



## Norma L. (Buskey) King

April 19, 1950 - May 19, 2020

ASHBY: Norma L. (Buskey) King, 70, of Ashby, died Tuesday, May 19, 2020 at home with family by her side.

Norma King was born in Cambridge, MA, April 19, 1950, the daughter of Norman and Edna (LaPorte) Buskey and grew up in Somerville & Needham.

She was a 1968 graduate of Needham High School and continued her education at Fitchburg State College where she received her Bachelor's Degree in Education.

For 20 years, Norma taught third, fourth, and fifth grade in the North Middlesex School district with a passion and focus in special education. Her teaching years were spread between Ashby Elementary School, Hawthorne Book Middle School, Squanacook Elementary School and concluded in 2012 at the Spaulding Memorial School in Townsend where she never stopped volunteering her time to support art education projects. She was known for her calm personality, optimism, and passion for authentic learning experiences through discovery. Norma loved the teaching community at the Spaulding School and developed many friendships that would last well into retirement. Since marriage, she had also worked alongside her husband in their family business, King Upholstery.

When she wasn't working on a home project or traveling the country in a camper she could be found in her garden or sewing room, where she enjoyed spending her time. She loved making crafts, big and small, with her grandkids. She loved being outside and spending time with her family skiing, snowshoeing, biking, golfing, or just sitting by her brush fire at her home in Vermont. Her gentle personality and great sense of humor attracted so many who cared for her. She was adored by her friends and will be missed at their various outings for breakfast, girl's weekends, crafts, and beach outings. Shy to attention but always quick with a smile and words of support, Norma was a shining light to her family, friends, and community, and will be sorely missed.

She leaves her best friend and husband of 45 years, Ron King; her son, Zachary A. King of Townsend; her daughter, Robyn L. McDonough of Lowell; her brother, Edward Buskey

of Texas and five grandchildren; Morgan McDonough, Ryan McDonough, Jocelyn King, Elise King and Mason King.

Funeral services will be held privately. A celebration of life ceremony will be announced at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Cancer Research Institute, 29 Broadway, Floor 4, New York, NY 10006-3111 <https://www.cancerresearch.org/join-the-cause/donate/one-time-donation> or Project Linus, PO Box 1548, Belton MO 64012-1108 <https://www.projectlinus.org/donations/>

Anderson Funeral Home, 250 Main Street, Townsend Center is assisting the family with arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Ronnie and family, I was fortunate enough to work with Norma for a number of years at Suannacook and Spaulding Elementary schools. She was a wonderful person and a great teacher. She always took the time to chat and smile, saving her biggest smiles for stories about you; from tales of softball tournaments and adventures to updates on the family business. Please know that my wife and I are thinking of you and send our sincere condolences.  
Jim Kemp

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**Jim Kemp** - June 05, 2020 at 09:27 PM

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“ I worked with Norma at Squannacook Elementary School for several years. Norma always had a smile on her face and was just the nicest person. She was always happy to lend a hand or an ear. I am so sad to hear of her passing. My heartfelt condolences go out to her entire family.

Sincerely,

Debbie Cappucci

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**Debbie Cappucci** - June 02, 2020 at 01:06 PM

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“ My sincerest condolences to the King family for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

Sincerely,

Jerri Wendling

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**Jerri Wendling** - June 02, 2020 at 11:33 AM