



Cynthia Odile Kopsch

July 31, 1954 - June 10, 2018

With family and friends by her side, Cynthia Odile (Pittaro) Kopsch, 63, passed away on Sunday, June 10, 2018, at her home in Chester MD. Visitations will be held on Thursday, June 14, 2018, from 1-3 p.m., Friday, June 15, 2018, from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at the Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A. in Chester, MD. A funeral mass will be held on Saturday, June 16, 2018, at 11 a.m., at Saint Christopher's Catholic Church, 1861 Harbor Drive; Chester, MD. Interment will follow at Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, VA, at a later date.

Cindy grew up in the Vailsburg section of Newark, NJ, and graduated from Archbishop Walsh High School in Irvington in 1973. She received a Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education from The William Patterson College of NJ, in 1976 and a Masters Degree in Reading from Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos, TX in 2005.

Besides being a devoted wife and mother who loved and cherished her family--especially her children and grandchildren-- Cindy was a passionate reading and elementary school teacher. She dedicated her working life to her students' learning and welfare because she knew that a person is limited in what they can accomplish without good reading and comprehension skills. Constantly on the move as an Air Force wife, Cindy taught at elementary schools in North Carolina, Texas, and Virginia, and at four different U.S.

Department of Defense Dependent Schools in the United Kingdom and Germany. She spent her career working tirelessly to prepare for and present instruction. Because of this, she touched the lives of thousands of American school children--having the kind of impact that only a great teacher can.

Cindy was born on July 31, 1954, at St. Michael's Hospital in Newark, NJ. She was preceded in death by her father, William Anthony Pittaro, Sr., her mother, Evelyn Odile (nee Bertrand) Pittaro; and by her brother, James Vincent Pittaro. She is survived by her husband, Lt Col (retired) William Louis Kopsch of Chester, MD; by her brother, William Anthony Pittaro, Jr. of East Stroudsburg, PA; by her son, Christopher William Kopsch, Sr. of Wheat Ridge, CO; her daughter, Gillian Odile (nee Kopsch) Busick of Centreville, MD; by her four grandchildren, Christopher William Kopsch, Jr., Emily Odile Kopsch, Evelyn Odile Busick, and Henry Matthew Busick; her niece, Patrice (Pittaro) Terhune; her nephews, James, Daniel and Steven Pittaro; and many Pittaro and Bertrand cousins.

Cindy was a non-smoker who lost a two-year battle with lung cancer. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made on-line to LUNGevity.

LUNGevity is the nation's largest lung cancer-focused nonprofit organization, changing outcomes for people with lung cancer through research, education, and support. Your support will help drive advances in lung cancer detection and treatment that are saving lives, and providing free education and support to all affected by lung cancer. Like Cindy, people with lung cancer who have never smoked tend to be younger than smokers (and former smokers) who get the disease. In fact, two-thirds of the non-smokers who get lung cancer are women, and 20 percent of lung cancers in women occur in individuals who have never smoked. Every year, one quarter of all cancer deaths in the United States are caused by lung cancer. 234,000 Americans were diagnosed with lung cancer this year, and 422 Americans will die from lung cancer every day.

Cemetery Details

Arlington National Cemetery

Arlington, VA

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 14. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Chester Location / Kent Island
106 Shamrock Road
Chester, MD 21619
(410) 643-2226
info@fhfuneralhome.com

Visitation

JUN 15. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Chester Location / Kent Island
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Visitation

JUN **15**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Service

JUN **16**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Christopher's Catholic Church
1861 Harbor Drive
Chester, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *Cynthia Odile Kopsch*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Cynthia Odile Kopsch*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Cynthia Odile Kopsch*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Our sincere condolences to Bill and Family on the passing of Cindy. We have fond memories of time spent at RAF Bentwaters and of meeting again last year and catching up with one another. She was a kind and caring person and we know she will be greatly missed. Paul and Christine Canuel*

Paul Canuel - June 16, 2018 at 11:14 AM



“ *Cindy was the first military wife I met while visiting my beau Gene stationed in Korea. We all visited a jewellery quarter in Seoul and Bill very kindly paid for my engagement ring!,,,Gene's card wasn't accepted. We met again in Germany and have enjoyed a great friendship ever since. She fought her illness with such dignity and always managed a smile. She was such fun. Always here for you Bill xxxx Gene and Barbara xx*

Barbara Ogilvie - June 16, 2018 at 06:42 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Cynthia Odile Kopsch.*



June 15, 2018 at 01:15 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Cynthia Odile Kopsch.*



June 15, 2018 at 11:44 AM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



William Kopsch - June 15, 2018 at 09:40 AM



Cindy loved this photo of us, taken back in our 'dating' days. Just this past Christmas, she asked that I make her a framed copy as a gift. She kept it on the night stand next to our bed. I will miss her.

William Kopsch - June 15, 2018 at 09:42 AM



That is a great photo! She had the best smile!

ingrid - June 15, 2018 at 09:57 AM

PC

Great pic! May it bring you great joy and fond memories for the rest of your life until you are reunited for eternity. Pam Carter

pamela Carter - June 15, 2018 at 08:02 PM

RC

Cindy was a terrific lady, I certainly will think fondly of her and her great hospitality, especially the Christmas Party.

Ruth A CURTIS-Sanchez - June 27, 2018 at 09:53 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Cynthia Odile Kopsch.*



June 14, 2018 at 07:34 PM

LS

“ *Our thoughts and prayers to the family of Cynthia Kopsch, we applaud Cindy's dedication to the field of Education and many years of supporting military families. As requested a donation to the LUNGeivity Foundation was made in her honor.*

– Friends of Sara (Busick) Ewing, Anne Arundel County Public Schools

Laura Smith - June 14, 2018 at 05:45 PM

CM

“ RIP my friend. Condolences to Bill and family. She will remain in our hearts forever. We first met Bill and Cindy at AF Tech School at Chanute AFB, IL in 79. We both rec'd assignments to RAF Alconbury, UK. Spent most of our off time with the Kopsch's including many Xmas's together-- and frequent pub time. Back in our Lt's day ---and had a great time.

Chris and Carol Matson

Chris and Carol Matson - June 14, 2018 at 09:24 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Cynthia Odile Kopsch.



June 13, 2018 at 09:26 PM

SB

“ Steve and Yvette Billington purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Cynthia Odile Kopsch.



Steve and Yvette Billington - June 13, 2018 at 04:33 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Cynthia Odile Kopsch.



June 13, 2018 at 04:27 PM

AB

“ 8 files added to the album *Souvenirs from France*



Anne BORRAS-BUJARDET - June 13, 2018 at 03:49 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Cynthia Odile Kopsch.



June 13, 2018 at 09:40 AM

RW

“ *Knowing Cindy for over 40 years (and Bill since grade school), we had some great times together. We visited their home in England many years ago, and they were great tour guides through western Europe. We enjoyed seeing them when they visited south Florida. Cindy will be missed but remembered fondly. Our condolences to Bill, the kids and grandchildren. -- Rick & Mary Ann Westwood*

rick westwood - June 13, 2018 at 07:47 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Cynthia Odile Kopsch.*



June 13, 2018 at 07:36 AM



“ *Tommy And Donna Kaufman lit a candle in memory of Cynthia Odile Kopsch*



Tommy and Donna Kaufman - June 12, 2018 at 09:45 PM



“ *I met Cindy while Bill and I were stationed together in Korea in 1997. Years later in 2005 Cindy and Bill graciously let us stay in their home in Germany for a month and we will forever be thankful. We were stationed together in Utah in 2008 and were practically neighbors. Cindy was a kind and thoughtful person and we will miss her dearly.*



ted eaton - June 12, 2018 at 09:45 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Cynthia Odile Kopsch.*



June 12, 2018 at 08:07 PM



“ *Judy & Paul Polyak lit a candle in memory of Cynthia Odile Kopsch*



Judy & Paul Polyak - June 12, 2018 at 06:25 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Cynthia Odile Kopsch.*



June 12, 2018 at 06:24 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Ken McKellar - June 12, 2018 at 06:24 PM

MM

“ 1 file added to the album Cindy - photos



Martha Manger - June 12, 2018 at 03:26 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Cynthia Odile Kopsch.



June 12, 2018 at 03:00 PM