



## Maureen Ann Rapier-Kufa

August 10, 1955 - June 2, 2015

Maureen Ann Rapier-Kufa, 59, of Manteno, passed away Tuesday (June 2, 2015) listening to soft waves of the ocean, surrounded by her loving wife, children, pastor and hospice caregivers, at her home after a long battle with cancer.

She was born Aug. 10, 1955, in Kankakee, to Harold L. and Mary Link Rapier. She married Kristine Kufa on Aug. 6, 2011, at St. John United Church of Christ in Kankakee.

Maureen worked for Kankakee School District. She finished working as a contract manager for First Student. She was active in theater, both with Kankakee Valley Theatre Association and Country Theatre workshop in Cissna Park; loved music, the beach, Disney World and visiting Illinois wineries with her wife, Kris. And most of all, she loved spending time with her wife; children; family and friends.

Survivors include her wife, of Manteno; six children, Michael and Justin Hunger, Alisa (Matthew Krezwick), Kailey, Andrew and Ryan Snider; stepmother, Nancy (Potts) Rapier; nine siblings, Douglas (Linda) Rapier, Karen (Michael) Steele, Marti (James) Bloomquist, Michael (Mary Jo) Rapier, Mary Rapier, Marissa Rapier, Rick (Flip) Rapier, Aaron (Debbie) Rapier and David Rapier.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Cremation rites will be accorded. Visitation will be from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Friday at St. John United Church of Christ in Kankakee. Funeral services will be at 5:30 p.m. Friday at the church, with the Rev. Barbara Lohrbach officiating.

Memorials may be made to the wishes of the family.

There also will be a celebration of life as part of her last wishes on Sunday, June 7, 2015. Details to follow.

Maureen had a kind, loving heart, a beautiful smile and a laugh that was contagious and will never be forgotten.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

JUN 5. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

St. John United Church Of Christ  
1045 W. River  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
(815) 932-3336  
<http://www.stjohnucc-kan-il.org/>

## Memorial Service

JUN 5. 5:30 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

CA

“ *Maureen was a kind and lovely soul with a true passion for local wine. I remember the first time I met her and Kris at a wine festival and it was an instant kinship. Kris, I am so sorry for your loss and I hope her lovely aura will always be with you. All of us at Lynfred Winery send our hugs and we raise a toast to Maureen. Love,  
Christina Anderson-Heller*

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**Christina Anderson-Heller** - June 09, 2015 at 10:09 AM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss so early-Maureen was a classmate at St. Pat's grade school. I remember she was tall, and sweet and lived nearby-I was on Rosewood, and I think she lived a few blocks away. This is a wonderful picture of her-she looks so happy and so beautiful.  
Pat Luehrs*

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**Pat Luehrs** - June 06, 2015 at 02:51 PM

KT

“ *Sincerest condolences to Maureen's family. Went to school with Ksren, knew how talent ran in the family.*

*Know there is a new star shining in the Heavens...and hopefully, the sound of waves breaking is close by.*

*Kathy Tribbey*

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**kathy tribbey** - June 05, 2015 at 11:21 PM

KS

“ I really enjoyed *Cheaper by the Dozen* (2008, CTW). We were ALL (directors and cast) one big family, thanks to Kris and Maureen for putting us all together. And I met my boyfriend while doing the show, along with many other special people. I'm so glad that I got to talk to Maureen before she died. My condolences to her family.  
-Kayla Siemers

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**Kayla Siemers** - June 05, 2015 at 03:35 PM

MM

“ Maureen was my neighbor during our childhood. Always a pretty happy soul. I am sorry for the families loss. We were not able to make it to the services but have said and will continue to keep her in our prayers. God bless her and her family. She will be missed  
Mary(Rivard)Martin

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**Mary A Martin** - June 05, 2015 at 02:41 PM

 Barry  
Lee

“ We've known Maureen and her boys for over 15 years (our younger children are the same age/same grade) and from our first meeting I sensed her caring style and calm demeanor. What a gift, considering how our very first meeting was when she hosted her younger son's birthday party to which the entire class of kids was invited!! Maureen possessed a charm that seemingly was unflappable as well as a delightful sense of humor.

*I appreciated these qualities the most when she directed the last play I was in with Kankakee Valley Theatre ("Cheaper by the Dozen"). Keeping all of us together and instilling in us a sense of family was no small feat--and she pulled it off beautifully.*

*I saw her rarely since we closed that show, but whenever I did see her out in public I was reminded all over again of these special qualities.*

*We miss her presence and cherish our memories.*

*Barry, Cindy, and Victoria (Tori) Lee*

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**Barry Lee** - June 05, 2015 at 12:13 PM

CW

“ *It's been a long time since I have seen Maureen but shared many good times with her in years past She was always upbeat and had a smile and a kind word for everyone. My sympathy to her wife Kris , her sons and the Rapier Family. Gone too soon but will live on in the hearts of all that knew her !*

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**Connie Ward** - June 05, 2015 at 08:21 AM

WS

“ *Maureen made a difference in everyone's lives she touched! She was always smiling and very loving! I am a better person for having been directed by her in Cheaper By The Dozen in 2008 at Country Theatre Workshop! And I have been totally inspired by the way she fought until the end, and she couldn't have had a better person to do that with than Kris. My heart goes out to you, Kris, and I will pray you get through this rough time right now. Love and prayers, Wendy Shelquist*

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**Wendy Shelquist** - June 04, 2015 at 11:37 PM

CD

“ *Justin and Michael, my sympathy to you and your family. Your mother was a beautiful person. I will always remember our years at St Anne Church. Lovingly, Cindy DeYoung.*

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**cindy deyoung** - June 04, 2015 at 08:39 PM

JB

“ *Maureen was my Boss at First Student, I will miss her very much. She was very nice and sweet always kept a smile on her face. I can remember her giving us our monthly meeting and she would shoke up and she would say I get so emotional some time. What I will miss most about her is her love and compassionate for family's. really miss her and the Good Lord has gain another Angels in his kingdom.*

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**joyce bynum** - June 04, 2015 at 07:12 PM

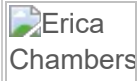
SS

“ *I remember Maureen as always smiling at Eastridge High School. She was beautiful her entire life. My sympathy to her family.*

*Sue Dahling Speed*

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**Sue Dahling Speed** - June 04, 2015 at 05:43 PM



“ I always remember your beauty the smile that lit up a room. Know I always loved with all my heart my deepest sympathy goes to your wife and children. Especially my dear cousins Michael and Justin. My her smile be the light that guides and warms you thru these upcoming dark times.



Erica Chambers - June 04, 2015 at 03:38 PM

DE

“ When I think of Maureen the first thing that comes to my mind is her big laugh. I always enjoyed her visits to our yard and remember once she came from Weiners with a white taffy bar and was eating it in front of me and I was wanting a bite so bad. As soon as I had the money I went to the store and bought me one . Still to this day when I see that candy i still think of her! Funny how you remember little things like that but remain a special thought. Wish I could have seen her in the last few years. I thank God for having known her and for heaven there will be another Evergreen Ave! My sincere condolences. Donna Hertzberg Elmore

Donna Elmore - June 04, 2015 at 03:19 PM



“ Maureen was my mentor when I first came to work at KSD#111. I will never forget her kindness to me and my family, her beautiful smile and hwr joyfilled laugh. RIP my friend. You will be greatly missed. Shirley Brittain

Shirley Brittain - June 04, 2015 at 01:06 PM

SH

“ I worked with Maureen in Dr. Kreutzer's office in 1981. She was a great teacher and friend. She sang Endless Love at my wedding in 1983. What a beautiful voice! I always think of her when I hear that song. I am sure she is already singing in Heaven's choir! My thoughts and prayers are with all of her family and friends.

*Sandy Eldred Hanna*

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**Sandy Hanna** - June 04, 2015 at 12:55 PM

DS

“ Maureen was always a classy girl that never aged every time I saw her. She will be greatly missed and loved by all her friends . There will be be many memories from high school & beyond since I knew her. David Hoffman Sr.

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**David W. Hoffman Sr.** - June 04, 2015 at 12:21 PM



“ My deepest condolences. I remember Maureen when she was a little girl.

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**Bob Schneider** - June 04, 2015 at 12:18 PM

MI

“ Ahhh, that belly laugh, your head thrown back with joy and and happiness larger than life. That is what I remember most and will miss. Then there are those piercing blue eyes with a sparkle that could light up a room. Listening and understanding to a persons deepest pain, comforting and caring...with utmost love. Your giving nature, thoughtfulness and love. The world is a better place because of you. With all my love to all of your family. ~💖~ Mika

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**Mika** - June 04, 2015 at 12:15 PM

CL

“ *Maureen has always been such a ray of sunshine! She will truly be missed by all who know and love her. Many great memories of Maureen from Kankakee schools and CTW, KVTA .*  
*Barry, Cindy and Tori Lee*

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**Cindy Lee** - June 04, 2015 at 12:01 PM

RO

“ *Kris, Justin, Michael, Alisa, Kailey, Andrew, and Ryan...Please accept my heartfelt prayers and sympathy. Maureen/Mom, Friend. ...whose smile and laughter 'lit any room with joy'...She will be and IS missed, already!*  
*Robin Shuda*



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**Robin** - June 04, 2015 at 12:01 PM



“ *To the Rapier siblings, nieces and nephews. Please know that we send the highest and best of healing love and light. We share your pain, we love you very much..* Patti O

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**Patio Tool** - June 04, 2015 at 11:49 AM

KH

“ *Kris, I am so very sorry for your loss. Please know you are all in my thoughts and prayers at this difficult time. I'm glad I had the opportunity to meet Maureen....a lovely person. Love, Kerry Hatfill*



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**KERRY HATFILL** - June 03, 2015 at 07:43 PM