



## Kathy H. Bayer

June 15, 1950 - March 24, 2021

Bayer, Kathy H. "Kate"

After a brief and intense battle with pancreatic cancer, Kathy "Kate" Bayer (formerly of Mt. Pleasant) of the Lawrenceville section of Pittsburgh passed away peacefully at home on March 24th, 2021 at the age of 70. Kate was a beloved member of the Lawrenceville community, having co-founded the Lawrenceville Hospitality Association and having chaired the annual Lawrenceville house tour for more than a decade. She spent her working career with Milestone Centers, Inc. working to enhance the lives of many local adults with disabilities. Kate is preceded in death by her parents Ella Jane Hoke and Samuel Eugene Hoke, Jr. She is survived by her husband Josh; brother and sister in law, Stephen Bayer and Beth Schiro; two daughters, Leah Bayer and Rachel Bayer (Adam Stiska) and four grandchildren, Morgan Johnke, Dayne Johnke, Samantha Stiska and Veronika "Ro-Ro" Stiska. Kate's love for her family extended to her Terriers, Rexy and Teddy (deceased). Current arrangements are private. More information on a life celebration will be forthcoming on the funeral home web site. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Lawrenceville United, Lawrenceville Hospitality Association or Because You Care Pet Rescue in McKean, PA. Professional Services trusted to D'ALESSANDRO FUNERAL HOME and CREMATORY, LTD., Lawrenceville. [www.dalessandrold.com](http://www.dalessandrold.com)



# Tribute Wall



“ *Kathy H. Bayer*

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January 13, 2023 at 04:43 PM



“ *My condolences to Kate's husband Josh and her entire family. Kate was a board member at Pittsburgh Community Television (PCTV) where I serve as Executive Director. Kate was a great board member and also a great supporter. Her expertise in all things nonprofit was of great assistance. I am deeply saddened to hear of her passing as she made a great impact on me during her time at PCTV. Even after her time at PCTV, she and Josh supported and helped whenever they could. Sending love and healing to the Bayer family.*

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**John Patterson** - November 03, 2021 at 09:33 AM



“ *Kate (and Josh) were the first friends we met when we moved to LV. We'd bump into them walking their dog, and she always had so much information on the neighborhood and its history to share with us. We will miss her, and Josh we pray that you can find peace.*

*Dave & Noelle Conover*

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**Dave Conover** - April 03, 2021 at 07:19 PM

JC

“ Josh. Kate was a dear friend and coworker at Milestone. She gave her all in serving others and was such an amazing example to us. You are in my thoughts and prayers, Josh as well as the rest of your family. Sending warm wishes and love at this great loss of our dear Kate.

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**Joanne Cook** - March 31, 2021 at 12:51 PM

JM

“ I worked with Kate at Milestone Centers for many years. She was a strong advocate and supported the arts which was (and still is) so beneficial for the people we serve. Sending prayers of comfort to her family.  
Jennifer Macioce

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**jennifer Macioce** - March 30, 2021 at 03:55 PM

SO

“ I met Kathy when we were both working at Allegheny East (now Milestone), and I really appreciated her warmth, her investment in and caring for both her clients and her colleagues, and her wonderful sense of humor. It was truly delightful to meet her again, this time as Kate :), in an Osher exercise class after I retired. We enjoyed catching up with each other over lunches between our classes, and I was impressed by how committed to and passionate she was about her activities in Lawrenceville. I will miss her. Sending sympathy to her family and friends. .

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**Sue Oerkvitz** - March 29, 2021 at 03:17 PM

SG

“*Kate was such a vibrant person and an active learner in our Osher Lifelong Learning program at Pitt. She will be dearly missed by all of us here. Our hearts go out to her husband, children, and grandchildren and all who loved her.*

*Sharon Gretz  
Director  
Osher Lifelong Learning Institute  
at Univ. of Pittsburgh*

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**Sharon Gretz** - March 29, 2021 at 09:53 AM

KH

“*When Kate and Josh moved to Lawrenceville, they became involved in the community immediately. Kate gave so much of her time and talents to our community. Seeing her smiling face made any community event that much better. Her passing was sudden and heartbreaking. She was loved and will be missed.*

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**Kathie Hollingshead** - March 28, 2021 at 11:59 AM

FC

“*I send my sympathy and condolences to Josh and the family. I worked with Kate at Allegheny East (now Milestone) for several years. Kate was always a wonderful advocate for the people Allegheny East served. Flo Van Cara*

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**Flo Van Cara** - March 28, 2021 at 09:31 AM

JY

“*My deepest condolences to Josh, Rachel, Leah and their families. I will keep my many fond memories of Kate in my heart, and will remember her many 'Kate-isms'.*

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**Joanne Yalch** - March 28, 2021 at 08:21 AM

MB

“ Prayers and condolences to the Bayer family on the passing of Kathy.

Sent with love,  
Madge Brown  
MSA retiree

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**Madge Brown** - March 27, 2021 at 08:43 PM

TS

Josh, you have our sympathy and condolences. What a shock, it was nice knowing Kate. We will keep you all , in our thoughts and prayers!!!! Tom / Dori Schoffstall

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**Thomas Schoffstall** - March 28, 2021 at 11:03 AM

AK

I grew up with Kathy Hoke-Bayer in Mt.Pleasant,Penna. She was an amazing person-student and exhibited a whole lot of CLASS where very little was experienced. A truly beautiful person has left us. Alan Kapelewski-New Jersey.

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**Alan D Kapelewski** - April 29, 2021 at 05:54 PM