



Kathryn Anne VanTil

May 17, 2020

Kathryn Anne VanTil, 80, stepped into the presence of the Lord, Sunday, May 17, 2020 at Traverse Manor Assisted Living Center in Traverse City, Michigan.

Kathryn was born in April 1940 to the late Dorothy Johanna and John Hoorn VanderWal in Grand Rapids, MI. She graduated from Grand Rapids Christian High School in 1957, continued her education at Calvin College, and earned her Master's Degree at the University of Michigan.

Kathryn married L. John VanTil, the love of her life, June 1961 subsequently living in Grand Rapids, MI and Grove City, PA then retiring to Traverse City to be near family. Kathryn was an educator, author and editor in her decades working at both Grove City High School and Grove City College. She was a very active member of Redeemer Presbyterian Church. She was well known for her love of family, generous spirit, enthusiastic teaching in the classroom, and her deep devotion to Christ and His Word.

Survivors include John; her three sons Dirk (Connie) VanTil, Seth (Bobbie) VanTil, Ethan (Heidi) VanTil; her sister, Mary Claire (William) Barton; 9 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

A service celebrating Kathryn's life will be Friday, May 29 at 3:30pm via live stream. Please join in at <http://www.rjfh.tv> by clicking on Kathryn's photo. Attendance in person is not available.

Memorial donations should be sent to: Redeemer Presbyterian Church, 402 W. Ninth St., Traverse City, MI 49684.

Comments



“ Mrs. Van Til was one of a handful of teachers at Grove City Area High School that made a huge impact on my life. Like most teenagers, I was insecure about many things. I started sharing my poetry with her and she started to read them anonymously at the beginning of her classes. That was a major boost to my confidence that has pushed me to where I am today. I was not a great student academically, but she was patient and helped me get through her class. What an inspiration. I can still smell her perfume as I walked into class, I can see her bright, red lipstick, outlined smile, as she exclaimed, "Good morning, troupies!" I'm sad that she's gone, but her influence lives on.

Matt Texter - December 21, 2020 at 10:02 AM



“ I count myself among the students blessed to have had Mrs. VanTil as a college professor at GCC. How much I learned from her and how those lessons still remain with me after so many years! Mrs. VanTil went above and beyond in her interactions with her students. I always treasured the feedback I received from her on class assignments. She even called my parents to share with them how well I was doing in her class. What college professor does that?! I owe much of who I am as a teacher to her shining example. I will treasure her strategy boxes in my classroom and her love of learning and teaching in my heart.

Becky (Whitmire) Leta
GCC Class of '02

Becky Leta - October 26, 2020 at 11:38 AM

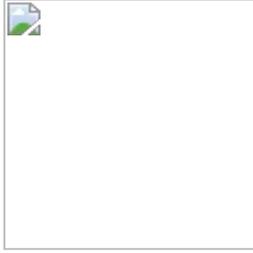


“ Mrs. VanTil was by far, one of my favorite teachers at Grove City High School. Her lively, animated teaching skills kept my attention span during the early morning, 2nd period English class in 1987-1988. To this day when I'm writing something, Kathy always comes to mind with her excellent writing skills. I still remember her beautiful sweaters she wore as well as her flavored coffee she kept at her desk everyday. She was an awesome teacher, one I'll never forget. May you RIP Mrs. VanTil. Amy Bickel VanDyke.....GCHS Class of '90.

Amy Van Dyke - May 31, 2020 at 09:23 AM



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Reynolds Jonkhoff - May 30, 2020 at 02:00 PM



“ I loved Mrs. VanTil so much. She was an amazing, intelligent and classy woman. Her whole family was lovely which is a testament to her character. I love her home too. Beautiful and with open doors, just like her. I have so many fond memories of going there for visits on my own because of many reasons like I was friends with her sons, our families went to church functions sometimes... but, honestly, it was always to get a chance to chat and spend some time with her. RIP, Mrs. VanTil. My condolences to the family.

Lidia Cornelio - May 30, 2020 at 12:04 AM



“ Mrs. VanTil was an exceptional teacher. I was fortunate to have several great English teachers in high school, but Mrs. VanTil taught me how to be a proficient writer and thinker. As an educator myself, I employ many of her techniques and strategies. I am fortunate and blessed to have had her as part of my life. I often imagined having Mrs VanTil as a guest teacher when I was still in the classroom. Although her passing is sad and painful, she made all of the lives she touched significantly better. Thank you for sharing your wife, mother, grandmother, and sibling with us. We are all better people because of her passion to educate and to help those under her charge. Transitions man, transitions.

Matt Dunkle - May 29, 2020 at 11:36 PM



“ I was a new faculty wife when I first met Kathy in 1984. My mother had told me when we moved to Grove City to find the lady with the best haircut and ask where she got it done. Kathy had the coolest haircut and sense of style of all of the faculty wives, so she was my immediate choice. When I complimented her, she laughed her infectious, warm laugh and we became friends. Ginny Seybold and I succeeded her as the ABT sorority moms. It took two of us to fill her shoes! She was always a Classy lady, a cheerleader for “her girls” and a mentor to me in my own teaching career. I will never forget Kathy calling our home when one of my children wrote an essay in her high school English class that she was so impressed with she wanted to put it in her “treasure box”. Her taking the time to do that is just one example of her going above and beyond for students. She also wrote a beautiful sympathy card in her inimitable backhand slant when we suffered a loss in our family. I am sure that she has experienced an abundant entrance into that Heavenly kingdom where there is no more sorrow or tears.

Gerri Jenny, Ed.D.

Gerri Jenny - May 29, 2020 at 09:49 PM



“ I am so sad to hear of Mrs. Van Til's passing, yet so filled with joy that she is jumping for joy before her Heavenly Father! Mrs. Van Til was truly an inspiration to me and I think of her often! Many years ago, when I was in 10th grade, she enthusiastically encouraged me in my writing abilities which fueled me to continue to enjoy writing. I can still see her getting up on her tip toes and passionately teaching writing skills to us. I talk about her and the writing skills that she taught me to my sons and to the other students that I have taught. Also that 10th grade year she gently encouraged me with loving notes, prayers, and big warm hugs to comfort me as my precious mother was enduring cancer treatments. Her lovingkindness meant so much to me. I always loved her contagious laugh that could be heard way down the hallway. Inside and outside of the classroom, her love for God and for others shone brightly. When I think of Mrs. Van Til, I can see her big smile, feel her warm hugs, hear her heartfelt laughs, and smell her perfume. :)

May the LORD comfort each one of you as you mourn and miss this very special woman of God.

Stephanie (Fleming) Coyer

Stephanie - May 29, 2020 at 04:42 PM



“ A beautiful service! So sorry current circumstances keep us from being with Kathy's family at this time. Our hearts and prayers go out to John and children, Mary Claire and Bill, and all of you experiencing this loss, but still celebrate Kathy's life and are assured that we will meet again in Heaven. Praise the Lord for the gift of Kathy's life!!!

Jerry and Sue VanderWal

Jerry and Sue Vander Wal - May 29, 2020 at 04:37 PM



“ Very sad to learn of Kathy's passing. My condolences to the VanTil family.

Eric Doerr

Eric Doerr - May 29, 2020 at 02:45 PM



“ Mrs. VanTil was my English teacher in 9th grade, and one of my favorite teachers of all time. I learned so much in her class about writing and literature, but also about life and character from her example. Her influence on my life was profound at that stage of my journey. My sincerest condolences to all her family.

Erin McLaughlin - May 29, 2020 at 02:39 PM



“ Mrs. VanTil was the bees knees! She was truly instrumental in shaping my love of reading and I still treasure many great memories of her when she was my high school English teacher. Just the other day I shared with my daughter a photocopied list of transitions she gave out in class and sang the rap song that Mrs. VanTil taught us! No doubt she is smiling up in heaven!

Erin Schleigh Lewis - May 29, 2020 at 01:56 PM



“ Mrs. VanTil, an entirely endless source of enthusiastic encouragement, called me at home to deliver positive feedback of 9th grade homework, sought me out to cheer my school paper cartoons senior year, and supported my entry to GCC. She inspired appreciation for all transitions in arts and life.

Dan Butler - May 29, 2020 at 01:12 PM



“ Mrs. VanTil was our sorority mom--always smiling and a great touchstone for good advice and direction! She radiated her faith, and I'll always remember when she would volunteer to pray before our meetings. Her prayers were humble, and they always spoke to my heart. Mrs. VanTil will always be one of those fond memories that steps forward when I think of college at GCC.

Wendy Cline - May 29, 2020 at 10:49 AM



“ Mrs. VanTil was a master at mentoring. As one of her education students, I was challenged to do my best and then improve upon my best. She taught her students to pay attention to details (because she read every detail!) and build upon our unique strengths. She willingly gave us every teaching tool she had, but her face would light up with excitement when we came up with new strategies. I will always cherish her wit and wisdom in and out of the classroom.

Katie (Britton) Koehler - May 28, 2020 at 09:24 PM



“ Kathy was such a gracious and support to me when I was involved with the youth work at Tower Church. She and John were always there when ever I needed anything. I so treasured our friendship.

Eleanore Gregg - May 28, 2020 at 06:27 PM



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“ Mrs. VanTil was one of my most influential professors. I still remember the detailed feedback she provided on my essays and her amazing enthusiasm for her subject, for teaching, and for her students. I was blessed to have her as a role model as I learned to be a teacher.

Laura Bower-Phipps
GCC '98
Professor of Curriculum & Learning in CT

Laura Bower-Phipps - May 28, 2020 at 02:24 PM



“ I am saddened to hear about Mrs. Van Til's passing. She was one of the best teachers I ever had (She was my 9th grade English teacher). She taught me how to write and the importance of personal, quality feedback. I am now a teacher and the things I learned from her have been shared with the students I have taught. Van Til family, I am very sorry for your loss. She was an amazing person who has made a lasting impact on many.

Alyson Lightner Eaglen - May 29, 2020 at 05:23 PM



“ Mrs. VanTil is the epitome of how far a teacher's reach can go, as the many memories and condolences already show. She was my advisor and one of my favorite professors at GCC, and much of who I am as a teacher today is due to her energetic and passionate influence. I can still hear her signing "You gotta take that Masterpiece & pass it around" to the tune of a South Pacific song while enthusiastically gesturing at a bunch of pre-service English teachers. My well-worn strategy box and Verbal Art book are still on my classroom bookshelf. She taught best practices and passion and compassion all by example, and I am forever grateful for her. My deepest sympathies to the family as you mourn her passing & celebrate her full and vibrant life!

Erin (Sasseville) Palazzo

GCC '05

English teacher in Shrewsbury, MA

Erin Palazzo - May 28, 2020 at 02:19 PM



“ I was a new faculty wife when I first met Kathy in 1984. My mother had told me when we moved to Grove City to find the lady with the best haircut and ask where she got it done. Kathy had the coolest haircut and sense of style of all of the faculty wives, so she was my immediate choice. When I complimented her, she laughed her infectious, warm laugh and we became friends. Ginny Seybold and I succeeded her as the ABT sorority moms. It took two of us to fill her shoes! She was always a cheerleader for “her girls” and a mentor to me in my own teaching career. I will never forget Kathy calling our home when one of my children wrote an essay in her high school English class that she was so impressed with she wanted to put it in her “treasure box”. Her taking the time to do that is just one example of her going above and beyond for students. She also wrote a beautiful sympathy card in her inimitable backhand slant when we suffered a loss in our family. I am sure that she has experienced an abundant entrance into that Heavenly kingdom where there is no more sorrow or tears.

Gerri Jenny, Ed.D.

Cranberry Township, PA

Gerri Jenny - May 28, 2020 at 02:54 PM



“ As a Grove City College student and member of the ABTs, "Mom" Van Til made each of us feel special and always remembered specific things we were doing that she could use to encourage. My friendship with her stretched over many decades from her being my GCC mom, as my professor, then one of my mentors leading to a shared love of teaching English, to later becoming colleagues in neighboring secondary schools, to working with field and student teachers that she guided at GCC, to our long friendship. As a freshman, I was impressed that a mom of boys would adopt 75-80 daughters from the college. Her tea and crumpet events in her home were so memorable. She had the coolest hairstyle in the 80s. She took time to speak individually to each of us....no favoritism! She spoke intently to everyone and was an active listener before we knew to be one. Her direct honesty was supportive and encouraging, and her laugh was a peal of energy and joy. Mom Van Til gave us the time that we needed, and her connection was heartwarming. She was gracious and humble with a steadfast faith. My sincere and heartfelt condolences to Dr. John, to Dirk, Seth, Ethan and their families, to her extended family and to all of her adopted ABT daughters.

Susan Ennis - May 28, 2020 at 01:14 PM



“ We always enjoyed spending time with John & Kathy. We all came to the college about the same time. There boys were in school with our girls.
Rest in Gods Peace.
Condolences to the family.

John& Kathleen Barr
Bradford, NH

Kathleen Barr - May 28, 2020 at 12:37 PM



“ She made learning fun. She is one of my heroes from my days at Grove city. Her famous smile and encouragement took me through many heavy days. I learned so much from her because she made learning fun. She was a blessing to every student That was privileged to have her in class. You dear lady, have an impacted many. Thank you for speaking into my life.

melinda gibson - May 28, 2020 at 12:16 PM



“ Mrs. VanTil taught me several classes at Grove City College as I prepared to become a teacher. I can honestly say that she made a huge impact on me as an educator and teacher. Her enthusiasm was infectious, and her love of her students and craft was apparent. After more than 15 years in public education, I still have my “strategy box” from her classes in my desk drawer at school. I am sorry to hear of her passing, but thankful that she is now with the Lord!

Sean O'Donnell - May 28, 2020 at 12:08 PM



“ Mrs. VanTil was among my favorite teachers in all my life. What a class act! Her enthusiasm and support was life-changing as I matured greatly as a Christian while at Grove City College. I have saved all the papers I did for her with her encouraging comments. She called me a real "Renaissance man!" I thank God for Kathryn VanTil and I look forward to our reunion in Heaven one day.

Jeff Linson - May 28, 2020 at 12:07 PM



“ The only person I ever knew who could accurately answer any English grammar question I ever put yo her. My younger son said she was by far the best teacher. At Grove City high school. Ellie Kendall

Ellie Kendall - May 28, 2020 at 11:57 AM



“ Count me among those who benefited from Mrs. Van Til's wisdom and instruction at Grove City College. I remember her enthusiasm during the 8 AM classes she taught (and which seemed super early when we were college students), the clarity with which she taught the writing process, the diverse toolbox of methods and strategies she helped us compile (and which I have passed along to my student teacher just this past year), and her smiling, cheerful demeanor even as she was demanding our best. She was kind, positive, and caring. I have now been a high school English teacher for twenty years myself, and the lessons--both caught and taught--she passed along continue to live on in my own classroom even when I am not conscious of them. My sympathies to her family, as you are no doubt missing this shining light.

Nalene Hilker - May 28, 2020 at 11:56 AM



“ I was a Freshman at Grove City College in 1984. My best friend's father, Dr. Foster, insisted that I take Mrs. VT for the required Creative Dimension Key class. Thanks to both of them. I was a Math and computer geek, and her class was a wonderful respite from all of the tech stuff.

She taught me about Melisma .. multiple notes sung to one syllable of text, demonstrated by her singing "Jesus Christ is Risen to-day-aye...".

She had us read Beowulf, for heaven's sake.... learning about "alliteration"!

She said in class that she wanted to everyone to understand "Chiaroscuro". I saw her 20 years later, brought it up, and she gave that infectious laugh that John Sparks mentioned.

She also taught us that when you're at a classical concert, you don't clap until the conductor lowers his hands. Priceless information.

The first paper I wrote for her class ... she actually called the dorm pay-phone to say she was so happy about it. All I did was follow her instructions. No praise to me at all. I only brought it up to show how her affirmation and encouragement will always be with me ...35+ years after the fact.

Absolutely delightful lady. May you rest in peace, Mrs. Van Til.

My sincere condolences to Dr. L. John Van Til, Dirk, Seth, and Ethan, and their families.

Andy Owens - May 28, 2020 at 03:48 AM



“ Mrs. Van Til was my advisor at Grove City, and she was a model of enthusiasm, professionalism, and fairness in education. She unabashedly infused her own personality into her teaching and, often by leading future English teachers in kinesthetic learning exercises to wake us up at 8AM, taught me that it's more important to maintain high expectations, effectively teach material, and be respected, than it is to be liked (i.e., to be easy). When I received handwritten reminders in my mailbox that I had missed my second or third class of the semester, it inspired me to attend because she legitimately cared, believing with confidence that my being in her class would make me a better teacher. She lives on through her enduring impact on her students, and I wish her family strength as they mourn their loss and celebrate her life.

Mike Bellini - May 27, 2020 at 09:58 AM



“Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.” Ps. 116:15. But we will miss for a short time here on earth Mrs. VanTil, Kathryn, “Mother.” Her life was “well lived” and we certainly learned a lot from her as a spiritually wise follower of the Savior, an educator, bible study teacher, a mentor, and in being a part of her family. I (Phil) first got to know her while a student at Grove City. Julie and I have spent many summer nights in Northport at the VanTil home in laughter and deep conversations where we learned so much wisdom from her. We observed the way she loved her family, “the boys”, the grandchildren, and those in her circle of friends. We will miss her smile and laugh.

Phil and Julie King

Phil and Julie King - May 26, 2020 at 09:47 PM



“ If there was ever a more encouraging teacher, I've never met them. She brought fun to the classroom, and school was a pleasure to attend while in her presence. She probably had no idea how many of her students continued to think of her fondly, even decades after attending her class. The world has lost a great teacher, and a wonderful woman.

Traci Miklos-Hacker - May 26, 2020 at 02:22 PM



“ Mrs. VanTil was my advisor and professor at GCC. She was a fierce advocate for all of us future teachers, inspiring us to observe the most effective instructional methods such as: learning students’ names on the first day, greeting students at the door each day, and remembering students’ birthdays. She was a fantastic story teller, and I recall some days when her passion caused her to teach from her tiptoes! Two decades after learning methods from her, I consciously apply what I learned from her in my classroom on a daily basis. She’s had a profound impact on me, and my classroom wouldn’t be the same without her guidance. Much love and sympathy to her friends and family.

- Melinda (Boyd) Bouch

Melinda Bouch - May 26, 2020 at 10:12 AM



“ What an incredible teacher. I learned more about writing from her in one class in high school than I think at any other time in my academic history. She was passionate, creative and made me feel like I was the only student in a class of many. I feel very fortunate to have learned from her. I will remember her most warmly and I am very sorry for your loss.

Corryn Hall - May 25, 2020 at 08:08 PM



“ Mrs. VanTil was an exemplary teacher. Her passion for teaching High School English was contagious. She had the gift of touching students that were difficult to reach. From a writing standpoint, she prepared me exceptionally well for college. On a personal note, she was one of my Mom's best friends, and a dear friend of the family. We will miss her contagious laugh and smile, her caring nature, and the joy she brought to so many. Our condolences to Dr. VanTil, Dirk, Seth, and Ethan on their Mother's passing - John Sparks

John Sparks - May 25, 2020 at 10:00 AM



“ Kathy sparked countless minds with her immitigable, indefatigable brand of passion for students, love of the arts, and service to education. Her life lives on in those she taught and touched with the love of learning. —Dr. Charles Youngs

Charles Youngs - May 24, 2020 at 11:17 PM



“ My sincere condolences to your family on the passing of Kathy. She was a lovely person who always had a smile and a genuine hello when I would run into her on gcc campus. My prayers for your family. Susan K Roberts.

susan roberts - May 24, 2020 at 06:37 PM



“ Recently, I was asked in conversation if there was anyone that I felt had been a mentor or shaping influence in my life. Immediately, I thought of Kathy, or as she had always been known to me, Mrs. VanTil. When I moved, at the age of 7, to Grove City with my family, Mrs VanTil took a nurturing interest in me, kindly buying up my handcrafted potholders one after the other (I will never know what she did with all those potholders!), stepping in with Dr. VanTil in a quick save of an anniversary dinner I invited them to for my parents, then forgot about...(the VanTils quickly went and got pizza for everyone), encouraging me, and ultimately inspiring me to be a teacher (and a well-dressed teacher!) Looking back over the last twenty-five years of my life as a professional adult, I can see that time and time again, I have sought to emulate Mrs. Vantil as both a teacher and a caring, Christian woman. She has been, and continues to be, a profound influence in my life. Praise God for her life and her legacy!

Rachel Davis

Rachel Davis - May 24, 2020 at 02:25 PM



“ Kathy was such a wonderful friend and inspiring educator--a joy to have as a colleague in the Education Department at Grove City College. She radiated a true passion for teaching and equipping teachers to make a difference in their students' lives. Kathy held her students to high standards, but more importantly, she put in the time, effort, and LOVE to help her students achieve them. She lit up the room and the world around her, and I am blessed to have known her.

Phyllis Genareo

Phyllis Genareo - May 24, 2020 at 01:43 PM



“ She was a fantastic colleague and friend to me at Grove City College. What an inspiration and encourager!! Forever grateful I knew her!

Lois Jognson - May 24, 2020 at 08:35 AM



“ Condolences from The McCarthy family.

Ben Mccarthy - May 24, 2020 at 04:39 AM



“ She was one of my favorite teachers in high school!!!! What a lovely women!!! She was one of a kind and you rarely meet a person like her let alone have teacher like her!!! She will be missed!!! So sorry that y'all are going through this loss!! Y'all are in my prayers and thoughts!!!

sarah anne wright moore - May 24, 2020 at 12:03 AM



“ My sincerest condolences to the family. Mrs. Van Til was one of my favorite teachers, I had her in 10th grade at GCHS, 1988. I was not exactly a confident student, but she was so encouraging she made you feel like you could accomplish anything. She put so much effort into grading every writing assignment, often writing an encouraging critique longer than the assignment itself. When she wrote that I was writing college level material in 10th grade, I didn't even care if it was true or not, it made me feel great and want to work even harder. I still remember her buzzing into and out of the room, always in heels, but walking on her tip toes to avoid being a distraction. I ended up being a Technical Writer and she is part of the reason for that. Rest In Peace Mrs. Van Til.

Lee Hughes - May 23, 2020 at 11:24 PM



“ Cal and I extend our sympathy to John and their family! I was a friend of Kathy since Kindergarten at Seymour Christian School. I always admired her gusto for life and of course that infectious hardy laugh! She always worked hard in the academic sphere and it certainly paid off! I definitely felt her unconditional love for us- her friend group and also for everything and everyone. We loved our visits to their Northport cottage and laughed a lot!

I will miss her!

Love and prayers ,

Evie Hollander Bosman

evie bosman - May 23, 2020 at 02:00 PM



“ So very sorry for your loss. I have fond memories of your family living on Lincoln Ave in Grove City. Prayers for your family during this difficult time.

Maureen Kearney Stalker - May 23, 2020 at 01:40 PM



“ So sorry to hear of her loss she was a wonderful person and a awesome teacher

christina miller - May 23, 2020 at 11:33 AM



“ So very sad to hear this news. She was a great encouragement. My deepest condolences to the VanTil family on their loss.

Jeffrey Sodergren - May 23, 2020 at 10:46 AM



“ Dear VanTil family we are so sorry to hear of your loss. Our prayers go out for all of you! Dan, Jody, Natalie and Andrew Veith

Jody Veith - May 23, 2020 at 08:57 AM



“ Dear VanTil family: I am so sorry for your loss. I will be thinking about you at this difficult time.

Jessica Sauer - May 23, 2020 at 08:52 AM



“ I was fortunate to know Kathy not only as a student but also a friend. She tsught with a joy that opened your heart and minds of those who were in her class. She taught me that you could achieve your dreams through hard work and deep faith. My heart is broken at the news of her passing . My prayers are with her family.

Cheryl Hindman

Cheryl Hindman - May 23, 2020 at 07:16 AM



“ I remember that Kathy never settled for anything less than an "A" in high school, even in Latin. She was rightfully and outspokenly proud of her father and he of her. Later, when she visited Manhattan, she loved the theatre. She was devout to the end, kept the faith. I regret that I did not see her and John more. Deepest sympathy.
David Fuller

David Fuller - May 23, 2020 at 01:09 AM



“ In her years at GCHS, Kathy Van Til maintained a practice of contacting parents and students to praise or encourage the students on their English projects. She continued this close contact with her GCC students. She was an encourager, as a teacher and as a friend. Heaven has gained a great Energizer bunny style lady. My prayers and sympathies are with her loved ones.

Evelyn Fields - May 22, 2020 at 11:28 PM



“ I'm so sorry for your loss. I always looked forward to my visits with Kathy. Even though I was supposed to be checking up on her, she always insisted first on hearing about me and my family. She was always smiling and clearly loved people. The world is less bright without her. Keeping your whole family in our prayers.

Joe Will - May 21, 2020 at 04:25 PM



“ I am beyond sad to hear about Kathy! I had no idea she was nearing heavens gates. I think of her as young, healthy, and vibrant. Such an open hearted person. She honored me yearly by asking me to speak to her Grove City College class of El Ed majors on the option of educating through homeschooling. What an amazing woman. I. Lost touch with her when life's trials (mine) rendered me unable to speak for her class as I battled my own health issues.

I'm so sorry for your loss. You are all in my prayers. So glad she is with Jesus.

Becky Mohr

Becky Mohr - May 21, 2020 at 03:39 PM



“ So sorry for your loss, prayers for you and your family. Greg and Sandy Somers

Sandra Somers - May 21, 2020 at 03:18 PM



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Van Seth - May 21, 2020 at 02:37 PM



“ Condolences to a lovely family. Kyle and Betsy Carr

Kyle Carr - May 21, 2020 at 02:07 PM



“ Ethan, please accept my sincere sympathy on your loss. It was great to hear of the wonderful home you grew up in and the very positive influence your Mother had on your life.
Doug Dowdy

doug dowdy - May 21, 2020 at 07:11 AM



“ Know Kathy is so glad to finally meet her savior! You will remain in our hearts- Grace (and family) Armour

Grace Armour - May 22, 2020 at 07:00 PM



“ I'm sorry for your loss. Kathy authored a writing manual that I used in a writing class. She created P.E.P.S.I. which was an excellent tool to teach writing. Kathy was always professional and so talented as a teacher. Again, my sincere condolences.

Beth Gordon

Beth Gordon - May 20, 2020 at 06:09 PM



“ Sherry Rowland lit a candle in memory of Kathryn Anne VanTil



Sherry Rowland - May 20, 2020 at 05:28 PM



“ Dear Aunt Kathy. She was such a warm and loving lady. I loved the time we spent with Mom, and Uncle John and Aunt Kathy, in different places over time. The Marine and I loved her, and will miss her very much.

Sherry Rowland - May 20, 2020 at 05:28 PM



“ I had Mrs Van Til as a teacher at Grove City High School. She was such a special woman. She never failed to make me feel like I could do anything I set my mind to! My sincere condolences to the family.

Melissa Rager - May 20, 2020 at 03:25 PM



“ Dear VanTil family, I'm sad to hear of your loss. Mrs VanTil taught my elementary Sunday school class. I couldn't have explained it then, but now I know she "delighted in me" and all the other students. Christ in her made me familiar with His character and draws me to Him still. Sincerely, Barbara (Vinton) Haizlett

Barbara Haizlett - May 22, 2020 at 08:57 PM



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Seth Van Til - May 20, 2020 at 01:12 PM



“ I am a friend of Robin Goudzwaards and I will always have fond memories of Kathy. She was always so sweet and kind. I have a special needs daughter and Kathy was always so patient and kind with her. She was a special lady. Rest in peace dear Kathy.

Dawn Jenkins (friend of Robin Goudzwaard) - May 20, 2020 at 12:13 PM



“ I worked at GCC when she was a professor. I remember her kind spirit, love and kindness. She truly was a wonderful lady. Sweet memories. May her family find comfort knowing she was so loved.

Linda Squires - May 20, 2020 at 04:30 PM



“ Aunt Kathy always remembered my birthday. I could always count on getting a gift in the mail. A fancy purse from a store up north, beautiful scarf from a unique shop. Fancy red leather gloves with fur trim. Oh how loved and spoiled I felt. Her laugh was one of a kind.
My sincere condolences to my family. Heaven gained another angel.
Much love

Robin Goudzwaard - May 20, 2020 at 12:10 PM



“ John, I am saddened to read about Kathryn leaving this world but we know she is happy with her Lord. I only knew the two of you for a short time but she always knew how to show her beautiful smile even during her tough days. Glad I had the opportunity for her to come into my life. Praying for your family. Your prior neighbor Jean Broad

Jean Broad - May 22, 2020 at 09:54 AM



“ Dear Ethan and Family,

Jack and I were saddened to read of your Mother's death.

What a legacy she has left you and your family.

We are sure that she was very proud of you and all you do to make the lives of your patients and others better.

Our condolences to you and your family.

As time goes by may her memory bring a smile to your face.

Chris and Jack

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