



## Kathy Mazzio

February 20, 1957 - January 6, 2022

MAZZIO (nee Melfi), Kathleen A. “Kathy” – 64, of Del Haven, NJ and formerly of Washington Township, NJ passed away on January 6, 2022.

Kathy grew up in South Philadelphia and graduated from Saint Maria Goretti Catholic High School. After getting married in 1978, she and her husband Anthony resided in South Philadelphia and later moved to Washington Township to raise their growing family.

While her children were young, Kathy was a stay-at-home mom. She cared for each of them with so much love and attention. As her children grew older, she got a position as a hall monitor/security guard in the Washington Township Public School District. When Kathy and her husband moved to Del Haven, she took on a new role as security guard at Middle Township Elementary #1 and stayed there until her retirement in 2020. She was loved by all the children, teachers, and staff.

Kathy had a great love for animals, especially cats. She was an avid reader and loved the television shows Twilight Zone, I Love Lucy, and The Golden Girls. It was no secret that Kathy was Elton John’s greatest fan. She went to nearly every Elton concert when he was local... she even got to kiss him on stage at the end of one of his shows back in the early 90’s. It was one of her greatest moments. One of Kathy’s most favorite places to visit was Cape May, NJ. She spent her youth visiting Cape May and its beaches. It’s always held such a special place in her heart as well as the hearts of her family. Every corner of Cape May holds a beautiful memory.

Her most cherished moments were spent with family. Kathy and her family were blessed to have been on many vacations together. From Italy, Mexico and France to California, the Caribbean, and Hawaii. Yearly trips to Miami Beach and road trips to Williamsburg, Virginia were her favorites. Holidays were always filled with love, laughter, music, and great Italian food – the most prized being a big pot of her incredible gravy bubbling away on the stove.

The best part of her life came when she was handed her grandson John for the first time in 2016. In an instant, her heart grew fuller and her world grew bigger with overwhelming love. She and John had an incredible bond. She took great care of him when he was a baby and never went long without seeing her “monkey.” Being a mom to her three children and a grandmom to John was by far her biggest accomplishment and greatest joy.

Kathy is predeceased by her parents, Michael and Rosemarie Melfi. She will be dearly missed and forever loved by her family which includes her husband of 43 years, Anthony “Tony” Mazzio; three children, Dana Mazzio, Christina (and John) Bertino, and Anthony (and Jena) Mazzio; one grandson, John Bertino; as well as her three siblings, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Regardless of vaccination status, masks are required. Relatives and friends will be received on Friday (Jan. 14th) from 12:30pm until 1:30pm in Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, 525 Washington St., Cape May where Kathy’s Mass of Christian Burial will begin at 1:30pm. Entombment will follow Mass in St. Mary’s Cem. Mausoleum, Cape May.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital at [www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org)

# Cemetery

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## **St. Mary's Mausoleum (Cape May)**

1056 Seashore Rd.

Cape May, NJ, 08204

# Events

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**JAN 14 Visitation 12:30PM - 01:30PM**

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Our Lady Star of the Sea Church

525 Washington Street, Cape May, NJ, US

**JAN 14 Mass of Christian Burial 01:30PM**

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Our Lady Star of the Sea Church

525 Washington Street, Cape May, NJ, US

# Comments

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“ An external video has been added.



**Spilker Funeral Home** - January 13 at 11:23 AM

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“ Tony, Ned and I are so very sorry to hear about Kathy. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the kids. She was a wonderful girl. I don't think there was ever a time we were with her that we didn't laugh a lot; so fun to be around. May your happy and loving memories of her help you through this difficult time.

Our Love,  
Ned and Kathy Gillam

**Kathy Gillam** - February 04 at 03:30 PM

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“ We met “Miss Kathy” at Middle Twp. Elementary #1. Our very shy daughter, Madison, started school when she was 4 years old (now 12 years old). During a “parent pick-up” Miss Kathy told me the story of what happened with Madison on the first day of school. Madison got off of the school bus and was just standing there crying. Miss Kathy went to her, cried with her because it was Miss Kathy’s first day of school as well, and helped her get to her classroom. Ever since that day, they grew a special bond. Miss Kathy helped Madison everyday after that because she realized how super shy she was. Madison became a “parent pick-up” everyday so I would talk to Miss Kathy all the time. We became very good friends. Miss Kathy told me that Madison reminded her of her daughters. Not only did she grow a bond with Madison, but she also grew a bond with our son, Brandon. He was just 2 years old and would be with me at “parent pick-ups.” He is just as shy as Madison but Miss Kathy eventually got him hugging her! At these “parent pick-ups”, I would see how much all of the kids at school loved Miss Kathy. Each one of them ran up to her and hugged her before they left school. Miss Kathy had so much love for all of the children. Two years later, Brandon went to school and she cared for him just as much as she cared for Madison. When Brandon had just one more year left in Elementary #1, Miss Kathy told me she was going to resign. Of course, I was upset but I totally understood. Then one day Miss Kathy told me, “I told my husband that I am not leaving until Brandon is out of here!” Miss Kathy stayed one more year because she wanted to make sure Brandon got through school. My kids got through their first years of school (so shy) because they had Miss Kathy there to help them. She was someone at the school that made them comfortable to go to when they needed help. We are so thankful for everything that she did for our children.

I know Miss Kathy loved her children and her grandson more than anything in this world. Her family is all that she talked about. I still remember when John was born. She was so happy. I received pictures of her beautiful family and her grandson a lot. You guys are so lucky to have been blessed with the best mother anyone could ever have. Words cannot not explain how sorry we are for your loss.

Miss Kathy and her husband became family to our family. They picked the kids up and took them to their children’s farm. Miss Kathy would pick the kids up and take them to lunch. Miss Kathy would do anything for us if we needed help no matter what it was. Miss Kathy is the most special person we have ever met. We are going to miss her greatly. We have many special memories with her that will live on forever. My kids and us are so blessed to have been able to meet her and be a part of her life. We love you Miss Kathy and thank you so much Tony for everything.



Mike and Jessica Hughes - January 14 at 09:37 AM

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“ Kathy, you were one of the few people that could make me belly laugh in the world. You said the funniest things that always caught me by surprise and doubled me over! Thank you for that gift in my life. Our whole family will miss you for so many more reasons. May you rest in Peace in the presence of God's face.

Love Bill

**Bill** - January 13 at 08:39 AM

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“ To my "Beloved"

I will continue the legacy of family and kindness. We shared a wonderful life together.

You're forever Love Anthony Sr.



**Anthony j Mazzio** - January 13 at 08:03 AM



“ I'm so sorry for your loss. My condolences to you and your family

**Dawn Magri** - January 15 at 07:51 PM

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“ I worked with Kathy at Elem #1. She was so friendly and easy to talk to that we became instant friends. I can still hear her say " Good morning dear". Kathy made you feel so comfortable that you could tell her anything. She was like a work mom to me. We shared many laughs and she was a great comfort to me when I needed advise. She always had a big hug and the right words to say. Kathy taught me many important lessons like how to make lassagna and the healing powers of acidophilus. We shared a love for cats and would always share hilarious stories and photos. We both spoke the same language-food! I will always think of her when I pass the Panera Bread soups sold at the grocery store. Kathy loved her " little man" John so much and told me of all her babysitting tales. She treasured that time with him, but was always exhausted when she returned to work! Kathy always had a family trip on the horizon to look forward to. On her Paris trip, she knew my daughter was into The Eifel Tower and she brought her back a t shirt.

Kathy was a very special friend to me and many others at school. She will be missed deeply. I am lucky to have had her in my life and I will treasure all the wonderful memories I have with her. My deepest condolences to her family. Love, Theresa Clark

theresa clark - January 13 at 06:01 AM

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“ We have so many wonderful memories of Kathy and the Mazzio Family, She will be forever in our hearts and greatly missed. Kathy had a smile that would light the room. Our prayers are with you and your family. The Terlizzi's

Roseann Terlizzi - January 12 at 09:31 PM

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“ I am so truly sorry for your loss my heart and prayers go out to Anthony and his family. Kathy and I met in high school and were friends for many years we had lots of laughs and time spent together going to clubs and dances we always had lots of fun together. She was there at the hospital for the birth of my daughter Athena which really meant a lot to me. Over the years life has taken us in different directions. I had remarried and moved out of state and we didn't keep in touch like we use to. I will always remember us dancing to the group Tavares to "Don't take away the Music ", we had the steps to that song down to the tee. She will always be a dear friend to me and will surely be missed.

R.I.P MY DEAR FRIEND

Love

Stephanie (Valtri) Eisenbach

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Stephanie (Valtri) Eisenbach - January 12 at 11:36 AM



“ To The Mazzio Family

I am so sorry for your loss my late husband worked with Kathy at the high school and they always enjoyed talking about great Italian food Kathy continued to always keep in touch with me always with great words of encouragement.. Your family will be in my thoughts and prayers at this very difficult time. God Bless Marion Vergantino

Marion Vergantino - January 11 at 03:38 PM

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“ Such a kind, caring & loving person. As a fellow employee at Elem. # 1, Kathy always brightened your day when you spoke to her, no matter what kind of a lousy day you were having. She also would often laugh at my silly jokes. Her love for her family was so obvious & when she inquired about your family, it was genuine & from the heart! We've all missed her since her retirement and now, I pray for her to rest in peace as my thoughts & prayers are with her family and close friends at this difficult & time!

Andrew Ludman - January 10 at 12:33 PM

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“ I love you Mom Thank you for being the best mom a person could ask for. You will be missed so incredibly much.



Christina Bertino - January 10 at 10:02 AM

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“ To my beautiful Mom..you will be missed every moment of every day for the rest of my life..I will continue making you proud..until we meet again..I love you



Dana Mazzio - January 09 at 03:27 PM





“ Mother, first love, best friend. I will miss you greatly. You have given me a life of pure joy. We have laughed and cried together, mostly laughed. This hurts so much cause I wanted you to be with me forever. One day we will meet again but until that time I will do my best to continue your amazing legacy. Love you mom Love, Anthony



**Anthony Mazzio** - January 09 at 02:23 PM



“ Anthony, the Colledge family has always known how much you have respected, loved and cherished your mother and we could not be more saddened for you and your family as you are having to let go of your precious Mom! We feel privileged to have met your mother and always enjoyed the time we were able to spend with her.

Please accept our sincere and heartfelt condolences from our family to yours

**Charlotte Colledge** - January 09 at 03:31 PM



“ How blessed the Mazzio family has been to have had such a strong, loving lady to keep forever in your hearts and precious memories!

We, the Colledge family, extend our deepest sympathy to all of the Mazzio family!

**Charlotte Colledge** - January 09 at 03:50 PM



“ So very sorry to hear this news. Kathy was such a beautiful nice person. Our deepest sympathy to all of the Mazzio family. The Matthews family.

**Rose Matthews** - January 09 at 04:38 PM



“ My deep condolences to Kathy's friends and family. Kathy was such a happy positive person. I loved talking with her about her travels and her family. We shared stories and laughs. She will be greatly missed.

**Jacqueline Mendel** - January 09 at 11:30 PM



“ Kathy and I were friends from the days we both worked at WTPS. We saw each other every day and our friendship grew. One of my best memories was going to Cape May at Christmas and spending the night at Congress Hall. We laughed together the who night. The next day we bought each other Christmas ornaments ornaments. Rest in peace, my friend, Love, Terry

**Terry** - January 09 at 11:59 PM



“ Our family has many beautiful memories of the fun times we all had in our Crossroads neighborhood in Washington Township. We're all sending our sincere sympathy, much love and many prayers to the entire family. Warmly, Nancy (Smith) & Tom Seddon and Ryan & Mark Smith

**Nancy Seddon** - January 10 at 08:30 AM



“ Kathy and I became friends through Elementary #1 and she became so much more than a friend. She became someone I could laugh with, cry with, tell secrets to and I always knew she gave the best hugs. Kathy was the most amazing person I have ever met and the world is now at a lost because you are not here. I will always remember our daily

conversations about our husbands, our kids and our grandkids. You will be missed more than you know and you were loved just as much! I wish your family some peace and always know she is with you. Much Love, Melodee and Steven Mallek

**Melodee Mallek** - January 11 at 11:08 AM