



## Rev. Kathryn A. Reitz

June 19, 1949 - January 11, 2021

Reverend Kathryn A. Reitz, 71, of Sligo, passed away on Monday, January 11, 2021 at the Butler Memorial Hospital.

She was born on June 19, 1949 in Sligo; daughter of the late Paul and Elsie Pago.

Kathryn graduated from Union High School. She then received her Beautician license from the Kittanning Beauty Academy and also obtained a Pastor Degree from Course of Study in Delaware, Ohio.

She pastored at the United Methodist Church in Sligo and also in East Brady. Kathryn enjoyed shopping, spending time with her grandchildren, and her dogs, Sam, Sadie, and Jobe.

She is survived by her son, John Reitz of Clarion; her daughter, Sabrena Smith and her husband, Barry, of Mechanicsville; five grandchildren, Katlyn Walton and his wife, Laesha of Strattanville, Alex Green of New Jersey, Nickalas Hawk and his girlfriend, Lauren Dengler, of Clarion, Emma Reitz of Erie, and Danielle Hawk of Mechanicsville; and six great grandchildren, Lamora, Lunden, Keira, Khloe, Alexander, and Amari.

Kathryn is also survived by her sisters, Marsha Radaker and her husband, Ken, of North Carolina, Audrey Renier and her husband, Carl, of Strattanville, and Doris Wonderling and her husband, John, of Summerville; a brother-in-law, Clair Kitchen of Sligo; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Paul Pago, Jr. and Homer Pago; a sister, Gretta Kitchen; and her dog, Jobe.

The family will receive friends from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Thursday, January 14, 2021 at the Robert V. Burns Funeral Home in Clarion.

Due to Governor Wolf's mandate, we are only permitted to have 10 people in the building at a time. Please limit your stay inside during visitation so we can accommodate all who want to pay their respects. We also recommend everyone follow CDC guidelines.

Private funeral services will be held on Friday, January 15, 2021 in the funeral home with Rev. Carol Brown, pastor of the Monroe Chapel Methodist Church in Sligo.

Live streaming of the funeral will begin at 11 a.m. View the service via our facebook page at Burns Funeral Homes.

Interment will follow in the Cedarview Memorial Park in Strattanville.

In lieu of flowers, Memorials or donations can be made in Kathryn's name to the United Methodist Church, 506 Penn Street, Sligo, PA 16255.

# Cemetery Details

## Cedarview Memorial Park

1923 Fisher Road  
Strattanville, PA 16258

# Previous Events

## Viewing

**JAN 14.** 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Robert V. Burns Funeral Home  
638 Wood Street  
Clarion, PA 16214  
(814) 226-6300  
<https://www.rvburnsfuneralhome.com>

## Private Service

**JAN 15.** 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Robert V Burns Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Rev. Kathryn A. Reitz*



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**Robert V Burns Funeral Home** - January 13, 2021 at 05:46 PM

JB

*To one of the Dearest Friends we ever had, Love and miss you so much ❤️*

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**janice boyle** - January 14, 2021 at 04:52 PM

LC

*Pastor Kate responded to God's call on her life and was a blessing everywhere she went. She will be sorely missed. I have a special book on my piano, hymns and the stories behind the writing of the particular song, a gift from Pastor Kate. She knew how to touch one's heart with kindness and thoughtfulness. Sending my love and prayers to her family.  
Lydia Crooks*

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**Lydia Crooks** - January 15, 2021 at 11:03 AM

GW

“ My favorite memory of Kate involved her impish sense of humor. We were dining and then shopping in Cranberry Township when she slipped a pair of shiny neon pink stack stilettos under a garment in my cart. When I unloaded my purchases at the cash register, it revealed the shocking shoes, and I reacted with surprise thinking that another shopper had momentarily mistaken my cart for her own. That was, until Kate said, "I think they're perfect for you. You should just buy them," and I realized she had pranked me. "And you call yourself a minister," I jokingly scolded. I had the clerk them put back.

*Kate knew how to love. She know how to appreciate life. Kate had spark. She never overwhelmed a room, but she did make it brighter with her presence. She will be deeply missed until we all meet again.*

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**Gayle Wright** - January 15, 2021 at 09:30 PM

JM

“ Kate was one of the best friends I could ever have and I was lucky to have that friendship for 65 years! Your conversations and smiles will be missed! Fly high my friend!

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**janis Martin** - January 15, 2021 at 05:21 PM

LT

“ I will always remember Kate for the love that just oozed from her, for Jesus and for all of us in her "flock". There were no handshakes after her services - even from the very first day she gave all of us a huge hug to send us into our week. A very special person.

*Leann Trimbur*

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**LEANN TRIMBUR** - January 15, 2021 at 04:18 PM

LB

“ *Pastor Kate was such a sweet, kind, loving and caring person. She would help anyone she could. I attended Boyers Methodist church when she was the pastor there and she will always be one of my favorite pastors!!! Keeping all her family in my thoughts and prayers. You were very blessed to have her as a mother, grandmother or great-grandmother.* ”



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**Linda Butcherine** - January 14, 2021 at 07:18 PM

DS

“ *So sorry for your loss. She will be missed. Hugs and prayers. From the Scholl family* ”

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**Debra Schill** - January 14, 2021 at 06:56 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rev. Kathryn A. Reitz.* ”



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January 14, 2021 at 04:17 PM

JR

“ *To all Pastor Kate's family...Don and I would like to extend our sympathy to you. We are from the Boyers church where Kate pastored a few years back. She always shared stories of family members and we knew about her love for each of you. May your good memories carry you through this difficult time.* ”

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**Jan Rider** - January 14, 2021 at 01:00 PM

BP

“ Beverly Butler Pipher lit a candle in memory of Rev. Kathryn A. Reitz



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PW

“ I went to a church one day, Pastor Kate was there. I do not remember her message, but I will never forget the hug she gave me afterwards. We were best friends from that moment on. So many late night calls, lunch dates at our favorite Chinese restaurant, horseback riding on my birthday were enjoyed in fellowship sweet. She loved talking, talking about all her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, her dogs, Sam and Sadie, and Jesus. She will be missed for sure. God bless, Pam from Parker, Pa.

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**Pamela Walter** - January 14, 2021 at 09:02 AM

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“ Friends at Eau Claire UMC purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White for the family of Rev. Kathryn A. Reitz.



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**Friends at Eau Claire UMC** - January 13, 2021 at 10:13 PM



“ Classic Sympathy Basket Arrangement was purchased for the family of Rev. Kathryn A. Reitz.



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January 13, 2021 at 09:52 PM

PW

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*She loved to talk, talk about all her grandchildren, great-grandchildren, her dogs and Jesus. She will be missed by all who knew her and loved her.*

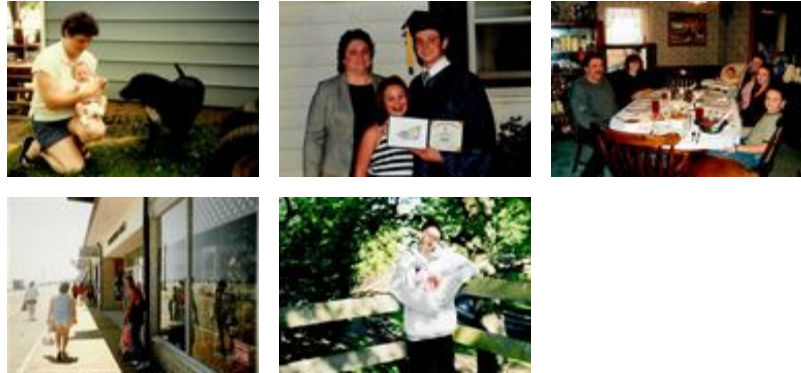
*God bless you,  
Pam from Parker, Pa.*

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**Pam Walter** - January 13, 2021 at 09:40 PM



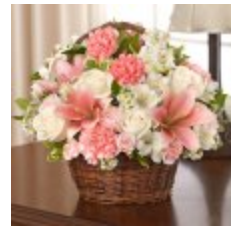
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Robert V Burns Funeral Home - January 13, 2021 at 05:47 PM



“ Chuck (Punky), Sarah, and Cierra Kitchen purchased the Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Pink and White for the family of Rev. Kathryn A. Reitz.



Chuck (Punky), Sarah, and Cierra Kitchen - January 12, 2021 at 09:13 PM



“ I worked with Kate at the Leader Vindicator. She was a sweet lady. My condolences to her family.

Mary Craig - January 12, 2021 at 04:23 PM



SHE did Joan Peters service and the family really liked her the Peters family sends thier condolences to her family

dave - January 13, 2021 at 11:46 AM

RL

*I went to school first through twelfth grade with Kathryn. She was such a nice person. I am so sorry to hear of her passing. My condolences to her family.*

**Rhonda Lewis** - January 13, 2021 at 03:37 PM

MR

*Due to the Corona virus, my family and I will not be able to attend the funeral for my sister Kate. Condolences to the rest of the family. Kate can now put her stress and worries aside and rest in peace. Marcia Radaker*

**Marcia Radaker** - January 13, 2021 at 04:44 PM

JK

*Kate had brought me closer to the Good Lord, than anyone in my whole life!!! I loved her for giving me that experience!! She is now with God in heaven Who will keep her in His hand and close to His Heart!!! God Bless all of you!! Love John Karaba*

**John Karaba** - January 14, 2021 at 09:45 PM

KD

*Kate was a special blessing to Tom & I, when he was going through his surgery, & a total inspiration to Tom, Tommy & I....Our deepest sympathy to all of the family....Love & God bless!!! ❤️🙏*

**Kim Dymock** - January 15, 2021 at 01:00 PM