all in your family. I remember her so fondly. My heart breaks for all of you.

Sharon Frable Watson - September 26, 2018 at 07:15 PM

BS

My Heartfelt Sympathy to the Depumpo Family-so sorry for Your loss!! What a beautiful person!!! Love and Prayers to the whole Family!! Special thoughts to Young Joe classmate!! Love to all Barbi (Hallett) Sloat

barbara sloat - September 28, 2018 at 09:19 AM

JG

Joe - Sorry to read about your daughter. I'm sure losing a child is a heartbreaking event. May she rest in peace.

Joe and Jean Gabrielli

Joseph J Gabrielli - September 28, 2018 at 10:38 AM