



Kathleen Rose Yost

March 25, 1950 - March 31, 2026

Kathleen Rose (Rizzi) Yost passed away on March 31, 2026, in Albany, New York at age 76. She was born on March 25, 1950, in Catskill, New York to William and Jeanne (Clark) Rizzi.

Kathleen had a keen intellect and an exceptional memory. She was a valedictorian of her class at SUNY New Paltz, where she studied art history. An expert gift giver, she had a rare talent for choosing just the right thing, leaving behind small treasures that spoke to her love and care.

Kathleen's romance and marriage were the stuff of fairy tales. She and Paul knew each other their whole lives and went to school together. Reconnecting as adults, they fell in love and moved back to the very street in Athens where they had grown up. They stayed together for nearly five decades, and she died in his arms. During those years together, they devoted their attention and effort into raising three happy kids, who love each other completely and are best friends. Kathleen enjoyed watching three grandsons grow, to her endless delight.

Kathleen shared unbreakable bonds with her sisters and brothers, a closeness marked by loyalty, laughter, and a long history of hilarious antics only siblings can share. She adored, and was adored, by all her nephews and nieces.

In her community, Kathleen was known for her many years of service at Cocksackie-Athens Central School District. She was a hard worker and a thoughtful listener who treated every student with respect and genuine curiosity. She loved reading, art museums, and the theater, and her enthusiasm for the arts inspired those around her to learn and engage. Kathleen was warm to many, and to those she held close, she was a loyal and lifelong friend.

Kathleen is survived by her devoted husband, Paul Yost; her three children, Aaron, Christine, and Kyle; her daughter-in-law, Victoria (Clouthier) Yost; her siblings, Patricia Rizzi, William Rizzi, Robin Rizzi, and Jeanine Rizzi-Rote; her stepsisters, Collette Stock and Carla Manna; her stepbrother, Greg Manna; and her grandchildren, Ethan Yost, William Yost, and Harrison Yost. Kathleen was predeceased by her beloved brother, Steven; sister, Gina; and stepbrother, Vincent.

Kathleen's life was defined by love, curiosity, and generosity. She had the ability to make every person feel special, and she is deeply missed.

The family invites our community to attend a public viewing at W.C. Brady's Sons Funeral Home, 97 Mansion Street in Cocksackie, New York from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Monday, April 6.

A private burial service for the family will take place Tuesday morning.

To leave condolences for the family please visit the tribute wall above.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Brady Funeral Home in Cocksackie.

Cemetery Details

New Athens Rural Cemetery

Olivett Lane
Athens , NY 12015

Previous Events

Calling Hours

APR 6. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

W.C. Brady's Sons. Inc.
97 Mansion Street
Coxsackie, NY 12051
(518) 731-8000
<https://www.wcbradyssonsinc.net/>

Tribute Wall

NF

“ Dear Mrs Yost,
Thank you for always being there for me when I was the new kid at
Coxsackie Athens HS and for the rest of the years I spent there.
You always made sure I didn't feel left out and always made me feel
comfortable as a student and gave me a second home while I was
in school. RIP and you will be forever missed.

Nicole Fecht - April 06 at 11:06 AM

TA

“ My deepest sympathy to all of you. What a wonderful lady she was
all her life. She had an amazing way about always making anyone
she spoke to feel special. I always looked forward to seeing her
when I ran to school and enjoyed our conversations. She was such
an inspiration. Loved her smile. ! May she now RIP and let the
angels treat her as special as she treated others here on earth. ❤️

Tammy - April 06 at 09:28 AM

AS

“ Mrs Yost - thank you for being a huge part of all of our lives growing
up. You really cared for each student and we were so lucky to have
someone like you in those times of need. You really were such a
wonderful person. Rest easy <3

Ashley - April 06 at 09:10 AM

CG

“ Condolences to Paul Yost and family. From, Len Gottlieb planted a
grove of 3 [Memorial
Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kathleen Rose Yost.

Condolences to Paul Yost and family. From, Len Gottlieb - April 05 at 12:14 PM

LF

“ Love the Relihan family purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Kathleen Rose Yost.



Love the Relihan family - April 04 at 04:10 PM

LF

“ Love the Relihan family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kathleen Rose Yost.

Love the Relihan family - April 04 at 04:10 PM

FS

“ Francie and Jeffrey Sabell planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kathleen Rose Yost.

Francie and Jeffrey Sabell - April 04 at 02:46 PM

FS

“ Francie and Jeffrey Sabell purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Kathleen Rose Yost.



Francie and Jeffrey Sabell - April 04 at 02:46 PM

SP

“ Paul and family, I was so sorry to hear of your loss. My heart and prayers are with you.

Sharon Palmateer - April 04 at 01:47 PM

JN

“ Christine, I was deeply saddened to hear about the passing of your mother. Please accept my sincerest condolences during this difficult time. My thoughts are with you and your family.

Jessie Ngo - April 04 at 12:48 PM

TF

“ The Bogardus Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Kathleen Rose Yost.



The Bogardus Family - April 03 at 06:44 PM

MJ

“ Mary J. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kathleen Rose Yost.

Mary J. - April 03 at 01:53 PM

DR

“ Don and Stacy Rosenberg planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kathleen Rose Yost.

Don and Stacy Rosenberg - April 03 at 11:01 AM

DR

“ Don and Stacy Rosenberg purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Kathleen Rose Yost.



Don and Stacy Rosenberg - April 03 at 11:01 AM

AS

“ Amanda S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kathleen Rose Yost.

Amanda S. - April 02 at 04:38 PM

MJ

“ Kathy was a very special women. So kind hearted . I had the pleasure to know her, her husband Paul and her brothers , sisters , mom and dad . Her family was very nice and very well known. She will truly be missed by many.

mark Jeune - April 02 at 01:04 PM

PH

“ Pam and Hank purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Kathleen Rose Yost.



Pam and Hank - April 02 at 12:25 PM

BF

“ Bix and Kathy and family. purchased the Fairest o
f All for the family of Kathleen Rose Yost.



Bix and Kathy and family. - April 02 at 12:20 PM



“ My condolences to Paul and her entire family. May she rest in
peace.
SMSgt. (Ret.) Roger Maldonado

Roger Maldonado - April 02 at 11:54 AM

WC

“ Dear Robin and the Yost & Rizzi family,
Thoughts, prayers and love coming your way.
“Heaven holds a new bloom...
And her name is Kathleen” 🙏
Love,
Wendi (Tompkins)& Mike Carroll o



Wendi & Mike Carroll - April 02 at 10:07 AM

LF

“ Love Robin, Nick, Kris and families. planted a Memorial Tree in
honor of Kathleen Rose Yost.

Love Robin, Nick, Kris and families. - April 02 at 09:50 AM

LF

“ *Love Robin, Nick, Kris and families. purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Kathleen Rose Yost.*



Love Robin, Nick, Kris and families. - April 02 at 09:50 AM

MJ

“ *May you rest in peace...* 🙏

Mark Jones - April 02 at 09:35 AM