



Kathleen A. "Cookie" Kochapski

April 28, 1943 - November 18, 2024

Kathleen A. "Cookie" (Bucala) Kochapski, 81, of Florence, passed away peacefully on Monday, November 18th at her home surrounded by her family. She was born in Northampton on April 28, 1943, to the late Paul Bucala and Susan (Vachula) Skoczylas.

Cookie was a graduate of Smith Academy in Hatfield and later went on to attend Northampton Commercial College. She had worked at Stop and Shop in Northampton for 40 years before retiring.

She enjoyed the beauty of the outdoors, making intricate stained-glass pieces, she was an excellent cook, bowler, and was the "Crochet Guru".

While her boys Walter and David were growing up, they were into most sports at Northampton High School. Kathy was a dedicated, proud, sports mom and treasured watching her boys' play. She would never miss a game and was a part of the "Friends of Football" group and she will always be an avid Blue Devil fan.

She is survived by her loving son, David Kochapski Sr. of Florence, her granddaughter, Amanda Clarke and her husband Cody of Florence, her grandsons, David Jr. of Westfield and Kirstein Dufraine of Chesterfield, her best friend and sister, Louise Berniche of Chesterfield, her nephew, Jimmy Barker of California, and her beloved cat, Tigger.

Besides her parents, she was predeceased by her husband Walter in 1995, and son Walter Jr. in 1991, stepfather, Alfred Skoczylas, also her sister Vivian Barker and her niece Lisa Barker.

Burial will be Saturday December 7, 2024, in West Hatfield Cemetery, West St.

Hatfield at 10 AM. DROZDAL FUNERAL HOME OF NORTHAMPTON HAS BEEN ENTRUSTED WITH HER SERVICES.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

For more information or to leave the family a personal condolence, please visit Drozdalfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Burial

DEC 7. 12:00 AM.

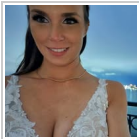
West Street Cemetery

Tribute Wall

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“ Always looked forward to seeing Kathy's friendly face in the produce dept at Stop & Shop each week, right up until she retired. I'm so glad to have known her, Betsy Macdonald

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