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Kathleen Gail (Danley) Calestini of Pawleys Island, South Carolina, passed away suddenly

but peacefully at home, just as she would have wanted. She was born in Port Jervis, New

York, to Marion (Dutton) Bond and William Bond.

Kathleen was the beloved mother of Mari-Beth Romeo Blackwell (Ian) of Charlotte, North

Carolina, and Mark Romeo of Pawleys Island, South Carolina, and a loving grandmother to

Dominic Blackwell, Brock Blackwell, and Tulley Blackwell (predeceased). Her husband

Raymond Calestini (predeceased) family; Mark Calestini, RJ Calestini, and granddaughter

Alyssa Calestini of Matamoras, Pennsylvania. Kathleen was the sister of William "Jackie"

Danley and Beth "Betsy" Kerr (predeceased), and she leaves behind many cherished

cousins, nieces, nephews, family members and dear friends.

Kathleen's early childhood was marked by the sudden loss of her father at the age of nine.

She was later blessed by the love and guidance of William "Jack" Danley, who devoted

himself to Marion and her daughter, along with William "Jackie" Danley, his son. Years later,

the family was blessed with the arrival of Beth "Betsy" Danley Kerr. From that point on,

Kathleen's life blossomed into the kind of childhood many only dream; filled with family,

friendships, and the simple joys of growing up in the 1950s.

Anyone who met Kathleen fell in love with her instantly. She was beautiful inside and out,

with a light and warmth that drew people to her. Throughout her school years, she was a

friend to everyone and often the life of the moment, while always keeping her family and

loved ones at the center of her heart.

After graduating from Delaware Valley High School, Kathleen followed her dreams to work

in New York City; an adventurous path for someone from a small town. This journey made her parents incredibly proud. Family eventually brought her back home to

Matamoras where she met John Charles Romeo. Together, they built a life surrounded by

love, family, and lifelong friendships.

Kathleen worked in the dental field before taking a bold step to start her own

employment

referral business, inspired and supported by one of her dearest friends. Later in life, she married Raymond "Sonnie" Calestini, and together they enjoyed traveling, entertaining and friends.

Her lifelong dream was to live by the beach, and in 2007 she found her paradise in Pawleys Island; a place she cherished every single day and every way-this was her happy place.

Kathleen was one of a kind, an absolute beauty, an unforgettable sense of humor, strong and sensitive; selfless in her love and unwaveringly true to be herself but always a heart of gold. She loved reading, cooking, flowers, and always making sure that everyone was ok. She will be profoundly missed by so many lives.

The family extends heartfelt gratitude to all who have shown such kindness, love, and support. Kathleen's love was our greatest blessing.

She was a devoted Catholic, faithful to God, her country, and all whom she loved.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Kathleen's memory to Saint Frances Animal Center in Georgetown, South Carolina, or to a local animal rescue, in honor of her beloved

dog, Lola. A service will be held at a later date.

Goldfinch Funeral Home- Beach Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Our sincere sympathy for the loss of your loved one. May treasured memories and earnest prayer bring comfort for family and friends at this time.*

Psalm 94:19

Kathryn - April 28 at 02:27 PM

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“ *To Mari Beth, Mark, & family, I was saddened to hear of Kate's passing. She was loved by all the neighbors on the street and she will be missed. We will miss her infectious smile and her gentle spirit. May God grant you peace and strength.*

Terry Chvala - April 23 at 11:24 PM