



Catherine A. (Murphy) Hanlon

April 24, 1950 - August 26, 2020

Sterling: Catherine Agnes Murphy, Hanlon Mansfield, 70, of Sterling formerly of Maynard and Waltham, died Wednesday, August 26, 2020 at the Rose Monahan Hospice House, Worcester.

Catherine (Una) was born in Co, Cork, Ireland, April 24, 1950, a daughter of the late James P. and Catherine (O'Shea) Murphy and emigrated to the United States in 1969.

Upon her arrival to the United States, Catherine, along with her siblings Seamus, Carol, and Tim performed Irish Music in venues all over Boston Massachusetts and beyond as the well known Murphy Family.

She later owned and operated a popular restaurant with her husband known as "John & Una's" in Waltham. Years later, they opened a cafe, and Irish pub called "Coffee Tea & Melody" in Stow, MA, and then "J.P. O'Hanlon's Irish Pub & Restaurant" in Ayer Ma. Catherine also worked as a realtor at Coldwell Banker Company in Acton.

She leaves her husband of 10 years, Robert Mansfield; her son, Brian A. Hanlon of Nashville, TN; her daughter, Maura Hanlon Smith of Hopkinton; four brothers, John Noel Murphy of Australia, Timothy Murphy of Cincinnati, Ohio, Seamus Murphy of Ireland, Phillip Murphy of North Conway, NH; two sisters,

Hellen Wiggins of Australia and Carol Cavelier of France; 3 granddaughters, Amelia, Matilda and Hazel Smith, and two step-grandsons Jackson and Bennet Yesue.

Funeral services will be held privately due to the COVID restrictions on public gatherings.

In lieu of flowers, we would welcome donations to the Rail Trail Organization <https://www.wachusettgreenways.org/wordpress/> where we will be placing a commemorative bench along her favorite local walking trail. Please indicate that the donation is in the name of Catherine Hanlon.

There will be a celebration of Catherine's life with music in both Sterling Mass and Co. Cork, Ireland when travel restrictions lift. Details to follow.

The Anderson Funeral Home, 25 Fitchburg Road, Ayer is assisting the family with arrangements.

Tribute Wall

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“ I am absolutely heartbroken to learn of Una's death. I worked with Una at Coffee Tea & Melody and later at O'Hanlons. She cultivated a rare family of customers & staff, and I suspect she hired me based on kind friendship rather than my waitressing skills. A few years ago we found ourselves unexpectedly sitting next to each other at a local pub. Her enormous smile and gleefulness transformed that evening into a memorable event. Una was a beautiful and relentlessly cheerful woman. I wish there were more people like her on this planet. My deepest condolences to the family.

Nancy Askin - September 08, 2020 at 08:04 PM

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“ I am so sorry to hear of Una's passing. She came to our wedding. I have many fond memories of her playing Irish music when I was little. Thoughts and prayers from our family to hers
Michael Dawn Dean and Ronan Burke

Michael Burke - August 29, 2020 at 12:44 PM