



## Kathryn (Kathy) Tarantino

February 26, 1942 - March 27, 2020

Kathryn Ann (Porter) Tarantino, 78, died Friday, March 27, 2020 at Century Assisted Living in Carbondale, IL.

A private family funeral service is planned to be on Thursday, and a Celebration of Life/Memorial will be held at a future date.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association and the Alzheimer's Association.

For more information, please visit <http://www.pettettfuneralhome.com>

Kathryn "Kathy" was born on February 26, 1942 in Murphysboro to George Lehning Porter and Sharlottie Ann (Davis) Porter.

Kathy graduated from Murphysboro Township High School in 1960 and then Barnes Hospital School of Nursing in St. Louis, MO in 1963. She worked as a Staff Nurse at Barnes Hospital in St. Louis and then at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital in Murphysboro from 1963-1970. She then worked full-time for Unit #186 School District in Murphysboro for 26 years as a School Nurse and Health Occupations/CNA teacher. She retired in the Spring of 1996 only to return to the School District in the Fall of 1996 as a part-time School Nurse. She continued to work for the School District through 2004. During this same time, she also was a VIP Participant for the Murphysboro Health Center - Medical/Surgical, St. Joseph Memorial Hospital - Operating Room and Dietary

& Patient Educ. Dept., Carbondale Memorial Hospital - OB Department, and a part-time Clinical Instructor - Nursing Programs LPN and CNA at John A. Logan College. She later went on to be a part-time nurse at Brehm Preparatory School in Carbondale. She finally retired from nursing and teaching in 2013.

Kathy was a member of the First Evangelical Lutheran Church, and enjoyed making crafts and spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren.

She married Jerry Primo Tarantino of Hurst on June 12, 1965, who passed on September 29, 2006.

Kathy is survived by three daughters and sons-in-laws, Lisa and Stacey Sisk of Carbondale, Lori and Jeff Austin of Murphysboro, Jennifer and Matt Linsin of Marion;

three grandsons, Devan and Payton Austin, Mitchell Sisk; four granddaughters, Bria Sisk, Jada, Maya, and Elsa Linsin;

two brothers, Bob Porter and his wife Helen of McClure, and John Porter and his wife Lynn of Murphysboro;

two sisters, Alice Sherman of Ava, and Nancy Drone of Carbondale; and numerous nieces, nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Kathryn (Kathy) Tarantino*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *Girls, Monte and I want to express our sympathy during this time of loss. We have fond memories of your dad and your mother. I taught with your dad at Herrin High School and, of course, also knew them through Bert. Have on to those precious memories as you go on in tribute to your parents. Monte and Bonnie Franklin*

**Monte and Bonnie Franklin** - April 02, 2020 at 12:43 PM



“ *Lisa,  
So sorry to hear your mother had passed. I'm sure you have many cherished memories of her that you will treasure all your life. I know this will be a difficult time, but as I have found through these situations almighty God provides great peace and comfort beyond all understanding. I am praying the Holy Spirit comfort you with this peace and meet your needs as you go through this difficult time. Always remember you will see your mom and loved ones again one day when we come into the presence of our loving God and Father! God bless you guys!*

*Bill and Christine Laser*

**Bill Laser** - April 02, 2020 at 12:31 PM

JB

“ I have fond memories of Mrs Tarantino. Mrs Tarantino was a friend of my sister's who pierced my ears when I was 14. She was our school nurse. Mrs Tarantino was my Health Occupations teacher in High School. She carried herself sharply and regally. I remembered thinking if I could only become a nurse as good as her as I took notes in her class. I did become a nurse. My nursing instructor told me I carried myself regally. The rest is history. Thank you Mrs Tarantino. Much Love

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**Julie Barringer** - April 01, 2020 at 12:04 PM

JR

“ Just want to expressed my condolences. I knew her and Jerry when I was growing up in Hurst, living a couple houses down from Jerry's mother. My prayers are with the family.

*John Rutherford*

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**John Rutherford** - March 30, 2020 at 07:58 AM

LD

“ Kathryn was a great teacher. I loved health occupation class. She always had a smile n truely loved helping others. Im sure all will miss her. So sorry for her family's loss. Lord give rhis family peace, comfort, n strength threw this sad time. Amen Linda

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**Linda Durham** - March 30, 2020 at 05:22 AM

JB

“ May memories comfort you, Kathy's loved ones. I had the honor of being her coworker and friend at Brehm. I had much respect for her. She was a wonderful nurse with a discerning intelligence. I will always treasure her.

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**Jeannine Banning** - March 29, 2020 at 11:24 AM