



Kathleen Zaccagnini

December 14, 2009

Murrells Inlet--. Kathleen J. Zaccagnini Kathleen (Kay) J. Zaccagnini, loving mother and devoted wife and former professor at Gallaudet University, passed away on Monday at her home in Murrell's Inlet, SC at age 63. She was preceded in death by her father Victor, mother Helen, and sisters Louise and Libby. She is survived by her husband Gary, her son Gary Jr. of Chicago IL and her daughter Jennifer of Boulder, CO, brother-in-law Patrick Darmody, Nephew Kevin Darmody, and nieces Colleen Randle, and Janeen Westphal. A native of Washington, D.C., Kay received undergraduate and graduate degrees from the University of North Carolina in the late 1960's. Upon graduation, she returned to the D.C. area where she lived until her retirement in 2006. Kay served the deaf community at Gallaudet University as Professor, and long-time member of the Faculty Senate. She also graciously served her community and church as a volunteer who could be counted on regardless of the task. She will always be remembered for her kindness, compassion, selflessness and determination. Her friendly personality and witty sense of humor brightened everyone's day. Funeral services will be held on Friday at 1PM, at St. Michael Catholic Church (Cypress Ave, Garden City) with Father Ray Carlo officiating. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Cemetery. Flowers and condolences may be sent to Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel, 11528 Highway 17 Bypass Murrells Inlet, SC 29576. An online guestbook is available at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com. Goldfinch Funeral Home Beach chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall



“ I am saddened to hear of Kay's death. We worked together in the Physical Ed. Department for over 10 years. She was a wonderful person and will be missed!##imported-begin##Gloria Hogan##imported-end##

December 27, 2009 at 07:40 PM



“ Dear Jen and your family, What an amazing blessing to have spent some time with your mom over the past few years. She was such a special woman with a beautiful spirit and outlook on life. That will be remembered forever by everybody she met. Much Love to all of you.##imported-begin##Holly Wiese##imported-end##

December 24, 2009 at 02:08 PM



“ Dear Jen Zac & family, I was privileged to have met Kathleen & know what an amazing woman she was. She brought happiness to all those who met her. I know that she is no longer suffering, but you all are at her loss. It brought a smile to my face to know she was a part of your wedding...how special & wonderful. You are all in my thoughts & prayers during this very sad time. God Bless, Jen Mac##imported-begin##Jen Mac##imported-end##

December 22, 2009 at 11:21 PM



“ Zach, We can only imagine what you are going through. I do remember Kay from UNC and am so glad I was able to meet both you and her again at the reunions. You are in our prayers. May your memories give you some comfort in the months to come. Candy and Don Teeter###imported-begin###Candice Teeter###imported-end##

December 22, 2009 at 09:30 AM



“ You were always a mom to us.###imported-begin###Jennifer Simpson###imported-end##

December 22, 2009 at 08:33 AM



“ Jen and family, I was sorry to hear on the death of your mother. Please remember you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Phyllis Christopher###imported-begin###Phyllis Christopher###imported-end##

December 21, 2009 at 04:07 PM



“ To the Zaccagnini Family, We are keeping you in our thoughts during this difficult time. "To live in the hearts of others is not to die." love, Beth Reece and Jamie Guthridge###imported-begin###Beth Reece###imported-end##

December 20, 2009 at 10:19 PM



“ I had the privledge of being a student of hers while I was at Gallaudet University. She was an awesome woman and am sorry for the loss of a great woman.##imported-begin##Scott Waldorf##imported-end##

December 20, 2009 at 07:32 PM



“ Jen and family, Please know that you continue to be in my thoughts and prayers. We are here for you.##imported-begin##Laura Lee (Carlson) Holmbo##imported-end##

December 19, 2009 at 08:27 PM



“ Dear Jen, Megan and I are so sorry to hear of your mothers passing but amazed at her strength and desire to be with you and Walter at your wedding. We loved visiting with your parents when they were in Boulder. You mother will be remembered as a fun, caring and generous person. Ward, Megan and Mack##imported-begin##Ward Baucscher and Megan Davis##imported-end##

December 19, 2009 at 12:12 PM



“ I had the privilege of friendship with Kay at Immaculata and reconnecting shortly before her diagnosis. I am so sorry for your loss, which I am sure is felt by many.##imported-begin##Barbara Chalker Mayberry##imported-end##

December 19, 2009 at 11:17 AM



“ Jen (and family), I am so sorry to hear that your mother passed away. How great, though, that she was able to be part of your wedding- I'm sure that meant so much to her. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers!##imported-begin##Courtney Ferguson##imported-end##

December 18, 2009 at 04:30 PM



“ Gary & Nancy, My thoughts and prayers are with you at this very sad and difficult time. Please take care of yourselves and your family. Elizabeth##imported-begin##Elizabeth Tenney##imported-end##

December 18, 2009 at 04:08 PM



“ To Kay's family members - I am so sorry to hear about the death of your loving mom, wife, and aunt. It was quite a shock to all of us and I pray God gives you the courage to bear the loss. Blessings.##imported-begin##K Rashid##imported-end##

December 18, 2009 at 03:36 PM



“ Jen, My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. Patti##imported-begin##Patti Miller##imported-end##

December 18, 2009 at 03:02 PM



“ We shared only a moment with Kay this passed weekend during Jen and walter's wedding, but it was not difficult to see how she has touched each of your lives with her strength and overwhelming courage. May you find peace in those memories. We will be holding you all in our prayers. Love, Terry, Nicole and Sean###imported-begin##Terry , Nicole, and Sean Kirby###imported-end##

December 18, 2009 at 02:38 PM



“ Her wonderful spirit will live on in each of you. May your joy return soon and your thoughts remember all that you hold dear in Kay. With Love, Ed & Beth###imported-begin##Ed & Beth Hodgens###imported-end##

December 18, 2009 at 02:22 PM



“ Dear Jen and Family: I am so sorry to hear of your loss. It is so very hard to lose someone we love and around the holidays seems to make it even more difficult. Treasure your memories and keep your Mother close to your heart. She will always be around you in spirit, surrounding you with love. My thoughts are with you, Cathy Peddie Woolrich, Inc.###imported-begin##Cathy Peddie###imported-end##

December 18, 2009 at 10:57 AM



“ To the Zaccagnini family- Diane Morton and I are completely stunned to learn about the passing of Kay "Zac". As former colleagues at Gallaudet, we always admired Kay's kindness and commitment to teaching. She will be sorely missed by many! Dr. Donalda K. Ammons Retired Professor- Spanish Dr. Diane Morton Retired Professor-School Counseling###imported-begin###Donalda Ammons###imported-end###

December 18, 2009 at 10:39 AM



“ Dearest Jen and Family, I am so sad on the loss of your wonderful dear loving mother. I wish I was there to give you a great hug. I lost my dear mother 20 years ago on Dec 12th. My thoughts and prayers are with you today and may God give you the strength and support to get thru today. Remember, Jen you have your husband and your family for support. You will always have the great memories of all the trips you and your dear mother went on. God be with you. Love and Hugs. Susan "Mama"###imported-begin###Susan Moshier###imported-end###

December 18, 2009 at 08:56 AM



“ I have had the pleasure of working with Kay at Gallaudet University before she retired. Kay was one of the kindest people I knew. She was very thoughtful and appreciative of all the work we did together. She would always give everyone little trinkets during the holidays and never forgot an important event you shared with her. She will be missed! My thoughts and prayers go to her family. Rest in peace Kay, I love you!###imported-begin###Jacquelyn Lally###imported-end###

December 18, 2009 at 08:48 AM



“ We feel so privileged to have been near her and be part of her daughter's wedding. We were able to experience the kindness, strength and closeness that the Zaccagnini family has towards each other and to their friends. Love and Peace to all of you, Emily and Tim###imported-begin##Tim and Emily Johnston###imported-end##

December 18, 2009 at 12:22 AM



“ Dear Gary, Jennifer and Gary, Today was a very sad day for all of us at Gallaudet. It is so hard to believe that Kay is gone. We will always remember her positive outlook, her constant smile and her thoughtfulness. I still have many of her Christmas gifts- she was a Santa at heart. She was also my secret Santa one year and every year think of her when I take out a very special Christmas mug. Jennifer, I am so glad she was able to be at your wedding. She loved you all so much. What a great, great mom, wife and friend. My love to all of you.. Cathy Andersen###imported-begin##catherine andersen###imported-end##

December 17, 2009 at 11:57 PM



“ She was such a kind, funny and sweet lady who really made the world a better place!###imported-begin##Kara Plese###imported-end##

December 17, 2009 at 11:55 PM



“ Dear Zaccagnini Family: My sincere condolences on the loss of your loving wife, mother, sister-in-law and aunt. Kay's spirit was sorely missed when she retired from Gallaudet. Her love and great heart will be missed by all of you, but may she rest ever-present in your hearts, as move through life without her beside you. I am sure, that she will always smile that witty smile of hers and put her arms around you when you need her most. Live and love as she did and remember her at her best this Christmas season.##imported-begin##Professor Janice Mitchell##imported-end##

December 17, 2009 at 10:56 PM



“ blessings to you and your family during this time...##imported-begin##Jennifer Fox##imported-end##

December 17, 2009 at 10:25 PM



“ Dear Jen, We are thinking of you and your family so much during this very difficult time. Having spent time with your mom over the years, I saw what a happy and positive person she was and can see why you had such deep respect for her. Hopefully those wonderful memories you have of her will help you get through coming days and months. Please know that you will continue to be in our prayers. We send our love to you. Liz, Alex, Sophie & Haynes##imported-begin##Elizabeth Deegan##imported-end##

December 17, 2009 at 09:58 PM



“ Gary and Family, My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. I hope you find comfort in your memories of your mother. Although I did not know her, I am sure she was a lovely lady. With deepest sympathy, Ashley East###imported-begin###Ashley East###imported-end##

December 17, 2009 at 08:49 PM



“ To Kay's family: I was a student of Kay's our last semester at Gallaudet. She was retiring; I was graduating. We were both thrilled for each other. I am so sad to hear she's gone. She was such a fun personality, and I feel honored to have known her the short time I did. A beautiful soul, indeed. May the memories stay with you always.###imported-begin###Allison###imported-end##

December 17, 2009 at 08:48 PM



“ Dear Gary and Family: Andy and I were so sorry to hear about Kay's passing. Even though we didn't know her very long, we were both so impressed with her intelligence and her ability to "never meet a stranger." She was obviously a people person and I know how much she will be missed. Andy and Sarah Damiano###imported-begin###Andy and Sarah Damiano###imported-end##

December 17, 2009 at 07:50 PM



“ Dear Jen and Zaccagnini family, My deepest condolences for the loss of such a loved and loving person. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.###imported-begin###Amy, Dale, Grady & Charlie Hubbard###imported-end##

December 17, 2009 at 06:03 PM



“ Gary: Our prayers are with you and your family in this difficult time, we know that after her courageous battle, Kay is now in a better place.##imported-begin##Al & Lorraine Gunther##imported-end##

December 17, 2009 at 06:00 PM



“ Dear Jen, Our deepest sympathies to you and your family on the loss of a fantastic woman (who, among other things, raised a terrific daughter). Please take care. Helen and Kenny##imported-begin##Helen Norton and Kenny Johnson##imported-end##

December 17, 2009 at 05:24 PM



“ Zaccagnini and family, I am really stunned about Kay's death. Kay was my former track and field coach as well as my Gallaudet instructor. She was an awesome person in many ways that I can depend on her. I thanked Kay for her support and kindness. My prayers with spirit go to your beloved family. Kay, I do miss you dearly! Love and hugs, Sandy##imported-begin##Sandy McLennon##imported-end##

December 17, 2009 at 05:19 PM



“ Kay and her beautiful family. We are very sorry for the loss. Kay was a wonderful person to work with in our department of Physical Education and Recreation. I really enjoyed working with her very much. She gave us the positive energy and motivation in teaching. We miss her dearly. My prayer and thoughts are with you all. May the peace be with you. Sarah Doleac, Assistant Professor Gallaudet University, Dept. of PE & REC###imported-begin##Sarah Doleac###imported-end##

December 17, 2009 at 04:51 PM



“ Will miss her, but will still get to hear the wonderful stories that Jen tells about her. Billy###imported-begin##Billy Hartman###imported-end##

December 17, 2009 at 04:34 PM



“ Jen, Please know that your family is in my thoughts and prayers through this difficult time!###imported-begin##Kim Wonch###imported-end##

December 17, 2009 at 04:23 PM



“ Gary and family-- I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Kay was such a sweet woman. I took her swimming class my first year at Gallaudet and remember her pleasant demeanor and the respect she showed to the students in the class. She was a class act and please know her loss is being acutely felt here at Gallaudet among those who knew her. Fred###imported-begin##Fred Weiner###imported-end##

December 17, 2009 at 04:04 PM



“ Zac and family, My condolences and prayers upon learning of Kay's passing. She was a wonderful professor and friend to many when she was at Gallaudet.##imported-begin##Steve Weiner##imported-end##

December 17, 2009 at 03:51 PM



“ To the Zaccagnini family, our deepest sympathies during your time of loss. Please know that we are here for you and our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. With love, Cathy and Adam Rongey##imported-begin##Cathy Rongey##imported-end##

December 17, 2009 at 03:50 PM



“ Dear Jen, Our sincere condolences on the passing of your Mother. I now look back and cherish the memory of our family reunion and of the great visit we had when you and your mother returned to Minnesota last year, to attend the funeral of my mother (your great-Aunt Emma). I'm sorry we will be unable to reciprocate that gesture for Kay. I remember how much I admired Kay when I was a child, with all her medals from a glorious international track and field career and how much I continued to admire her - that gentle personality, great sense of humor and her compassion for others. We will certainly miss her! Best wishes to you as the new Mrs. Beamer and for your Dad and brother, as you all work through the emotion and move forward in life, with fond memories of Kay in your heart and mind. Bob & Sharon Zelenka##imported-begin##Bob & Sharon Zelenka##imported-end##

December 17, 2009 at 03:49 PM



“ Jen, Our deepest condolences for your family's loss. Please know that you are in our thoughts. While I only met your mom once, I know she lived a full life and she raised a daughter who lives her life with integrity. Jenny and Rich Neale

December 17, 2009 at 02:57 PM



“ Gary Jan and I wanted to express our condolences on Kay's passing and to let you know we're thinking of you. Bill Carman (the neighbor from Crain West with the little black dog, Lucky).

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“ We are sorry for your loss. We all missed her when she retired from Gallaudet University. She was a great teacher. You are in our hearts and mind. Love, Sue Dept of PE and REC/Gallaudet Dance Company

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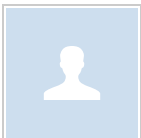
“ My condolences to all of Kay's family and freinds. I will always cherish the wonderful walks around the Gallaudet University track that Kay and I took together. We talked about work, but mostly about family and how blessed she was to have her great children Jennifer and Gary jr. and her very supportive husband, Gary. Kay was so proud of the success her children had achieved, and the fine people they had become. She continued to pray for their ongoing happiness in life. I will always remember Kay's kind heart and the friendship we shared. She has always been so supportive of me and my family.##imported-begin##Barbara Pomeroy##imported-end##

December 17, 2009 at 01:19 PM



“ What a ray of light Kay has been among us. I can still see her smile shining on us and feel her radiance. That love never leaves us. My heart is with the Zaccagnini family. May all you remembrances be filled with love and joy. I know Jen will carry on torch of maternal love for the family. Deepest condolences and all our love, Jenn & Dave##imported-begin##jenn weede##imported-end##

December 17, 2009 at 01:12 PM



“ Zack and family, I greatly admired Zack and Katie when we were in college some 40 years ago. She was a strong bright and beautiful woman. She clearly lived the rest of her life the same way. My thoughts are with you. Doug##imported-begin##Doug Love##imported-end##

December 17, 2009 at 12:57 PM



“ Dear Mr. Zaccagnini, Gary & Jen, Thinking of you all and sending thoughts of peace, comfort and love your way during this difficult time. It must have warmed Kay's heart to know that her family was expanding as both of her children had found partners to love and cherish. Stay strong for each other in the days to come. With much love, Steve, Ali and Piper Johnson (Gus, too)###imported-begin###Ali Sacash-Johnson###imported-end##

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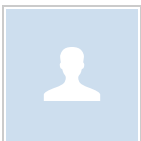
“ Dear Mr. Zaccagnini, Gary, and Jen, You are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. We will fondly remember Mrs. Zaccagnini standing on the porch of Jen's house smiling and happily chatting about how much she loved her family. With love, John, Dawn, Ryan, and Charley Martin###imported-begin###John and Dawn Martin###imported-end##

December 17, 2009 at 12:48 PM



“ We really only know Kathleen through her daughter, Jen. On that alone, she must have been a fantastic person and mom. The Kissells###imported-begin###Alan & Barbie Kissell###imported-end##

December 17, 2009 at 12:47 PM



“ She lived her life to the fullest and raised an amazing daughter. Love you Jen, Francie###imported-begin###Francie Rinder###imported-end##

December 17, 2009 at 12:46 PM



“ To live in the hearts we leave behind is not to die. --Thomas Campbell Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.##imported-begin##Tote, Justi, Caden and Carson##imported-end##

December 17, 2009 at 12:45 PM



“ Jen, We send our heart felt condolences to you on the passing of a special person your Mother. We are grateful that we had a chance to meet and enjoy your mother and understand the love you have for her. You are in our hearts and prayers during this very trying time for you and also Walter... With love and respect we send to you our prayers... Jack and Kiefer...##imported-begin##Jack and Kiefer Thompson##imported-end##

December 17, 2009 at 12:29 PM



“ Jen, Gary and the Zaccagnini Family, I am so sorry of the loss of Kay. I am thankful to have had the opportunity to meet her last week and see her glow when Jen walked down the aisle. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Dave##imported-begin##David Levine##imported-end##

December 17, 2009 at 12:27 PM



“ Jen, I wanted to let you know that I'm thinking a ton about you right now. Hope to see you soon.. Megan##imported-begin##Megan Phares##imported-end##

December 17, 2009 at 12:21 PM



“ JenZac, Maggie, Callahan, Doyle, McMillen and I have great memories of your mother for the day we spent with her in Alexandria. We are lucky to have known her for her smile and frindship of that day spent together. God Bless your mother, Matt###imported-begin##Judge Family###imported-end##

December 17, 2009 at 12:18 PM



“ Dear Jen and Zaccagnini family, We are so sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts. Steph and Mike###imported-begin##Stephanie Wilson and Mike Alamilla###imported-end##

December 17, 2009 at 12:16 PM



“ Jen, Steve and I are so sorry for the loss of your beloved mom. She was a great lady and I have wonderful memories of meeting her. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Love, Kerrie Gross###imported-begin##Kerrie Gross###imported-end##

December 17, 2009 at 12:10 PM



“ To The Zaccagnini, My love to you all. I am so grateful I got to see and touch the beautiful Mrs. Kay Zaccagnini this past weekend at Jen's wedding. I will always cherish the wonderful memories I have of her. Love and Bisous, Lori As you comprehend this profound loss, let yourself cry knowing each tear is a note of love rising to the heavens... Author Unknown###imported-begin##Lori Kashman###imported-end##

December 17, 2009 at 11:51 AM



“ Jen, I am so sorry for your loss. I know how special your mom was and how close you two were.....you are so lucky to have had that.I hope in time your memories will help to heal you. My prayers are with you and your family. Kris Fanberg###imported-begin###Kristin Fanberg###imported-end##

December 17, 2009 at 11:42 AM



“ I'm so sorry for our loss. Kay was a fine lady and will be missed.###imported-begin###Jimmy Hart###imported-end##

December 17, 2009 at 11:36 AM



“ Jen, I am so sorry for your loss but I know she is smiling down on you and your family!###imported-begin###Lisa K Young###imported-end##

December 17, 2009 at 11:34 AM



“ Jen and Family, It's hard to understand why people are taken from us, but find comfort in knowing you were a special part of such a well-lived life. An ear to listen A hand to hold A heart to share A friend who cares. Don't hesitate to call. Love, Aunt Carol and Uncle Tommy###imported-begin###Carol and Tommy Diaz###imported-end##

December 17, 2009 at 11:32 AM



“ Jen, Gary Jr. and Mr. Zaccagnini, You are in our thoughts and prayers. It was so special to spend a memorable wedding weekend with you. I'm sure it brought your Mom great joy to see you so happy, Jen, and to know you've found someone wonderful to share your life with. Your Mom was an angel on earth and now in heaven. Love to you all, Sarah Bracken & Dan Kozlowski###imported-begin##Sarah Bracken###imported-end##

December 17, 2009 at 11:31 AM



“ Gary, Jen and family, You are all in my thoughts and prayers. Sending you love and light. Love, Jeanette###imported-begin##Jeanette Scotti###imported-end##

December 17, 2009 at 11:28 AM



“ Gary and Family, Mary Pat and I are saddened to learn of Kay's death. While we were only honored a brief time to know Kay she is a member of our fraternity family. Please know that you and the family are in our prayers. Rest well Kay. God Bless, Roger & Mary Pat Harrell###imported-begin##Roger Harrell###imported-end##

December 17, 2009 at 10:53 AM



“ Gary and Family, Donna and I both are deeply saddened to hear of Kay's passing. I am sorry that we will not be able to attend Kay's service, but please know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Erskine and Donna Neel###imported-begin##Erskine and Donna Neel###imported-end##

December 17, 2009 at 09:31 AM



“ Gary and Family I know this time is most difficult for you. Kay was a super person, wife and mother and will be missed very much. You are in my heart and prayers for Gods help to find comfort and peace. Many people have been fortunate to have known Kay and we will miss her very much too.##imported-begin##CHARLES W. BROWN##imported-end##

December 17, 2009 at 09:02 AM



“ I am saddened by our loss, but grateful for having known her. Grief is the price we pay for love, and she will be missed. I am at your family's service for whatever is needed.##imported-begin##Kirk Laneve##imported-end##

December 16, 2009 at 07:15 PM



“ Gary and family, Kay was a wonderful lady and we enjoyed our time together over the last several years. You remain in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Love, Jan and Keith McCombs##imported-begin##Keith and Jan McCombs##imported-end##

December 16, 2009 at 06:05 PM



“ Jen and family, I am very sorry to hear about your Mom. I know she was such an important part of so many lives and will be greatly missed. You will be in our thoughts and prayers. Cathy and Josh##imported-begin##Cathy and Josh Shoenfeld##imported-end##

December 16, 2009 at 05:11 PM



“ Gary, Please know you and family are in our thoughts and prayers. George and Rose Mills##imported-begin##George and Rose Mills##imported-end##

December 16, 2009 at 04:54 PM



“ Momma Kay I can't believe it's been 40 years since I last saw you. I am sure you and Zac had a wonderful life together. You certainly deserved it. Sleep well, Mom##imported-begin##John Burns##imported-end##

December 16, 2009 at 03:57 PM



“ Gary, Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your kids during this difficult time. Jerry & Lynn Saunders##imported-begin##Jerry Saunders##imported-end##

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