



## Diane L. Kautz

November 17, 1945 - May 8, 2020

CROSWELL- Diane L. Kautz, age 74, a resident of Croswell, passed away on Friday, May 8, 2020 at the McLaren Port Huron Hospital in Port Huron.

She was born on November 17, 1945 in Yale, Michigan, a daughter of the late Peter and Leona (Newlove) Quinlan. Diane married Joseph J. Kautz on October 16, 1965 in Peck, Michigan.

Diane was a bookkeeper and prepared taxes for many people in the Croswell-Lexington area for 50 years. She was a longtime member of the former St. Patrick Catholic Church in Croswell, where she was a member of the Altar Society. She was currently a member of the Ave Maria Parish - St. Denis Catholic Church in Lexington. Diane served for many years on the Croswell Fair Board, was active in 4-H and was also a member of the Lexington Garden Club. She also enjoyed traveling and was known for baking her famous rolls.

She is survived by her husband, Joseph J. Kautz of Croswell; five children, Shelia (David) Ruczynski of Riley Center, Marcella (Mark) Mirgon of Midland, AnnMarie (Daniel) Markley of Fenton, Patricia (James) Keenihan of Midland and Joseph M. (Stacey) Kautz of Croswell; nine grandchildren, Erin Novak, Annette Ruczynski, Bethany Ruczynski, Molly Kautz, Caleb Markley, Sophia Markley, Abigail Kautz, Emily Kautz and Alaina Keenihan.; two brothers, William Quinlan of Peck and Robert (Phyllis) Quinlan of Peck; one sister, Sharon (Larry) Mahaffy of Romeo; several nieces and nephews and many customers and friends she had made preparing taxes throughout the years.

Visitation will be from 2-8 P.M. on Tuesday at the Pomeroy Funeral Home in Croswell. Graveside Services will be held at 11 A.M. on Wednesday at the Mt. Hope Catholic Cemetery in Croswell. Fr. Donald J. Eppenbrock of the Ave Maria Parish- St. Denis Catholic Church in Lexington will officiate.

Memorials in memory of Diane may be made to St. Jude Childrens Hospital.

# Cemetery Details

## Mt. Hope Cemetery

Black River Rd.  
Croswell, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 13. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Mt. Hope Cemetery  
Black River Rd.  
Croswell, MI

## Graveside Service

MAY 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

Mt. Hope Cemetery  
Black River Rd.  
Croswell, MI

# Tribute Wall

KC

“ *Very sorry to hear of the passing of our dear "tax lady". She always did a stand up job for us each year at tax time. Very fair and thorough! Rest in peace Diane and may many happy memories ease your families loss. Gordon and Karen Clor-North Street MI*

Karen Clor - May 14, 2020 at 05:27 PM

SS

“ *We wish to express our sympathy for your loss. Diane was a special person, always honest and kind. We will miss our annual visit with her during tax season. Rest in Peace and free of all pain with our Lord.*

*Scott & Linda (Weber) Smith  
Port Huron*

SCOTT E AND LINDA K SMITH - May 13, 2020 at 11:17 AM

BW

“ *My heartfelt sympathies to all of you - the entire family. I'm at a loss for words. This such a difficult time. Please know that my prayers, love and support are with you. Diane had a huge positive impact on my childhood through 4H, church and as a kind, loving presence where I hung out a lot with my friends ... all you kids <3. Some of the happiest memories of being a kid are from being with you all at your place ... dune buggy rides, softball games, swimming, class float building, and just hanging out. As an adult Diane taught me a lot about taxes and running a small business from the financial perspective. She was a very smart, wise and kind person in my life. I especially appreciated her involvement in 4H and the leadership she provided... how she worked to provide opportunities and to make it better for all of us. She will never be forgotten and will always be cherished through fond memories.*



*Live, hugs, and prayers that you will feel our (the community and friends) and God's loving presence and support during this difficult time.  
-Becky West*

Becky West - May 13, 2020 at 06:29 AM

SV

“ Diane was like a second Mom to me. No visit back to Michigan was the same without a trip to visit her. Love and prayers to the whole family. I am sorry that I can't be there to support all of you. Know that I am there in spirit.

Suzie VanDrus - May 12, 2020 at 08:52 PM

SF

“ I would like to share my deepest heart felt sympathy to Patricia and the whole Kautz family on their loss. My thoughts ,prayers, love and hugs are with you. If you need anything reach out.

I guess my memories of Mrs. Kautz : church with family, play dates, slumber and birthday parties, pool parties usually in kitchen or living room with a pretty smile and calm welcoming tone.

I remember her office downstairs and her flowers out side, sewing projects, and the dogs. She was a wonderful lady and will be greatly missed.

Stephanie Flynn - May 12, 2020 at 02:50 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Diane L. Kautz.



May 12, 2020 at 09:30 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Diane L. Kautz.



May 12, 2020 at 08:27 AM

EK

“ Our heartfelt sympathy to each of you in the Kautz family, and to all of you who knew and loved Diane. You are in our thoughts and prayers. We have been blessed to have been with Diane and Joe on several occasions. What wonderful folks! Ron and Elaine Keenihan, Jim's Mom and Dad.

Elaine Keenihan - May 11, 2020 at 09:28 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Diane L. Kautz.*



May 11, 2020 at 08:37 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Diane L. Kautz.*



May 11, 2020 at 07:08 PM

SG

“ *My deepest sympathy to the Kautz family. Diane will be greatly missed by many of us who had the privilege to know her. I remember Diane's friendly smile and most of all I remember her strong faith which got her through her illness always pleasant and trusting the Lord. May the angels welcome her in paradise, may she Rest In Peace.  
You are all in my prayers.  
Sefora M Gillies  
Ave Maria Parish*

Sefora M Gillies - May 11, 2020 at 04:56 PM

JK

“ *Dear Joe and Family, so saddened to learn of Diane's passing. Please accept our deepest sympathy on your loss.*

*John and Mona Kleitch*

John Kleitch - May 11, 2020 at 04:20 PM

WL

“ *Our deepest sympathy to the Kautz family. I have many fond memories of being with Diane at parties and sharing many good times together with her and our children. Diane was a sweet, kind lady she will truly be missed by all.*

*Ron & Wendy (Vad) Lowe*

WENDY LOWE - May 11, 2020 at 02:54 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Diane L. Kautz.*



May 11, 2020 at 01:03 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Diane L. Kautz.*



May 11, 2020 at 10:31 AM

HS

“ *Joe and family, I send my deepest sympathies to you. Diane and I have been friends since high school. I often went to her house after games or cheerleading practice. She was an amazing person and I treasured her friendship! She will always be in my heart! Love, Harriet*

**Harriet Kerrins Scoonover** - May 10, 2020 at 10:10 PM

HS

“ *Harriet Kerrins Scoonover purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Diane L. Kautz.*



**Harriet Kerrins Scoonover** - May 10, 2020 at 06:45 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Diane L. Kautz.*



May 10, 2020 at 02:52 PM

JP

“ *Diane was a sweet lady. I really enjoyed our visits while she did our taxes. I'm going to miss her. My deep sympathy to the family.*

Jody Pikura - May 10, 2020 at 12:41 PM

DB

“ *So sorry for your loss....I will miss my friend. For many years we have went on a yearly trip to Frankenmuth for tax classes. Calls during tax season when we had an issue. Such a kind, and giving person. She stayed strong these last few years battling with the cancer. Always positive, and strong...she will be missed. I can't imagine going to Frankenmuth with out her anymore. Debbie Belling*

Debbie Belling - May 10, 2020 at 11:52 AM

JS

“ *I have been friends with Diane and her family for many years, our children went to school together in Croswell. The whole family are wonderful. Diane did my taxes for many years. I will sure miss her.I am glad I talk to her not to long ago, will say mass for and her family Josephine Sheldon Miss You Diane*

Josephine Sheldon - May 10, 2020 at 11:29 AM

DK

“ *Diane was a special person. We have known her for years. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family. She will be missed*

dennis krosnicki - May 10, 2020 at 09:59 AM

LF

“ *So sorry for your loss.*

Lydia Fisher - May 10, 2020 at 08:59 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Diane L. Kautz.*



May 09, 2020 at 08:54 PM

JC

“ Our deepest sympathy to the Kautz family. Diane was a dear lady. We will miss her very much.

Janet and Wes Confer - May 09, 2020 at 08:15 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Diane L. Kautz.



May 09, 2020 at 06:42 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Diane L. Kautz.



May 09, 2020 at 05:59 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Diane L. Kautz.



May 09, 2020 at 05:44 PM

SS

“ Diane did my taxes for several years. We quickly became friends. She was a wonderful person and took the time to talk to me even when she was super busy at tax time. We would talk about life stuff sometimes and she was just straight up about what she had to say. I am so sorry for your loss. We will miss her.

Sheryl Saliba - May 09, 2020 at 04:54 PM

DM

“ Joe and Family: we would like to send our condolences to you in the passing of Diane. She was a great lady and we who all knew her will miss her. RIP Diane💕💕

Dennis & Luann McIntire - May 09, 2020 at 03:04 PM