



Katherine "Kathy" Diane McGuire

June 26, 2025

Katherine "Kathy" Diane McGuire (née Capitan), 75, of Allentown, Pennsylvania, passed away at home on June 26, 2025, after a courageous four-and-a-half-year battle with pancreatic cancer.

Born at Nesbitt Hospital in Kingston, Pennsylvania, Kathy grew up in Larksville, Pennsylvania. She was the daughter of the late Albert Capitan and Theresa Capitan (née Slashinski) and graduated from Wyoming Valley West High School, where she proudly served as head majorette.

Kathy started her career at Mercy Hospital in the division of cardiology and continued in pulmonology at Temple University Hospital. She was also a devoted wife and mother who played a pivotal role managing her husband's pediatric dental practice as the dental office manager, tirelessly supporting both her family and the business.

Kathy cherished spending time with family and friends. Her greatest joy was time spent with her two grandchildren. She enjoyed monthly Bunko games, trips to South Carolina and the Jersey Shore, and most of all, gathering with loved ones for Sunday meals. One of her greatest joys was preparing and hosting Thanksgiving, welcoming the entire family for a celebration filled with warmth, laughter, and wonderful memories.

Kathy was a devout Catholic and a longtime member of St. Thomas More Parish. She was also a member of the Lehigh Country Club in Allentown, Pennsylvania.

Kathy is survived by her loving husband of 52 years, Eugene McGuire; her son, Ryan McGuire, and his wife Leah McGuire; and her treasured grandchildren, Logan and Emma McGuire. She is also survived by her sister, Joan Altavilla (née Capitan); her brother, Richard Capitan and his wife Barbara Iacangelo-Capitan; her brother-in-law, James McGuire and his wife Joan McGuire; and many loving nieces, nephews, goddaughters, and her loving godson.

We are forever grateful for the wonderful care Kathy received at Lehigh Valley Health Network.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday, July 5, 2025 at 11 A.M. at St. Thomas More Catholic Church 1040 Flexer Ave. Allentown. Calling hours will be held on Saturday, July 5, 2025 from 9:30 A.M. to 11 A.M. in the Church.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Kathy's memory to organizations dedicated to pancreatic cancer research, such as:

- Pancreatic Cancer Action Network (PanCAN): www.pancan.org
- Lustgarten Foundation for Pancreatic Cancer Research: www.lustgarten.org

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

547 N. Krocks Rd.
Allentown, PA 18106

Previous Events

Calling Hours

JUL 5. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St Thomas More Church
1040 Flexer Ave
Allentown, PA 18103-5597
(610) 433-7413

Mass of Christian Burial

JUL 5. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Thomas More Catholic Church
1040 Flexer Ave.
Allentown, PA 18103

Tribute Wall

MW

“ Dr. Gene and Ryan, and the entire family, our deepest sympathies. We have great memories of our Thanksgiving dinners together. May she rest in peace. 🙏 Mike & Jo Walker

mike walker - July 03, 2025 at 07:02 PM

RC

“ Richard & Michele Capitan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Katherine "Kathy" Diane McGuire.

Richard & Michele Capitan - July 03, 2025 at 01:07 PM

RC

“ Richard & Michele Capitan purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Katherine "Kathy" Diane McGuire.



Richard & Michele Capitan - July 03, 2025 at 01:07 PM

LF

“ May Kathy's memory be a blessing to you all. Sending our deepest condolences at this most difficult time.
Lynn and Sam Feldman

Lynn Feldman - July 02, 2025 at 06:43 PM

LP

“ Love, Beth & your favorite Pantano’s purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Katherine "Kathy" Diane McGuire.



Love, Beth & your favorite Pantano’s - July 02, 2025 at 10:24 AM

AD

“ 50th anniversary dinner
Peter Shields Inn , Cape May
6/2/23

Since 1976, Kathy was more than a friend—she was family. Our bond was built on decades of laughter, unforgettable summer adventures, and the kind of friendship that only deepens with time. From sun-soaked days to winter vacations, every memory we shared is a treasure I will hold forever. Her kindness, humor, and unwavering presence shaped so many beautiful chapters of our life. We will miss her dearly, but we am endlessly grateful for nearly 50 years of cherished friendship.
Carol and Roy Stein



Andrea Dasch - July 01, 2025 at 12:22 PM

AL



alison - July 06, 2025 at 11:21 AM

KF

“Karen Fldman lit a candle in memory of Katherine "Kathy" Diane McGuire



Karen Fldman - June 30, 2025 at 08:59 PM

SF

“Sharon and Kelly Callahan, Naples, FI planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Katherine "Kathy" Diane McGuire.

Sharon and Kelly Callahan, Naples, FI - June 30, 2025 at 07:12 PM

SF

“Sharon and Kelly Callahan, Naples, FI purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Katherine "Kathy" Diane McGuire.



Sharon and Kelly Callahan, Naples, FI - June 30, 2025 at 07:12 PM

JM

“Sincere condolences to Kathy's Family.

Jan Morgan - June 30, 2025 at 06:49 PM

TF

“ *The Bernhard Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Katherine "Kathy" Diane McGuire.*



The Bernhard Family - June 30, 2025 at 02:41 PM

KH

“ *Gene, Ryan, Leah, Logan and Emma. My sincere condolences to you all. My heart breaks of the news of Kathy's passing. I've been her hair stylist, nail tech and friend for 20 plus years and I've enjoyed every minute with her. We've chatted about vacations, marriage, kids, family and friendship amongst other good conversation. She always gave such good advice and knowledge and fun recommendations for food and drinks. We'd often see them out and send a round their way enjoying the love and support they have for one another after 50 years of marriage. Kathy would light up whenever talking about Logan and Emma and we often joked about them being such softies when it came to them. I haven't met the extended family but feel sometimes like I know them because of how proud Kathy would be when talking about her family and all the wonderful times she's had or was getting her nails and hair done to go too. She has left a lasting impression on me and I'm glad I could be there for her through these last tough years. I always looked forward to her coming and felt that it was time spent catching up with a friend not just work for me. Hugs to you all and keep her spirit alive by talking about the best of times. KellyAnn Hitcho*

KellyAnn Hitcho - June 29, 2025 at 07:17 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Katherine "Kathy" Diane McGuire.*

June 29, 2025 at 05:05 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Katherine "Kathy" Diane McGuire.*



June 29, 2025 at 05:05 PM



“ *KellyAnn & Michael Hitcho purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Katherine "Kathy" Diane McGuire.*



KellyAnn & Michael Hitcho - June 29, 2025 at 12:48 PM



“ *Doctors Gene and Ryan, brother-in-law and nephew, my deepest sympathies to both of you on the loss of your wife and mother, my sister Katherine. I pray that our Lord will grant her eternal rest in his heavenly kingdom, now free of all her suffering, and that he will so graciously comfort both of you during this most trying and harrowing time. Know that we all deeply feel your loss.*
Rich and Barbara Capitan

barbara capitan - June 29, 2025 at 12:05 PM



“ *Dr. McGuire, Ryan, and the whole family....my deepest condolences. You will all be in my prayers and may she rest in peace. Kathy will be missed. Love, Natalie Mamari.*

Natalie Mamari - June 29, 2025 at 11:55 AM

JA

“ Gene Ryan, Leah Logan and Emma my most sincere condolences to all of you on the loss of your wife, mother mother-in-law, and Nana. I share the deep sorrow that you are going through at this time. I hope our many memories will carry all of us through this most trying time. Love to all, Aunt Joan

Joan Altavilla - June 29, 2025 at 11:04 AM

SS

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her.

Sharon Selk - June 29, 2025 at 05:12 PM

LB

Gene, Ryan and family. We are very saddened by Kathy's passing. She was a cherished friend and will be terribly missed. She was our guide and travel adviser and helped Larry plan our many wonderful trips by land and sea. We pray she will finally be at peace after the last 4+ years of fighting her illness. We will always be there should any needs arise. God Bless All. Love Larry and Alice

Larry Bernhard - June 30, 2025 at 02:50 PM

BD

Joan and family, I am so sorry for your loss.

bonnie dimirco - July 01, 2025 at 06:14 PM