



Brunhilde "Brunie" Kandora

February 19, 1932 - December 27, 2022

Cooperstown – Brunhilde “Brunie” Kandora peacefully passed away Tuesday, December 27, 2022 at Cooperstown Center for Rehabilitation and Nursing. She was 90 years old.

Born February 19, 1932 in New York City, she was the daughter of the late Gerhard Enke and the late Frieda Vosseler Enke. On May 23, 1953 at St. Michaels Church in Brooklyn, she married Francis Kandora who pre-deceased her on April 15, 2015. Brunie loved to inspire creativity for thousands of children in Brooklyn working as an art teacher for over 30 years at St Catherine of Genoa in Brooklyn, NY. As a child she was forever transformed by war living in Germany during WW2 and often sought peace in nature. She was a long-time parishioner (and Eucharistic Minister) at St. John the Evangelist in Centerville. Brunie was a force of nature for action always busy, with her students, art, community, church, and family.

As a professional artist, Brunie Kandora studied drawing at the Landeskunstschule in Hamburg, Germany, and printmaking at the Brooklyn Museum of Art School in Brooklyn, NY. She has written for the national art education magazine School Arts. An award-winning artist, Brunie served as President of the Distinguished Artists League of Brooklyn, and was a member of the Schoharie County Arts Council, The Greene County Council on the Arts and served on the Board of Directors of the Woodstock Artists Association

and Museum. She had numerous one-person exhibitions throughout New York as well as participating in countless group shows.

Survivors include, three sons, Thomas and wife Molly of Queensbury, NY, James and wife Toni of Norwich, NY and Peter and wife Pam of Charles Town, WV; 12 grandchildren, Sarah Jones (Matt), Brian Kandora (Jamie), Michael Kandora (Rachael), Douglas Kandora (Patricia), Richard Kandora, Rebecca Maughon (Wesley), Amanda LaPell (Michelle), Stephanie LaPell (Dave), Gregory Kandora (Amelia), Angela Bogart (Paul), Acadia Kandora and Kai Kandora; and 10 great-grandchildren.

A Funeral procession will form 10:15 AM Friday, January 6, 2023 at Buono Funeral Service, Inc., Saugerties, NY and then proceed to St. Mary of the Snow RC Church where at 11:00 AM a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated. Interment will follow immediately in Blue Mountain Cemetery. Friends may call Thursday, January 5, 2023 from 4:00 PM until 7:00 PM at Buono Funeral Service, Inc. Please offer your condolences for Brunie's family online at www.buonofuneralservice.com. Donations can be made in memory of Brunie at St. Mary of the Snow, St. Joseph & St. John the Evangelist parishes <https://www.stmaryofthesnow.org/>

Cemetery Details

Blue Mountain Cemeteey

Cemetery Road
Saugerties, NY 12477

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 5 (ET)

Buono Funeral Service, Inc.
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Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary of the Snow
Post & Cedar Streets
Saugerties, NY

Tribute Wall

VL

“ I met Ms Kandora in fourth grade at St. Catherine of Genoa, in Brooklyn. My sisters and I were new in school and the neighborhood. I was a shy kid, cried very easy and the whole world seemed so big and scary.

Walking into Ms Kandora's class was like walking into a room where the sun was always shining. I loved drawing and working with my hands as a kid so Ms Kandora's class was a perfect fit for me. She didn't just teach, she motivated, coached and smothered me with love. She was what lit up the room because you could almost feel how cool it got whenever she stepped out of the class.

Ms Kandora encouraged me to apply for the High School of Art and Design. When I found out that I needed a portfolio and had to take an art test I panicked. Ms Kandora helped me prepare after school on her personal time. When I got in I ran to her in celebration and she hugged and kissed me like a hundred times.....

She showed me that art was in everything and in my life journey I experienced everything that I could in art until finding my fit as a carpenter.

She was beautiful. Ms Kandora was a living and walking work of art and I am so grateful to have been taught, mentored and loved by her.

My sincere condolences to the family.

I am honored to have been in the presence of her bright shining light.

Vik Louis

Vik Louis - February 10, 2023 at 02:00 PM

CC

“ Ms. Kandora was literally my first connection to the world of visual art. I remember learning about Vincent Van Gogh in Ms. Kandora's class. Ms. Kandora would play Don McLean's - Vincent (Starry, Starry Night), an ode to the famous painting and legacy tribute to the tumultuous life of said artist. I remember that experience so vividly which may have been at least over thirty five years ago. Anytime I would see the faux painting in a movie or in a store, I am briefly reminded of my time with Ms. Kandora. Furthermore, I was able to confidently speak about the life of Vincent Van Gogh anytime his name came up in conversations. She has left a lasting impression on me to the extent where today I actually follow the works of various contemporary abstract artist. Rest In Peace, and Thank you Ms. Kandora, you will be missed.

Chauncey Chester - January 10, 2023 at 07:52 AM

JD

“ I wish I had the opportunity to tell her that I pursued a career in art. RIP Mrs. Kandora, thanks for the inspiration.

Joanne Dorismond - January 07, 2023 at 08:11 PM

VB

“ Ms. Kandora is my why!! She is why I'm a Middle School Art Teacher and Art Therapist. I thank her for helping me build my Legacy.

Valencia Baker - January 07, 2023 at 11:57 AM

CM

“ I’m not the most creative person, but I remember going to Ms. Kandora’s art classes at St. Catherine of Genoa and she made everything seem easy. She was patient with her students and always encouraged them no matter outcome. I will forever remember those classes. Sleep in Peace. Ms. K...

Courtney Mitchell - January 06, 2023 at 04:26 PM

OK

She was a wonderful and diverse teacher. From calligraphy to oil pastels, she made Art class an experience. I saw that her yellow house across the street from St. Catherine’s Linden Blvd and Albany was torn down. See the irony. Rest In Peace Ms. Kandora

Oyenike Kilanko - January 06, 2023 at 04:34 PM

CA

“ She showed you techniques then educated you about artist then worked on your individual talent. St. Catherine was truly blessed to have her.

Charlene Afolayanka - January 06, 2023 at 03:24 PM

DG

“ I have such fond memories of Mrs. Kandora. She was my art teacher at St. Catherine of Genoa all those years ago. It was my favorite class and I pray that she rests in peace.

Desiree Johnson Gilliam - January 06, 2023 at 01:38 PM

ER

“ Not sure if anyone in the family will ever see this but Ms. Kandora was indeed an angel. She was tremendously impactful and instrumental in my development as an artist (makeup artistry, to be exact) who attended St. Catherine of Genoa. The way she taught me hands-on... her method of explanations... the encouragement and praise she bestowed upon her students... I mean, between her and Bob Ross, I just knew I could do ANYthing with the creativity God gave these hands. Thank you, family, for allowing her to share her light and insight with us. I pray God grant you peace and comfort during this difficult time.
-- with love and respect, Elizabeth (Class of '92, St. Catherine of Genoa)

Elizabeth Riley-Posey - January 06, 2023 at 01:37 PM

AF

“ I loved Mrs Kandora. She inspired me as a visual Artist. I literal just mentioned her name during an interview. May she rest in perfect peace.
Andrea Fairweather

Andrea Fairweather - January 06, 2023 at 01:18 PM

FB

This was really hard for me. I've been thinking about her a lot lately. I even started a search, called a few numbers and didn't get any results. I can feel something was wrong, and then I received a message today from another former student, she passed. She was an amazing art teacher, she taught me calligraphy, and made me a good artist. I loved my years at St. Catherine of Genoa, and appreciated all my teachers, but today I lost a big peace of my childhood. May she rest in peace.

Fabienne Blanchard - January 07, 2023 at 09:48 AM

AT

There's no other friend like Brunie. Very kind, very thoughtful to me and everyone in my family. We will miss you for now...till we meet again...
Tonette Torres

Antonieta Torres - February 04, 2023 at 10:10 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Brunhilde "Brunie" Kandora.*



January 04, 2023 at 09:20 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Brunhilde "Brunie" Kandora.*



January 02, 2023 at 06:16 PM