



Mary Kathleen Ann Farrell Dauscher

May 7, 1945 - July 24, 2025

Mary Kathleen Ann Farrell Dauscher, a beloved wife, mother, teacher, and joyful spirit passed away in The Villages, FL on July 24, 2025 at the age of 80. With a heart full of stories and a soul moved by rhythm, Kathleen dedicated her life to igniting the imaginations of others.

Born on May 7, 1945 in Carbondale, PA, Kathleen was the daughter of James and Catherine (Gillen) Farrell. After graduating from St Rose High School, Kathleen attended both Misericordia and Marywood Universities for her undergraduate studies, and later earned her Master's degree from Lehigh University.

Kathleen was a traveler at heart. After marrying her husband Timothy in 1970, they began their lifelong adventures together with a roadtrip across the United States, a move to Hawaii, and volunteer work with the Peace Corps in Micronesia. Later in life, they enjoyed numerous trips to Europe, with Spain becoming one of their favorite destinations. Together they explored the world, chasing sunsets and collecting memories, with Kathleen sharing her joy with everyone she met.

A lifelong writer and lover of books, especially the whimsical worlds of magical realism, Kathleen believed that wonder could be found in the everyday, and magic was often just a page or conversation away. Kathleen taught

elementary school in the Salisbury Township School District for 35 years and in her classroom, she nurtured creativity, encouraged curiosity, and inspired countless students to find their own voice. Her students were lucky to have not just a teacher, but a sincere believer in their potential. Kathleen made learning feel like an adventure, and gave her students permission to dream.

Outside the classroom, Kathleen danced through life and one of her greatest gifts was her ability to connect with others and turn strangers into friends. Whether through a kind word, a shared laugh, or a spontaneous dance, she made those around her feel seen, understood, and uplifted. Kathleen was joy in motion, and the world is brighter for having known her.

Kathleen is survived by her devoted husband of 55 years Timothy and their cherished daughter Erin, her adored brother Thomas Farrell and his wife Ann, her three nephews, and her sister-in-law Lynne Sweden.

A private memorial will be held by Kathleen's family. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation in her honor.

Tribute Wall

TM

“ *The Goldens Tim, Jim, Colleen, & Megan purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mary Kathleen Ann Farrell Dauscher.*



The Goldens Tim, Jim, Colleen, & Megan - August 11, 2025 at 03:59 PM

TM

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The Goldens Tim, Jim, Colleen, & Megan - August 11, 2025 at 03:59 PM

JK

“ *We only met 5 years ago but immediately found we had a PA connection with our family from Carbondale and Scranton. We enjoyed Kathleen's sense of humor and smile. Beautiful lady, rest in peace Carbondale.*

JOANNE M KAYS - August 03, 2025 at 02:29 PM

NA

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Neil and Ann - August 02, 2025 at 02:00 PM

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Neil and Ann - August 02, 2025 at 02:00 PM



“ I will always cherish the memories of having you as my teacher at western Salisbury elementary school. You impacted me in so many ways that I carry with today and try to spread to my kids. You will live on within us all because of the amazing spirit you carried. You opened my mind to poetry, writing, feeling music and appreciating creativity in anyway it makes you happy. I will always remember you, the world lost an amazing light that helped so many of us shine. Thank you for being you and teaching us so much.

Liz Blaukovitch - August 02, 2025 at 10:32 AM

SL

“ Dear Tim, Erin and Lynne,
Everything in her obit is just as I also experienced your lovely wife, mother and sister-in-law. My sincere condolences in your loss. I know you will never run out of sweet, funny and joyous memories of your time together. Much love,
Cousin Sally Luckenbach

Sally Luckenbach - August 01, 2025 at 09:54 AM

TM

“ My most spirited cousin.... Kathy always put a smile on my face whenever she popped into my thoughts. She was truly a very special person. I am so sorry for your loss Tim and Erin.

Tammy Mancuso - July 31, 2025 at 11:21 AM

VM

“ Oh, my sweet joyful fourth grade teacher at Washington Elementary. How ironic that I was just thinking about her the other day. She was the one that enthusiastically taught us about this great Alaska Pipeline that was being built. Why I remembered that, I don't know, but now I live just 3 miles down the road from it. It makes me think of her the numerous times I drive past it. She was a treasure. I also remember her talking so fondly about her husband, Tim, and planning the Peace Corp trip. She truly made the world a better place. ♡♡

Vicky Mitchell - July 29, 2025 at 09:22 PM



“ Everyone's comments have "said it all" about this cherished lady, who I have known and loved since kindergarten. Her spirit and soul will be forever etched in our hearts. She finally gets to "see" Jimmy again. Always love to Tim and Erin.



Judy Thompson - July 29, 2025 at 11:29 AM

JS

“ Tim and Erin, I am so sorry for your loss. Kathy was a very special person and she will be missed by so many. We had so much fun together when I would come down to visit my sister Mary Ellen in PA. I'll miss the poems she posted on Facebook. She was certainly one of a kind. May she rest in paradise and continue to bring blessings to us all. Jude Sonder

Jude Sonder - July 29, 2025 at 08:38 AM

SN

“ I met Kathy in writing groups when I first moved to The Villages, nearly 20 years ago. Always loved her outgoing spirit and enthusiasm for life. She was a hugger so always shared her warmth as well. I only recall that one day she wore a very bright necklace (she and I both loved color) that curled around the neck, and I admired it. The next time I saw her, she gave me one: either hers or another just like it! I still have it & think of her each time I wear it, for her generosity and kindness. She really gave a piece of herself and I will cherish it! Condolences to her family, whom she adored. Sandi Newmark

Sandi Newmark - July 29, 2025 at 12:17 AM

NR

“ I thank God that I was one of the possibly thousands who was touched by Kathleen's joyous spirit. We met as teachers of 4th graders at Harry S. Truman Elementary in the 1970's & shared 4 wondrous years working together as a team with Bill Debelak and Mary Forte'. Mrs. Dauscher's love for the children was so evident, and she definitely was always singing & dancing. Many years passed until we met up again in The Villages, FL. She became a life-line for me as we met weekly at the Barnes & Noble on the old green chairs, talking & sharing with each other & with anyone else who was there. No one was a stranger to Kathleen. She certainly kept me & others laughing & feeling like each one of us was the most important person in the world. Our hearts go out to Timmie, whom she adored & who cared for her so selflessly; to Erin, her beautiful & treasured daughter; & to Tom, who never stopped being her beloved "little brother." "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted." Matthew 5:4 We pray for all who mourn; & for Kathleen to be dancing in heaven with Jesus & loved ones who have gone on before her. Rest in Peace, dear friend. I am surley missing you.



Nancy & Freddy Robertson - July 28, 2025 at 05:22 PM



“ Mrs. Launcher was the best teacher in the world. As a kid, I thought she was an angel come down to Earth. Maybe I was right.

Megan McGrail - July 28, 2025 at 05:05 PM



Melissa
O'Rourke

“  *In Loving Memory of Kathleen* 

*Kathleen always had a way of making me smile.
Her joy was genuine — the kind that you felt just by being near her.
She had such a happy, lighthearted spirit, and she shared it so
effortlessly.*

*It's hard to put into words how much that meant, but I know her
kindness and laughter touched many hearts, including mine.
She will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered.*

Rest in peace, Kathleen. Your light lives on in all of us.

Melissa O'Rourke - July 28, 2025 at 04:55 PM

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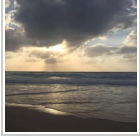
“ *Mrs. Dauscher was my 3rd grade teacher. I forever remember her
warmth and core memories such as This Old Heart of Mine by The
Isley Brothers, Dreams by Langston Hughes and her science
experiments. She was a lifelong inspiration to me and made this
planet a better place.*

Chris - July 28, 2025 at 03:04 PM



“ *She was my teacher in 1994 when I was in 4th grade. I remember
her teaching us the Pennsylvania state anthem, her turning on the
TV for the OJ Simpson bronco chase and playing Snoop dogg on
MTV. What a great teacher and a free spirit*

Nick Hazleton - July 28, 2025 at 02:23 PM



“ Mrs. Daucsher was my teacher in 1st grade- some 40 years ago. She was always so loving, kind and caring. I loved going to school because of her. She would always have us sing a song when someone was absent- I taught it to my whole family growing up. If we were sad in class, she'd allow us to sit with the ET stuffed animal that she had in the classroom until we were happier. She was a great woman and we still kept in touch via Facebook all of these years later. A great woman, she will be missed. To her family and friends- I pray that God gives you strength during this difficult time. So sorry for your loss.

Reem Eid - July 28, 2025 at 02:15 PM

ST

I met her when she was a teacher at Ben Franklin School in Binghamton New York. She wasn't a teacher of mine but we became friends through that one year she was teaching there. My heart is broken 💔 loved her and she will be missed. Deeply sorry for your loss
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Steven Taylor - July 28, 2025 at 04:01 PM

BM

“ Kathleen and Tim bought my house in the Villages so many years ago. I loved her immediately and did keep in touch throughout the years. She certainly was friendly and fun. Her love for Erin and Tim was full and unwavering. I will miss her laughter. sending My deepest sympathies to her family and friends

Barb McGonagle - July 28, 2025 at 02:05 PM

MB

“ My sincere condolences on your loss. I knew “Mary Kate” from my time as the supervisor of the Belvedere library. How she brightened our days with her laughter and stories. She will be missed but her spirit will never be dimmed. ❤️

Marsha Brinson - July 28, 2025 at 02:02 PM

BS

“ Tim, Erin, and family, I am so sorry for your loss. Kathy was a force! I first met her as a student teacher and found that we had so many things in common besides a love for teaching. She inspired me to be a passionate teacher, to bring my genuine, authentic personality to my classroom. I will miss her dearly. I loved, too, her passion for poetry.
You are in my thoughts and prayers.
Brenda Shahpari

Brenda Shahpari - July 28, 2025 at 01:44 PM

GR

“ Kathleen was our dear sweet friend and neighbor for close to 20 years. She was always friendly, loved everyone she met and the life of any party! While she was faced with many health problems throughout the last several years, she faced each one with Grace, a smile on her face and determination. God Bless her. She is now out of pain and dancing with the angels above. God Bless you dear sweet friend, you will be so missed. Love, Gail & Terry Robinson

Gail Robinson - July 28, 2025 at 01:39 PM



“ I'm deeply saddened to hear this news. Kathleen was a radiant presence, filled with life, joy, wonder, and an insatiable intellectual curiosity. She was a beloved regular at the Salon Speaker Series at Beacon College, and my team and I cherished every moment she shared with us. Her warmth and spirit enriched our gatherings in ways that won't be forgotten. You will be missed, Kathleen. Rest well. Love, Darryl E. Owens

Darryl Owens - July 28, 2025 at 01:35 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear this. I met this wonderful lady on a bus trip to New Orleans and we became instant friends. We had the best time laughing like school girls.

Rhonda - July 28, 2025 at 01:25 PM



Sorry for your loss. She was a beautiful person who my children had the privilege of having in Salisbury district.

Gwen - July 29, 2025 at 03:32 PM



Tim,

Please accept my sincere condolences on Kathleen's passing. Always enjoyed being in her company. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Terry Flejzor

Terry Flejzor - August 07, 2025 at 04:22 PM