

Brief remarks by Suzanna Lengyel about Kate Barany in New York City on June 21, 2011 (to be read on July 22, 2012 in St. Paul at graveside)

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I am unable to talk about Kate Barany, the scientist.

I will try to mention two episodes about Kate, the mother, the best mother I have ever known:

One:

When Kate and Michael occasionally went out in the evening, they left something unusual for George and Francis: math problems to solve.

In the course of the evening, there was some phone contact regarding the progress of solving the math problems.

And two:

On one occasion, I told Kate that I have no time for something we were going to do together, Why not? I have to take my daughter, Carole, for a gymnastics class.

Kate's response: why do you have to take her for a lesson? You could just buy a book and learn how to do it. Then you could teach her yourself.

This was surprising at the time, but it was typical for Kate: you can learn everything and pass on what you have learned.