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*KATHLEEN M. SCHIPPERS (1953-2022)*  
*LdM Class of 1971*

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*Arlington Heights, IL – October 14, 2022*

Kathleen M. Schippers, beloved wife, mother and grandmother, passed away on Oct. 12, 2022 at age 69. She was a resident of Arlington Heights, IL and Lodi, WI.

Kate was born on Aug. 26, 1953, in Chicago to David P. Schippers and Jacquelin Schippers (nee Liataud), the eldest of 10 children. Growing up in Chicago and Northbrook, IL, Kate was the “mother duckling” to her four sisters and five brothers.

Kate received a bachelor’s degree in English literature from George Washington University and a master’s degree in education from Marian University in Fond du Lac, WI. She worked for more than 14 years with Deerfield Public Schools District 109, as a library information specialist.

Kate was known for her love of children and reading. She had a gift for bringing books to life, and her amazingly expressive read-alouds were enjoyed by hundreds of children over the years. She was a positive influence to countless students, with many becoming avid readers themselves.

Kate’s children and grandchildren were her biggest joy. She was a great supporter to family members, assuring them they could achieve anything they wanted to accomplish. Kate will be remembered for her hearty laugh and her love and acceptance for all.

Kate was preceded in death by her parents and brother, the Hon. Thomas M. Schippers.

She is survived by her husband, Michael Batka; children James TeWinkle, William (Nicole) TeWinkle and Lydia (Will) Phelps; and stepchildren Sarah (Blake) Stegeman and Christie Batka (Paul Kopp). Her grandchildren are William and Nicole’s children, Annabelle, Flora, and Lennox; and Sarah and Blake’s children, Autumn, Eleanor, and Luke.

Kate is also survived by her siblings: David Schippers III (Pat Connor); Antoinette “Tiyi” Schippers (David Bunce); Ann Schippers Winter (Bob Winter); Colleen Schippers Margolis (Lou Margolis); Kevin Schippers (Beth Hunter); Dr. Mary (Mimi) Schippers; Patrick Schippers (Trisha); Peter Schippers (Dr. Laura Taylor); Thomas’ wife Carol; and an abundance of nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews. She is also survived by “auxiliary siblings,” her cousins Joe Lyons and Judy Liataud.

A visitation is scheduled for Monday, October 17, 2022 at Strang Funeral Chapel & Crematorium 410 E. Belvidere Rd. Grayslake, IL 60030 from 10:00am until 12:00pm. A funeral mass is scheduled for Monday, October 17, 2022 at 12:00pm St. Gilbert Catholic Church 301 E. Belvidere Rd. Grayslake, IL 60030. Interment will be held privately. For more information log onto [www.strangfuneral.org](http://www.strangfuneral.org) or contact (847)223-8122.