



Kaye Michele Darling

November 6, 1947 - September 12, 2017

DARLING, KAYE MICHELE

Kaye Michele Darling, age 69, passed peacefully September 12, 2017, after seven years of gracefully and courageously enduring primary progressive aphasia, a neurological syndrome that impairs language capabilities. She was smart, funny, talented, and beautiful, inside and out. She is loved and sorely missed by her family and friends. In her youth, she enjoyed cheerleading, dance, and gardening. For several years, she won ribbons for her plants and terrariums at the Ohio State Fair. After graduating from Columbus North High School, she earned her B.F.A. and M.A. in Arts Education from Ohio State. She studied at L'Académie de la Grande Chaumière in Paris. She also secured a paralegal certificate from Capital University and worked in that field for several years. She was an accomplished artist. Her work can be seen in The Land We Call Ohio, a 2003 project of The Ohio Historical Society and the Ohio Plein Air Society that features paintings and profiles from all 88 Ohio counties. She was an extraordinary teacher who was dedicated to helping students develop their talents, exhibit their work, and earn college scholarships. She taught at Columbus College of Art and Design, Beck St. Elementary School, Eastland Career Center, and Fort Hayes Arts and Academic High School. Kaye Michele was preceded in death by her father, Stanton G. Darling, and her mother, Carolyn (Kay) Miceli Darling. She is survived by her daughter, Burgundie Miceli, and her partner Aaron Ijams; her

brother, Stanton G. Darling II (Julie A. Carroll Darling); and her nephews, Stanton G. Darling III (Heather), Stephen M. Darling, Vincent F. Cirivello, Jr., (Leah) and son Anthony; and Frank V. Cirivello III. We are grateful to the entire staff at Ohio Living Westminster-Thurber and especially at Bridgewater for their remarkable care for Kaye Michele and loving support of all of us during her final years. Dee and Theresa, you are family. Friends may call at RUTHERFORD-CORBIN FUNERAL HOME, 515 High St., Worthington Thursday, September 14, 2017 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. where the service will be held at 10:00 a.m. Friday, September 15, 2017. Pastor Mark Arni, officiating. Interment Union Cemetery. To leave a condolence for the family please visit our website at www.rutherfordfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Union Cemetery

3349 Olentangy River Road
Columbus, OH 43202
(614) 267-5471

Previous Events

Calling Hours

SEP 14. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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Calling Hours

SEP 14. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

SEP **15**. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Kaye Michele Darling*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *I just found this while searching for "Darling" online. I was one of her students at Fort Hayes M.E.C. She was and continues to be one of my greatest inspirations as an artist. I have gone on to become a professional artist and art educator. When I think of how to be a great teacher, I think about Darling. That's what we called her and that's what she will always be to me. I love you and miss you.*

Nick - July 23, 2021 at 07:42 PM



“ *Kaye Darling I met you at ohio living Westminster Thurber many years ago, you were very spunky and very out going, then I became your care giver and still you were very out going and spunky, I just love everything about you Kaye and now I will have your memories, I will miss you truly because you were all of our sunshine, even when you did the craziest things , kaye Darling and your wonderful wonderful family is now Bridgewaters family, miss you love you always DEE DEE [DANETTE BROWN]*

DANETTE BROWN - September 16, 2017 at 10:49 AM

GB

“ We write as the proud and grateful owners of Kaye's plein air painting of Old Man's Cave that was part of the 2003 The Land We Call Ohio bicentennial project of the Ohio Historical Society. We enjoyed meeting Kaye at the time of the auction. She said that unlike some of her paintings she really liked this one. It is hanging in our home as it has since we purchased it. We will keep Kaye in our thoughts and prayers and always be thankful for the artistic talent that she shared so willingly with us all.

Greg and Lynne Browning

Greg and Lynne Browning - September 14, 2017 at 08:18 PM

ER

“ I worked with Michele at AccuRay in the '80s. Enjoyed her very much - my condolences to her family.

Ellen Richards

Ellen Richards - September 14, 2017 at 12:28 PM

MS

“ 2 files added to the album Kaye Michele Darling



Marty Crowder Scott - September 14, 2017 at 10:54 AM

PF

“ *Paula Fontes purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Kaye Michele Darling.*



Paula Fontes - September 14, 2017 at 08:51 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Kaye Michele Darling.*



September 14, 2017 at 07:39 AM



“ *Kaye's witty way and keen eye were ever-present and infused her art and served her friends well. Her innate kindness and physical beauty were rare companions but obvious to all, and she will be greatly missed by so many to whom she gave so much.*

Barry Flavin

Barry Flavin - September 14, 2017 at 07:32 AM

LF

“ I was a student of Kaye's in Fine Art at Fort Hayes. She taught me most of what I know about how to be an artist. What an amazingly spunky, quirky and positive person. I always loved listening to her ramble on for hours on end about everything and anything that are across her mind. She was always there for me when I needed a friend and a mentor, even years after being a student of hers. I can still hear her wild voice in my head going on and on. I always said that she could start out talking about the color of your shirt and end up discussing which is better, a train ride for four days or a plane ride for five. She was a character and an amazing human. You'll always be remembered Kaye.

Loren Foster - September 13, 2017 at 05:53 PM

JM

“ I went through school the whole way with Kaye, I'm pretty sure. At North High, she was perhaps the prettiest girl in the building. Certainly one of the smartest and most talented. But most importantly, I think she was the nicest person in our school. She and I were paired up on the annual autumn Booster Drive in our senior year. That's one detail from my years at North I've never forgotten. We had such a great time that night -- I remember just laughing and talking the entire evening. Sigh. RIP, friend.

John Meyer - September 13, 2017 at 10:10 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kaye Michele Darling.



September 12, 2017 at 08:56 PM