



Phyllis "Kathy" Audino

December 17, 2025

Phyllis "Kathy" Audino (maiden name Gebhardt), of Asheville, North Carolina, passed away on December 17, 2025, shortly after celebrating her 94th birthday.

In her early years in Woodcliff Lake, New Jersey, Kathy was deeply involved in her community. She chaired the annual Red Cross Fundraiser, served as a Girl Scout Leader and Boy Scout Board Member, and was a devoted Den Mother for many years. An active and energetic woman, she especially enjoyed playing tennis and gourmet cooking—much to the delight of her family and friends. Her favorite pastimes also included tending to her garden and listening to country music, with Kenny Chesney among her favorites.

Kathy dedicated her professional life to caring for children as a pediatric Head Nurse at Holy Name Hospital in New Jersey. She married the love of her life, Leon Audino, and together they shared 62 devoted years of marriage. They moved from New Jersey to Davie, Florida, where they spent 20 years before relocating to Hendersonville, North Carolina, to be closer to family.

Known as the life of the party, Kathy was an exceptional cook and baker who loved entertaining. Her warm, vivacious spirit and welcoming home made everyone feel like family. She also found great joy in gardening, bird watching, and—above all—her role as a loving mother, grandmother, and great-

grandmother.

She is survived by her four devoted children: Dorre White of Fairview, NC; Donna Audino of Fairview, NC; David Audino and fiancée Kelly of Rockbridge, OH; and Debra Delia and partner Jack D'Ottavio of Charleston, SC. She is also survived by her grandchildren Kristin Risdahl (David), Danielle Young (Travis), Nicole Brimberry (Butner), Dylan Audino, and Trevor Delia; and her great granddaughters Abigail and Anabelle Risdahl and Everlee Brimberry.

Kathy was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Leon Audino; her brother and sister-in-law, Carl and Nancy Gebhardt; her grandson Justin Audino; and her son-in-law Douglas White.

She will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

In accordance with her wishes, there will be no local service. A private celebration of life will be held for family members.

Tribute Wall

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“ I knew Kathy since the day I was born. She was a neighbor, and 13 years old when I was born. In my early years, she would call my Mom and say, send Virginia over, and I would run, not walk over to her house where we would make cookies, or her delicious chocolate pudding (from scratch), go shopping together, or just hang out. I would often invite myself to stay for dinner or overnight because I enjoyed being with the family. When she was the pediatric nurse at Holy Name Hospital, she occasionally took me there to play with the kids, and help her make the beds. To this day, I can not make a "hospital corner" when making my bed when i don't think of her and smile. She loved kids, and was blessed with 4 amazing kids of her own, who I loved watching grow up into amazing adults. I loved her like a sister, and will greatly miss her.



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“ I moved to Bella Vista 51/2 years ago, Kathy was the first person to welcome me as I walked through the doors. Our friendship grew stronger each day. Kathy was a very loyal and caring friend. She was willing to help anyone at anytime. My favorite times spent with Kathy was on her patio, often with other friends but sometimes just the two of us. We would stay until sundown and even later. She will forever be in my heart.

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