



# Kathleen Mullen

AUG 15, 1956 - JAN 16, 2023



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## **Kathleen Mullen**

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**K**athleen Ellen Pekarul Mullen, 66, of Huntersville died January 16, 2023 at her home. She was born on August 15, 1956 in Lansing, Michigan to Muriel Hallgren Pekarul and the late Wilfred Peter Pekarul. She grew up with her three younger siblings in Lansing, West Branch, Petoskey, then Indian River, Michigan, a rural community in beautiful Northern Michigan. She always treasured her family and memories of living for a few years in a log cabin, family camping, swimming in local lakes, cross country skiing, picking famous morel mushrooms, and tubing the Sturgeon River.

Ambitious and adventurous, Kathleen paid her own way through college, earning a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Michigan Technological University; she later obtained her Professional Engineering license. She also went to sailing school in the Virgin Islands and traveled extensively across Europe.

She met her husband Mike in Atlanta, Georgia, where they were married before following job opportunities to the Charlotte area in the mid 1980s. They began a family in Huntersville, first by fostering then adopting Elizabeth at age 11 and then traveling to Russia to adopt Elena at age 10 and Olga at age 8.

Kathleen and Mike eventually began a Gen II family with grandchildren Aidan and Chloe, sending both to St. Mark Elementary School in kindergarten and continuing their Catholic education today. Aidan is a 10th grader at Christ the King Catholic High School, while Chloe is a 7th grader at St. Mark.

Kathleen was a registered Professional Engineer in North Carolina. She founded Pekarul Engineering, a PLLC providing mechanical engineering and HVAC expertise to poultry farms across the Southeast.



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In addition to her mother, survivors include her husband Michael Mullen; daughters, Elizabeth Reilly (Justin) of Midland and Elena Mullen and Olga Mullen, both of Cornelius; grandchildren, Aidan, Chloe, Levi, Lyla and Michael; siblings, Daniel Pekar, Lisa Lange (Kevin) and Jayne Higginbotham (Keith); several nieces and nephews; and numerous cousins across the US.

A funeral Mass will be held at 3 PM Thursday, January 19 at St. Mark Catholic Church that will be live streamed. Visitation will be 2-3 PM prior in the narthex of the church. Interment will follow at Northlake Memorial Gardens.

The funeral will be live-streamed here: <https://www.stmarknc.org/livestream>

Memorials may be made to St. Mark Catholic Church in Huntersville, North Carolina.

James Funeral Home of Huntersville, North Carolina is serving the family.

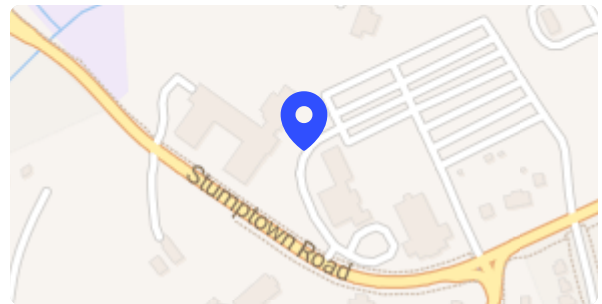


# Events

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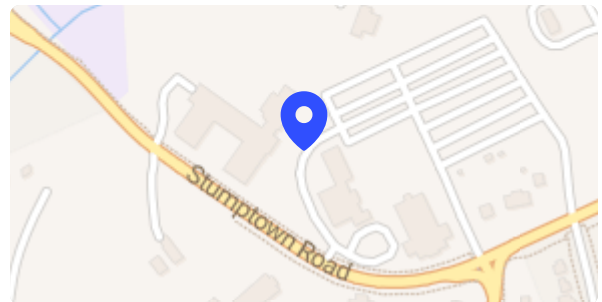
## Visitation

- Thursday**, January 19, 2023
- 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM ET
- St. Mark Catholic Church**  
14740 Stumptown Rd, huntersville NC 28078



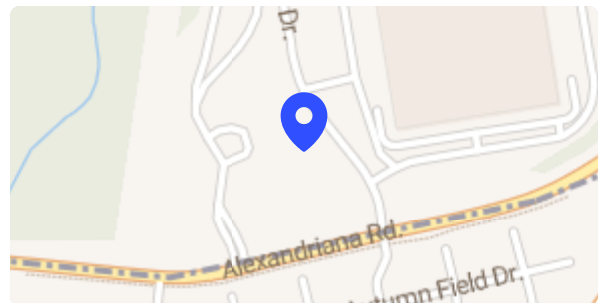
## Funeral Mass

- Thursday**, January 19, 2023
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## Cemetery Details

- NorthLake Memorial Gardens**  
11001 Alexandriana Rd, Huntersville NC 28078
- (704) 584-9004**





# Tribute Wall

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DI

**Diana** posted:

I am so incredibly sorry to hear about Kate. I would have gone to the funeral but I didn't read about it in time. I will miss seeing her in church. God Bless her family. I pray the faith she helped instill in them will keep them strong and together. While you will miss her, know that she has just gone ahead to our true home in our Heavenly Father's Kingdom and you will see her again someday.

January 29 at 8:58 AM

JH

**Jocelyn Harvey** posted:

I remember going over to her parents home in Indian River to visit her on one of her journeys up north. Aidan was just a baby and she had the most darling pictures of him. She was just bursting with pride at the new addition to their family. We all are going to miss her greatly. Prayers for her husband, daughters, grands, mom and siblings and friends, she was really a treasure.

January 19 at 11:23 AM

KP

**Kimberly Laprairie Pearson'** posted:

So saddened to hear of my dear friend's life on earth has come to an end. Kathleen was my neighbor in Indian River Mi where we attend school together from 2nd grade until graduation in 1974. We have shared many good times together through the years. Her strong faith in God and love of her family meant the world to her. She had a good heart, made many sacrifices for her daughters and her actions spoke louder than words. I pray that her prayers are answered for her family especially her grandchildren, 3 adopted daughters that her and husband Mike loved dearly as their own. It gives me peace knowing she is in no more pain and suffering and is in Heavenly Peace. One of Kathleen's last txt to me is that she wanted to tube the Sturgeon River with me this summer which didn't work out this past summer and I deeply regret it. As I live on the Sturgeon River I will think of her often and vision her tubing by waving and splashing enjoying the good life she loved in Northern Michigan. We would be celebrating our 50th class reunion next year and she will be deeply missed. I have contacted our classmates about her passing and we are having a bronze plaque placed at Cross in the Woods National Shrine in her memory for family and friends to visit. I have to remember Kathleen it's not Goodbye but see you later dear friend until we meet again! Much Love and Prayers to your Mom, Mike, siblings, Grandchildren and Daughters. Love, Kimberly LaPrairie Pearson

January 19 at 7:49 AM

LF

**Lil Quintos And Family** sent a Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant to the Mullen family.



January 19 at 4:24 AM



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**Levi Reilly** lit a candle in honor of Kathleen.



January 18 at 12:21 PM



**Nicole T. Desmarais** posted:

We send our deepest sympathy for the loss of Kathleen to Mike, Aidan, Chloe and the rest of the family. It is a life still young that God has called home and we thank God that her suffering from her horrible illness was not prolonged, though we understand it is hard to say good-bye to our loved ones. The love shared with her three adopted daughters in raising them, as well as raising her grandchildren, Chloe and Aidan, for the past 12 years shows the measure of her heart and desire to do what is best and noble for others. We especially pray for Chloe and Aidan as the mother Kathleen was to them is suddenly gone and we ask God to watch over them as this transition in life without her will weigh heavy on their hearts. We also pray that while we continue to raise Levi here in Delaware, he will hold special the memories he shared with Kathleen when he was able to spend time with her during his visitations in North Carolina as we know those were special times shared those days.

Sincerely, David and Nicole Desmarais  
 From her grandson Levi, he shares the following message for his grandmother, Kathleen: I love my GG though I didn't get to spend much memories with my GG. I was heartbroken when I found out that she died and I know it was hard for Chloe and Aidan, but especially Chloe. It was hard to not be sad when you realize a relative has died. I think everyone loved GG and I am happy that she is not in pain anymore and I think everyone else feels the same way. And, that's all I have to say. Love, Levi XOXO

January 18 at 12:19 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Mullen family.



January 18 at 10:36 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Mullen family.



January 18 at 7:42 AM



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**Anonymous** sent a Pretty Please to the Mullen family.

January 18 at 6:42 AM



**Anonymous** sent an Enchanted Cottage to the Mullen family.

January 18 at 4:57 AM



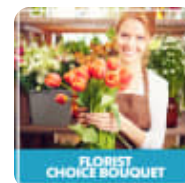
**Anonymous** sent a Magnificent Life Spray to the Mullen family.

January 17 at 12:45 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Florist Choice Bouquet to the Mullen family.

January 17 at 10:49 AM



**Anonymous** sent an Arrive in Style to the Mullen family.

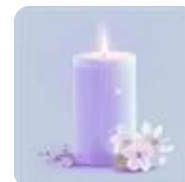
January 17 at 10:35 AM



**Brian And Annette Brown** lit a candle in honor of Kathleen.

We are grateful for the neighborly warmth that you shown to us. Our prayers are with your loved ones.

January 17 at 9:52 AM





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**Tricia Mccaa** posted:

I'm so sorry for your loss, Mike and family. I remember the first time I met Kathleen, some 26 years ago, when we were selling Girl Scout cookies with Beth and (my) Kathleen out in front of Lowe's! We have a long history. It was a beautiful obituary. God bless you and the children and grandchildren.

January 17 at 9:32 AM



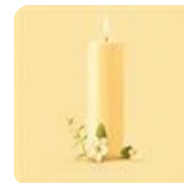
**Anonymous** sent an Arrive in Style to the Mullen family.



January 17 at 9:01 AM



**Karen Brown** lit a candle in honor of Kathleen.



January 17 at 8:54 AM



**Bob Hallgren & Financial Partners Group** sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Mullen family.



January 17 at 8:44 AM



**Anonymous** sent an Arrive in Style to the Mullen family.



January 17 at 7:41 AM



**Anonymous** sent an Enchanted Cottage to the Mullen family.



January 17 at 7:11 AM



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**Bereavement Ministry Team** posted:

The Bereavement Ministry Team and the Parish Community of St. Mark Catholic Church extend our deepest sympathy at this difficult time. Be assured that you and your family are in our prayers.

January 16 at 1:31 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Kathleen by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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