



Catherine S. "Kerry" Thrasher

June 16, 1943 - May 29, 2023

TOWNSEND & YORK, Maine – Catherine S. “Kerry” (Shea) Thrasher, 79, passed away on May 29, 2023 at her home in York, Maine surrounded by family following a brave fight against cancer.

Kerry was born June 16, 1943 in Fitchburg to the late John and Elizabeth (Hannifan) Shea and grew up in Fitchburg.

She was a graduate of St. Bernard’s Central Catholic High School in Fitchburg and received her Bachelor’s Degree and several Masters Degrees from Fitchburg State College.

Kerry and her husband, Frederick S. Thrasher, lived in Townsend, where they raised their two children.

Kerry taught for many years at Spaulding Elementary School and later was the principal of the Squannacook Elementary School.

Kerry and Fred enjoyed traveling together. They spent 8 weeks driving across the country exploring the United States with their children and enjoyed visiting such places as Ireland, England, China, France, Italy, Spain, Bermuda, and Hawaii. Later in life Kerry and Fred purchased a home in York, Maine and walks along the beach quickly became a passion and priority for Kerry that

almost rivaled her love of reading.

In addition to her beach time, Kerry served on the Board of Directors of the Townsend Public Library Endowment Inc. and volunteered at the York Public Library. Kerry also served on the Board of Registrar of Voters in Townsend serving on the election front lines, even during the pandemic, to make sure our democracy continues to function.

Kerry was renowned for her fondness for making sure no one ever went hungry or for want of something to drink. And her grandchildren always looked forward to the holidays where they got to spend time with their Nana and enjoying her cooking.

Kerry is survived by her husband of 59 years Frederick S. Thrasher, her son John C. Thrasher and his wife, Susan, of Pawlet, Vermont; her daughter, Mary Catherine "Katie" Desrochers and her husband, Raymond, of Land O Lakes, Florida and her grandchildren Alicia Desrochers, Breanna Desrochers, Catherine Thrasher and Jack Thrasher.

In addition to her parents Kerry was predeceased by her sister, Patricia Dupre of Fitchburg and her niece Deborah Southcotte of Lancaster.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated 10 AM Saturday, June 24, 2023 at St. John's Church, 1 School Street, Townsend. Interment will follow at Riverside Cemetery, Townsend.

Kerry's family will receive relatives and friends at calling hours 4-7 PM Friday, June 23, 2023 at the Anderson & Son Funeral Home, 250 Main Street, (Rte 119) Townsend Center. To leave an online condolence, please visit their website at www.andersonfuneral.com,

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Townsend Library Endowment Fund or the York Public Library.

Cemetery Details

Riverside

Dudley Road
West Townsend, MA 01474

Previous Events

Calling Hours

JUN 23. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Anderson Funeral Home - Townsend
250 Main Street ~ Route 119
Townsend, MA 01469
(978) 597-2692

Funeral Mass

JUN 24. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. John's Church
1 School St
Townsend, MA 01469
(978) 597-2291

Tribute Wall



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Catherine S. "Kerry" Thrasher.*



June 21, 2023 at 12:12 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Catherine S. "Kerry" Thrasher.

June 21, 2023 at 12:12 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Catherine S. "Kerry" Thrasher.*



June 19, 2023 at 03:58 PM



“ *A smart, capable and kind woman. Always enjoyed talking with Kerry.*

Deb Stoll - June 16, 2023 at 05:36 PM

ML

“ Our deepest, heartfelt sympathy is extended to Fred, John, Katey, and their families. Kerry was a humble, thoughtful, caring soul who touched and enriched the lives of many. We are all better people for having known Kerry. May what she taught us live on in the hearts and minds of everyone she nurtured while here.

We love you Kerry.

Maura, Bob, Heather, Brendan, Molly Lyons

maura lyons - June 06, 2023 at 07:18 AM

SM

“ Kerry was a wonderful influence as a teacher and a principal while our daughters were at Spaulding and Squannacook. She was kind and smart and funny and, quite simply, a treasure to all of us who were lucky enough to know her. We will miss her. All of our thoughts are with Kerry's family.

Susan and Lance McNally

Susan McNally - June 05, 2023 at 06:31 PM

JH

“ To Fred, John, Mary Kate and families- Thank you for the picture of our beautiful Spaulding Memorial School that we all loved. The memories will help us to get through these sad times. Kerry was such a dear, wonderful friend and a dedicated teacher. We will miss her and "until we meet again, "May God hold you in the palm of his hand." Love, Judy

Judith Horgan

Judith Horgan - June 05, 2023 at 01:04 PM

MM

“ *Such an incredible woman who touched the lives of countless people throughout her amazing life. I will miss her wonderful smile at church. May she rest in peace.*

Matt Murray - June 03, 2023 at 10:15 PM

RP

“ *Ray Goyette & Kate Pulnik purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Catherine S. "Kerry" Thrasher.*



Ray Goyette & Kate Pulnik - June 03, 2023 at 12:05 PM

GA

“ *Thanks for the memories! Wish we had more together ❤️
Much Love
Gloria*



Gloria Andrews - June 03, 2023 at 06:40 AM

BP

“ *Bill and I were so saddened to learn of Kerry's passing. She was an inspiration to all and loved teaching. It was an honor to work with her at NMRSD. She will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family.*

Bill & Jan Pothier

Bill & Jan Pothier - June 03, 2023 at 04:18 AM

SB

“ *Heartfelt condolences to the Thrasher family. Kerry held a dear spot in our mom's heart and was a kind, thoughtful friend for so many years. May the Lord comfort and bless you 🙏❤️*

Sara Atwood Bullard - June 02, 2023 at 02:12 PM