



Kathleen Theresa Hanson

February 14, 1939 - April 5, 2026

Kathleen (Kay) Theresa Hanson, a devoted mother, grandmother and great grandmother passed away peacefully at the age of 87. Born on February 14, 1939 in Manhattan, New York Kathleen was raised in the vibrant heart of New York City. After marrying her pre-deceased husband, Jimmy, they moved to New Jersey, where she built her life around "her three girls", family, and friends.

Kathleen was a beloved daughter of the late Thomas, Merrigan and Kathleen (Nolan) Merrigan. She was predeceased by her husband, James Hanson, her brother Thomas, her dear sister Maureen and her brother-in-law Robert dePoortere.

A dedicated and hard-working woman Kathleen spent her time caring for her girls, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. She was full of life, and always ready to make fond memories in her next adventure. She was a proud Irish Catholic woman who held a deep belief in her faith that guided her throughout her life.

Kathleen was known for her vibrant spirit, active life style, never known to complain and made sure everyone was cared for before herself. Kathleen enjoyed walking every day, playing Bingo, dancing with her daughters and the love for music filling the home with tons of laughter. She was very generous

with her time offering support regardless of the ask and was a selfless soul.

Kathleen is survived by her loving daughters, Michelle "Missy" Rychlak, widow of the late Gerald Rychlak; Kathleen "Casie" Jones and her husband, Richard; and Jennyann Hanson. She was a proud and devoted grandmother to Matthew, Ryan, Kaitlyn, Daniel, and Charlotte, and a cherished great-grandmother to Aiden and Jacob.

Kathleen will be remembered for her larger than life smile, infectious laughter, generosity, and amazing energy. Her legacy of love, compassion and devotion to family will live on in all who knew her.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Kathleen's memory may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. (www.stjude.org/donate)

Cemetery Details

St. Mary's Cemetery

224 Westminster Pl
Saddle Brook, NJ 07663

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 10. 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Kamienski Funeral Home of Garfield
207 Ray Street
Garfield, NJ 07026

Funeral Mass

APR 10. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

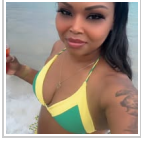
St. Stanislaus Kostka R.C. Church
184 Ray Street
Garfield, NJ 07026

Burial

APR 10. 1:15 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Sophia Goulbourne lit a candle in memory of Kathleen Hanson* ”



Sophia Goulbourne - April 10 at 09:27 AM

JQ

“ *Judy Quackenbush lit a candle in memory of Kathleen Hanson* ”



Judy Quackenbush - April 09 at 01:25 PM

PA

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Patrick - April 08 at 06:22 PM

SM

“ *Sherrie Marks lit a candle in memory of Kathleen Hanson* ”



Sherrie Marks - April 08 at 08:23 AM

CM

Wishing you peace & comfort during this difficult time. 🙏

Carolyn MoorePerry

Carolyn MoorePerry - April 09 at 08:45 PM

PA

“ *We spent many holidays together in our youth, from Casey's toe to the Easter it snowed, and Aunt Kathleen was always smiling. She even saved me once from ruining my shirt on the iron board, then showed my how it was done. We always waited to get that New Years phone call and really missed them most recently. Loved her much.*

Patrick - April 07 at 08:51 PM

JC

So sorry to hear of Kathleen's passing. I want to extend my deepest sympathies to the family. She and her family will be in my prayers

Joan Choma - April 11 at 02:39 PM

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Patrick - April 07 at 08:45 PM

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Patrick - April 07 at 08:31 PM