



## Kathryn F. Staehle

February 26, 1934 - June 13, 2025

Kathryn Frances Staehle, age 91, of Valparaiso, formerly of Miller Beach, passed away June 13, 2025, surrounded by her loving family. She was born in Wautoma WI in 1934, the daughter of District Attorney, Earl Francis Kileen and granddaughter of State Senator, Edward Francis Kileen. She started her career as a kindergarten teacher. Kathryn worked for several years at the YWCA in Gary as the director of the pre-school programming. She later traveled to Northwest IN and MI to promote reading and bolster libraries for children. Kathryn volunteered for over 20 years at St. Mary's hospital as a "Pink Lady". She was a member of St. Mary of the Lake Parrish for many years, then moved to Valparaiso and became a member of St. Theresa of Avila Parrish. Kathryn was an avid reader, loved to travel and visited many places all over the world. She was the matriarch and Poet Lauret of the "Miller Mafia"; loved a good party, to tell stories and jokes. She was a very kind and classy lady. Kathryn welcomed everyone warmly into her home and life and was a great friend to many. She was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Kathryn was also a second mother to many friends of her children. She was preceded in death by her parents, Earl F. and Carol Kileen; loving husband, William Staehle; son, Daniel Staehle. Survived by her son, Thomas (Cynthia) Staehle, daughter, Susan (Joe) Benjamin; grandchildren, Michael (Dana) Staehle, Mark (Kelsey) Staehle, Joseph Staehle, Neil (Madison) Staehle, Gianna Galante; great granddaughter, Cora Staehle; and her loving nieces and nephews and many friends.

Visitation will take place on Thursday, June 19, 2025, at Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, IN. from 3 p.m.– 7 p.m. A visitation will take place on Friday, June 20, 2025, at St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church, 6060 Miller Ave, Gary, IN. from 9 a.m. until the Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. Rev. Michael Surufka officiating. [www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 19. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Burns Funeral Home & Crematory - Crown Point  
10101 Broadway  
Crown Point, IN 46307  
(219) 769-0044  
info@burnsfuneral.com  
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## Prayer Service

JUN 19. 6:30 PM (CT)

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## Visitation

JUN 20. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary of the Lake Church  
6060 Miller Avenue  
Gary, IN

## Mass of Christian Burial

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JUN **20**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary of the Lake Church  
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# Tribute Wall



“ I’ll miss Kathy and I wasn’t aware until now she passed away. We went for lunch many times when she lived in Valpo. My husband and I knew Kathy & Bill through IU functions, and we stayed at their Condo in FL..our prayers are with her family.  
*Betsy & John MacLennan*

Betsy MacLennan - June 29, 2025 at 10:28 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Kathryn F. Staehle.

June 19, 2025 at 10:45 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Kathryn F. Staehle.

June 19, 2025 at 04:22 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Kathryn F. Staehle.



June 19, 2025 at 04:22 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Kathryn F. Staehle.

June 19, 2025 at 04:20 AM

BD

“ Brad & Georgann, Andy & Kimmy, Karl & Jeanie, Lory & Dave purchased the Forever Our Angel Bouquet for the family of Kathryn F. Staehle.



Brad & Georgann, Andy & Kimmy, Karl & Jeanie, Lory & Dave - June 18, 2025 at 03:29 PM

TK

“ The Krakora's purchased the Simply Elegant Spathephyllum for the family of Kathryn F. Staehle.



The Krakora's - June 18, 2025 at 01:39 PM

TK

“ The Krakora's planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kathryn F. Staehle.

The Krakora's - June 18, 2025 at 01:39 PM



“ Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Kathryn F. Staehle.



June 18, 2025 at 11:49 AM

LD

“ Love, the Desmonds/Lajcins purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Kathryn F. Staehle.



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Love, the Desmonds/Lajcins - June 17, 2025 at 03:09 PM

LD

“ Love, the Desmonds/Lajcins planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kathryn F. Staehle.

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Love, the Desmonds/Lajcins - June 17, 2025 at 03:09 PM

TJ

“ The Doyle's. Jaqueline and James planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kathryn F. Staehle.

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The Doyle's. Jaqueline and James - June 17, 2025 at 12:40 PM

TJ

“ The Doyle's. Jaqueline and James purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Kathryn F. Staehle.



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The Doyle's. Jaqueline and James - June 17, 2025 at 12:40 PM

HL

“ Harry L. purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Kathryn F. Staehle.



Harry L. - June 17, 2025 at 12:08 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Kathryn F. Staehle.



June 17, 2025 at 10:35 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Kathryn F. Staehle.

June 17, 2025 at 10:35 AM

MR

“ Mark & Alpha Remaley purchased the Fall Fantasia for the family of Kathryn F. Staehle.



Mark & Alpha Remaley - June 17, 2025 at 12:38 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Kathryn F. Staehle.

June 16, 2025 at 07:54 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Kathryn F. Staehle.* ”



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June 16, 2025 at 07:54 PM