



Katherine M. Mladenik

December 25, 1957 - February 20, 2020

Katherine M. (nee Figiel) Mladenik, age 62, of Demotte, passed away on February 20, 2020. Kathy was a graduate of Thornwood High School. She was an office manager for Arshad Malik M.D. in Merrillville. She was preceded in death by her parents- Donald and Adrienne Figiel. Kathy is survived by her husband of 27 years- Frank J. Mladenik III; daughter- Heather A. (George) Suprenant of Griffith, sister- Nicolette (Carlos) Mercado of Hammond; brothers- Michael (Tina) Figiel of CA, Terry Figiel of Hobart; granddaughter- Brianna Suprenant; several loving nieces and nephews. Friends may visit with Kathy's family on Tuesday, February 25, 2020 from 2 p.m. until the time of funeral service at 6 p.m. at Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, IN. Cremation to follow. www.burnsfuneral.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Katherine M. Mladenik.* ”



February 28, 2020 at 12:53 PM

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“ It was early Fall of 1992 when my dear friend (like a brother) Frank Mladenik stopped over at my home and wanted to introduce his New Wife Kathy to me. First off I was a bit amazed because he fell out of sight for a while, Plus never informed me he was dating anyone. While they were visiting I brought them into my bird room and they both fell in love with my cockatoo, Tugger. They both agreed they wanted to get into birds, so I gave them Tugger; I had so many parrots at the time and He didn't get along with the rest of my brood. I also learned at the time Kathy had a 10 yo daughter, Heather. Frank was so happy... instant family which he truly adored and I couldn't be happier for them all. Immediately after meeting Kathy we pretty much were inseparable and I have learned so much from her. I was probably at their house 2-3 times a week and she actually made cooking seem fun. She taught me how to makes dishes I would never even attempt to make because I thought it would be to hard or too time consuming. She had so many tricks up her sleeve, so-to-speak. We went to garden centers and she turned me on to enjoying the different varieties of flowers. We would also partake in MANY American Indian shows and Pow Wows. Both of our homes are filled with authentic Native American Indian artifacts. We shopped at our favorite store, Greenfields, for the Campfire Jam Incense; we purchased an entire case at a time and split it between us. When Frank worked midnight's Kathy didn't want to be alone after Heather moved out so we would have dinner and movie nights at their home and had our cocktails and just laugh for hours until she would start falling asleep on the couch and then I knew that was my cue to head out.

In the past Kathy worked in the medical field and I couldn't tell you how many times I would contact her First before calling a doctors office or going into emergency. I trusted Her Word when I had any health questions and she always steered me in the right direction. I'm truly thankful for that because for many years I didn't have health insurance. She also had many helpful household ideas for me; there have been too many to even list here! Then in 2013 when my Pops went to Heaven she and her daughter Heather were the first to be with me. Six months after that Kathy, plus another friends

husband and three movers were in my driveway to help me with my Escape Move! She packed my Indian treasures with such love and care I couldn't have done a better job with my Own belongings! They had me out of that house in less than 2 hours!

I saw my dear friend for the last time yesterday. Late last night she went to Heaven and now is one Awesome Angel.

This is the text I sent her husband, my friend Frank..

"I'm completely heartbroken for us all. All I could think about this evening was I was truly Blessed to have her in my life and truly thankful that you introduced her to me. She was one of the Best Friends anyone could ever have..And she was mine.. "

~Until we see each other again in Heaven.. God Bless You My Chica!

~Love Always, Denise (Your Favorite Drug)

Denise A Devine - February 21, 2020 at 09:47 PM



Thank you for sharing an endearing and beautiful relationship Denise! Kathy is my cousin and I am so appreciative to read about her life with a super special person as you!

Laura Minyard - February 23, 2020 at 09:56 PM



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“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Katherine M. Mladenik.*



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“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Katherine M. Mladenik.*



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“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Katherine M. Mladenik.*



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“ *My deepest condolences to you Heather and your father. Your mom was a bright and entertaining soul. She will truly be missed at painting class. May she rest easy..*

Terry Lyons Winandy - February 21, 2020 at 05:27 PM

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“ *Heather my deepest condolences to you and your family..*



Gaylia Somers - February 21, 2020 at 04:06 PM