

Kathleen Ann Liberatori Castronovo

August 1, 1943 (Rockford, IL)

July 22, 2026 (Rockford, IL)

Kathleen Ann Liberatori Castronovo, a beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, and friend, passed away peacefully on July 22, 2026, surrounded by her family and extended family at Alpine Fireside.



Born on August 1, 1943, in Rockford, Illinois, to Harry and Josephine (Cecchinelli) Liberatori, Kathleen, known fondly as Kathy, lived a life full of warmth, laughter, and love. Kathy's early years in Rockford were filled with joy and family. She graduated from West High School, setting the stage for a life characterized by her strong work ethic and passion for people.

On January 21, 1961, she and Vincent Anthony Castronovo married; they built a wonderful life together and reared two children, Kimberly and Greg. Their family was blessed with the addition of three grandchildren - Jessica, Kate, and Megan - and later, four great-grandchildren - James, Claire, Will, and Madeline.

Professionally, Kathy began her career as a beautician, working alongside her husband Vince, before transitioning into the banking industry. Her years in banking were marked by her dedication and enthusiasm, leaving a lasting impression on colleagues and clients alike. She was a mentor and friend to many, forming relationships that lasted well into her retirement. After retiring, she continued to work on a limited basis with her dear friend, Lucia Hauge, at an Insurance Agency.

An active member of the Venetian Club of Rockford, Kathy was a cherished participant in the Club's Bocce League, enjoying the camaraderie of her lifelong friends. Her volunteer work at St. Anthony Medical Center further exemplified her generous spirit and commitment to her community. Kathy's love for her family was unsurpassed. She relished every moment spent with her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, as well as her special friends. Known for her sharp wit and warm smile, Kathy could light up a room and was always the first to welcome others into her home. Her dynamic cooking skills and passion for the kitchen will be greatly missed by those who shared a meal with her.

Predeceased by her parents; sister, Beverly; brother, Richard; and husband, Vince, Kathy leaves a legacy of love and kindness.

She is survived by her daughter, Kimberly (William) Flynn; son, Greg (Lynette) Castronovo; grandchildren, Jessica (Kris) Price, Kate Corl, and Megan (Brian) Forsberg; and great-grandchildren, James, Claire, Will, and Madeline. She also leaves behind several nephews; nieces; cousins; and dear friends, Kris Wells, Sylvia Wagner, and Aisha Kamal, who offered unwavering support over the years.



Our family extends heartfelt thanks to the staff at Alpine Fireside for their compassionate care -, especially Fiona Okoroti, DNP; Aisha Kamal and the entire PT staff; and all the nurses and Order of Saint Francis Hospice. Your dedication and kindness brought comfort to Kathy and her family during her final days.

Kathy's spirit of generosity and love will live on through the lives she touched and the memories she created. Kathy's joy for life, her laughter, and her ability to make strangers feel like family will be cherished forever. She leaves a legacy of love and kindness that will continue to inspire all who knew her.

Visitation will be held on Friday, July 31st 2026 from 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM at the Riverside Community Church (6816 N 2nd St, Machesney Park, IL 61115). A memorial service will be held on Friday, July 31st 2026 at 11:00 AM at the same location.

References:

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