



## Kathleen Joy (Dempsey) Aragon

November 18, 1955 - January 23, 2019

SHIRLEY-Kathleen Joy “Kate” (Dempsey) Aragon, 63, of Shirley entered into Heaven on Wednesday morning, January 23, 2019.

Kate was born in the US Army Hospital in Osaka, Japan on November 18, 1955 to SMAJ Francis Dempsey and Jessie (Evans) Dempsey

She was a 1973 graduate of Nashua High School and received her associate’s degree from Quinsigamond Community College.

Kate called many places home before settling in her “hometown” of Shirley where she was employed by Health Alliance as an occupational therapist.

Kate was a lover of arts and crafts and spent many hours creating beautiful pieces for her family and friends.

She was a faithful member of the Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church in Ayer. Kate loved her church and all her church family. She was a frequent volunteer and held several leadership positions in every church she worshipped at.

Kate leaves a daughter, Darcy Kloepfner of Texas; a son, Seth Aragon and his wife Amber of Georgia; three brothers, Thomas Dempsey of Virginia; Paul

Dempsey of Shirley and Peter Dempsey of Texas; four grandchildren, Jayson Kloepner, Austyn Kloepner, Alyssa Kloepner and Elena Fuller; her best friend, Cathy Mitchell of Shirley and several nephews and nieces.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, February 2, 2019 at 10:00 AM in the Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 21 Washington St., Ayer. A graveside service will be held at a later date in the Village Cemetery in Shirley. There are no calling hours.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 21 Washington St., Ayer, MA 01432 or to the Simonds-Sinon Regional Cancer Center, 275 Nichols Rd., Fitchburg, MA 01420.

The Anderson Funeral Home, 25 Fitchburg Rd., Ayer is assisting the family with the funeral arrangements. For further information or to leave an online condolence please visit their website at [www.andersonfuneral.com](http://www.andersonfuneral.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Village Cemetery

Harvard Road  
Shirley, MA

# Tribute Wall

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“ I used to work with Katie at Burbank Hospital in Fitchburg. What I remember the most and what stood out from the very first time I met her was her smile. She always had a smile no matter what. Even at difficult times, she would smile and have faith in God that all would work out. I liked that about her...

*You will be missed, Katie.*

*R.I.P.*

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**Peter Gavriil** - March 06, 2019 at 11:48 AM

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“ I had the pleasure of working alongside Katie at Burbank Rehabilitation Center in Fitchburg. Katie was probably the most honest and kindest person I have ever known. She treated everybody she knew - patients and staff with respect. She also had a great sense of humor and I recall having many laughs with her. A truly great human being we will all miss.

*Rest In Peace my friend - will see you on the other side.*

*Walter Murphy*

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**Walter A. Murphy** - February 05, 2019 at 09:03 PM