



Carol Kaye Blum

July 14, 1940 - July 13, 2018

Carol Kaye Blum, 77, of St. Anne, passed away Friday July 13, 2018 at Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee. She was born July 14, 1940 in Highland Park, Michigan, the daughter of Mitchell and Mary Kaye. Carol married Kenneth Blum on March 25, 1972 in St. Anne.

She was a graduate of Wayne State University in Detroit, and taught music and English in the public school district while living in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. In St. Anne, Carol taught music at St. Anne High School and was very dedicated to the St. Anne music department in the 70's and 80's. In 1982, she began teaching private music lessons and taught her final lesson two days before her death. She truly inspired generations of musicians.

Carol was the founding member of the local dance band, "The Generic Band", a popular cover band that played at weddings and events in the area for many years.

She also enjoyed camping with her husband, gardening, reading, crocheting and cooking. Carol's greatest joy was being with her family.

Surviving are her husband, Kenneth Blum of St. Anne; two sons, Michael and Raisa Chernikov of Houston, Texas, and Brian Blum of Kankakee; three daughters, Mary Blum and Tim LaFond of St. Anne, Meggi and Gary Anderson of Elgin, Il, and Terri Lindstrom of St. Anne; thirteen grandchildren, Emily Sifrit, Spencer Blum, Cassandra Blum, Stephanie (Brian) Mathus, Mitchell Goodknecht, Katie Anderson, Kyle Anderson, Jeff Lindstrom, Sara Lindstrom, Nick Lindstrom, Lindsey Anderson, Natalie LaFond, and Beatrice

Chernikova; and three great grandchildren, Cheyenne, Owen, and Zoe Sifrit. Carol is also survived by three sisters, Chelsea Kaye of Warren, MI, Celia and Tod Sloan, and Claris and Joseph Cwirko; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Visitation will be held from 4- 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 17, 2018 at Clancy-Gernon-Houk Funeral Home in St. Anne. Funeral Service will be at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, July 18, 2018 also at the funeral home. Burial will follow at St. Anne Township Cemetery in St. Anne.

Memorials may be made to St. Anne School District Music Department.

Cemetery Details

St. Anne Township Cemetery

South Route 1
St. Anne, IL 60964
(815) 427-8346

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 17. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

St. Anne - Clancy-Gernon-Houk Funeral Home
214 W. Sheffield
St. Anne, IL 60964
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Funeral Service

JUL 18. 11:00 AM (CT)

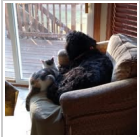
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Tribute Wall

BB

“ Many of us young people in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan were blessed to know Carol. She made an impression on us that has never faded. I remember playing with her kids when they were all under the age of six. What a joyful family. You are all in my heart. I am grateful that your mom helped to make me who I am. I had always imagined that I would one day get to see her again. --
Barbara Beaton, Manistique and Ann Arbor

Barbara Beaton - July 19, 2018 at 08:37 PM



“ She was a beautiful angel here on earth - with a love for music and people, she will never be forgotten. She never judged anyone, but rather gave love and encouragement, and made you feel as if you were a part of her family. She leaves behind a beautiful legacy to her wonderful family, who also shares her love for music and people - my thoughts and prayers go out to all of you at this difficult time. The twinkle she had in her eyes can now be viewed by everyone, each night as we look up at the night sky. What a wonderful world this would be, if we could all show even an ounce of the caring, acceptance, and lovely grace to others, in the way that she did. In her memory, I plan to continue to do just that. XOXOXOXO - Tina Gladu Eisenmenger

Tina Eisenmenger - July 18, 2018 at 07:58 AM

DC

“ My heart breaks for the families loss and the towns loss. Carol was a jewel and will always be remembered. She was a tremendous wife, mother, teacher and best of all friend. I thank her for tackling all my children in the music field, she did good. They all had a love for music, whether it was singing, piano, trombone or running the sound and lights for some of her out of school bands. So many fun times shared with all the family will always be with us. My deepest sympathy and love to all the family. Donna Denham-Corriveau-Cole



Donna Cole - July 18, 2018 at 02:30 AM

LW

“ What a great person, loved by many she always had a smile on her face, rest in heaven 🙏

Lisa Walker - July 17, 2018 at 10:02 PM

TD

“ What a beautiful soul. As a student from class of 1982, we all enjoyed her spirit, inclusion, love for sharing music with her students. Prayers to her family, sincerely. Be Blessed Mary Blum, Also class of 82..
-Timothy Denoyer



timothy denoyer - July 17, 2018 at 06:27 AM



My condolences to Mary and the Blum family. Thanks, Mrs. Blum, for sharing the love of music.

Delores Gooby - July 17, 2018 at 07:24 AM

KC

“ *Kris Varboncouer Chugh lit a candle in memory of Carol Kaye Blum*



Kris Varboncouer Chugh - July 16, 2018 at 10:46 PM

KC

“ *Mrs. Blum was an awesome music teacher. She made music fun and was so encouraging in choir. A true angel.. Love you bunches Mrs. Blum..you will be very missed and ill so miss seeing,talking and hearing your voice at the Pumpkin Fest 🥹🙏*

Kris Varboncouer Chugh - July 16, 2018 at 10:46 PM

DW

“ *Ken my condolences to you and family I apologize I will be unable to attend and pay my respects*



derrick weedon - July 16, 2018 at 02:48 PM

LL

“ *Linda Galloway - Bickford Senior Living lit a candle in memory of Carol Kaye Blum*



Linda Galloway - Bickford Senior Living - July 16, 2018 at 12:37 PM

LL

Mary Blum - our sympathies to you and your loved ones. - from your Bickford Family Members.

Linda Galloway - Bickford Senior Living - July 16, 2018 at 12:39 PM

CB

“ *So sorry to hear about this, I enjoyed her as a piano teacher for a few years in her basement. She had such passion for music. My thoughts and prayers are with you all!*

Christina Soucie Basham - July 16, 2018 at 11:17 AM

JP

“ *Carol was my oldest and dearest friend. She came into my life at the age of 15, first as my teacher, then mentor, advisor, and cherished friend. She and Ken became surrogate parents when my family moved from St. Anne to Maine and there are no words to express the deep love and gratitude I have for them both. It never mattered how many miles or years separated us- I could walk into the kitchen and knew I was home. I was one of the first of her adopted "kids" and she was as precious to me as my own mother. Ken, Mike, Mary Brian, Meg, and Terri- Thank you for sharing this extraordinary woman. She was loved and will be terribly missed by us all. God Bless You!*

Jayne Potts - July 16, 2018 at 10:52 AM

LW

My favorite teacher from St. Anne High School- she made music fun. So kind, caring and compassionate to ALL of her students. Rest In Peace Mrs. Blum, you've left wonderful memories for so many!!!


Lisa Booi Winge - July 16, 2018 at 07:41 PM

TD

“ Thoughts and prayers to your whole family. You have our deepest sympathy.

Larry and Pat Dionne

The Dionne's - July 16, 2018 at 10:43 AM

 Donna
Brace

“ Mrs. Blum was a wonderful person.
Thoughts and prayers to the whole family.
She will be missed.

Brace family

Donna Brace - July 16, 2018 at 10:30 AM

SS

“ What a caring and loving lady Carol was. Sending our sympathy to all the Blum family. May God surround you all with his loving care. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. 🙏🙏❤️❤️

Sharon Stycc - July 16, 2018 at 10:20 AM

JZ

“ *such wonderful friends of 35 + years, my first memory is of the Generic Band every time they played they would play my favorite song Katmandu and then all of the wonderful times we shared with them at their home when there would be a gathering of the teachers from St Anne. She was always a good hostess tending to the needs of her guests. She will be sorely missed in the community that she served so well, from teacher to Punkin Fest. RIP Csrol*

Joy Zelhart - July 16, 2018 at 09:25 AM

DP

“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to the entire Blum family. From the "Generic Band" which I watched many many times growing up, to the Pumpkin Fest with her greeting everyone that walked by she will be missed. Such a sweet lady.. RIP Mrs. Blum*

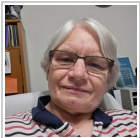


Donna Fox Price - July 16, 2018 at 09:15 AM



“ *Best piano teacher around. And wonderful woman! She will be missed.* 🎵😊🎹🎸🎷

Tammi Corriveau-Bosman - July 16, 2018 at 08:57 AM



“ *What a sweet woman she will be missed by many people that she has touched in her life. Condolences to all of the family. May you RIP Carol.*



Beverly Cranston - July 16, 2018 at 08:00 AM

SE

“ *Will miss this sweet lady! She was a family friend!*

Sharon Emerson - July 16, 2018 at 06:43 AM