



## Kathleen Kovach

June 16, 2025

Kathleen Burke Kovach, age 71, of Monroeville, went to be with the Lord on June 16, 2025 after a courageous 2 year battle with cancer. She is survived by her loving husband of 20 years, Jerry Kovach. She was preceded in death by her parents, Opal Mae (Shinn) and step father, Paul Klass. Beloved mother of Natalie (Victor) Cianca and Caitlin Bail (Rene Rios). Beloved sister of Bridget Backs. Step Mother of Kathleen Kovach, Renee (Michael) Boyd, and Jerry John (Kelly) Kovach. Grandmother of Elijah Walton, Tieran Cianca, Cole Kovach, Kiersten Newnam, and Garrett Boyd. Great grandmother of Rex and Troy Newnam. Aunt of Kristen, Jennifer, Mia, Charlotte, Sarah, Nolan, and numerous cousins.

Kathleen was born in Columbus, Ohio, and a graduate of South Park High School. Kathleen was a very talented dancer from a young age, studying ballet, tap, and twirling with the World Champion Modernettes. She was a ballroom dancer and a teacher at Arthur Murray and, along with her husband Jerry, she was the co-director of Swing Pittsburgh, and annual national swing dance convention. She and Jerry distinguished themselves as competitive Carolina Shag dancers. Kathleen also obtained her LPN and worked in various hospital and senior care communities. She was a master crafter in many mediums, including jewelry making, wreath making, crocheting, and many others. We will forever taste her legendary macaroni salad. Her life was centered around her faith in God and her family.

There will be no public visitation. Everyone is welcomed to attend a Mass of

Christian Burial at 11 AM, on Friday, June 20, 2025, at Christ the Divine Shepherd Parish at Saint Bernadette Church. Entombment to follow at Good Shepherd Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations in her name may be made to the American Cancer Society at [www.donate.cancer.org](http://www.donate.cancer.org). Arrangements entrusted to GENE H. CORL FUNERAL CHAPEL INC. AND CREMATION SERVICES OF MONROEVILLE, 4335 Northern Pike (412-372-2100).

# Cemetery Details

## Good Shepherd Cemetery

733 Patton St.  
Monroeville, PA 15146

# Previous Events

## Mass of Christian Burial

JUN 20. 11:00 AM (ET)

Christ the Divine Shepherd Parish at St. Bernadette Church  
245 Azalea Drive  
Monroeville, PA 15146

# Tribute Wall

DD

“ Jerry, I'm so sorry for your loss. So many will miss Kathleen's beautiful soul. Without saying a word, she could light up a room. What a wonderful gift that was. Dawn

Dawn DePasquale - June 24, 2025 at 03:31 PM

RL

“ Jerry, I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Kathleen. I am Mary Ann Busch's sister Regina. If I was in the same room as Kathleen she would always find me and give me a big hug. She was a beautiful lady inside and out. She will be missed💔

Regina Leccia - June 20, 2025 at 09:57 AM

RK

“ RIP. God bless. Rick

Rick Kohler - June 19, 2025 at 01:21 PM

TP

“ Never got to drive a Porsche but I did get to dance with the sweet, kind, and vivacious Kathleen. Always a Lady and a spunky one at that! The world lost some needed warmth and brightness at her passing. But I think we are comforted in the knowledge that she loved the Lord and will surely rest in His loving arms. Joan and I extend our deepest sympathies to Jerry and their combined families.

Tim and Joan Petty - June 18, 2025 at 04:04 PM

RP

*Deepest condolences. Jerry and Kathleen introduced me to dancing about 3 yrs ago. They were teaching me at their apartment complex, after my wifes sudden death. They were kind and compassionate. Kathleen and I would dance East Coast Swing. I had a lot to learn. They were patient. Kathleen and I would talk at the Palisades dances also. I was diagnosed with lymphoma. So we'd talk about our treatments. Kathleen you have been my prayers ever since you told me. I'm truly sorry for the loss, Jerry and the family you'll be in my prayers. I'd like to be at the mass Friday however I'm getting bloodwork done for my lymphoma then.*

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**Robert Pescatore** - June 19, 2025 at 01:07 PM

CS

*Well said!*

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**Carolanne Shultz** - June 20, 2025 at 08:56 AM

JD

*jerry,,, Tommi and I send to you our deepest sympathies,, watched you and Kathleen dance many times and at many dances ,you two danced marvelously together,,she was a very upbeat person and had a smile that just lit her up..i can` t imagine how you must feel at your loss..she will be missed by all,,,,,Joe Donato andTommi Kiggins*

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**joe donato** - July 18, 2025 at 04:47 AM