



Kathleen C. (Creighton) Araujo

April 3, 2018

Kathy was born April 6, 1959 to the late Barbara (Keefe) Creighton and the late Harold Creighton. She was a lifelong resident of Townsend and many of her fondest memories are from growing up in Townsend Harbor.

She graduated from North Middlesex Regional High School in 1977. She started her professional career working at N.E.B.S. but transitioned to part time work for the Town of Pepperell Board of Selectmen to allow her more time to be with her young family. She later went to work for the Lawrence Library where her favorite role was that of “Miss Kathy” in Toddler Time where she read, sang, and did crafts with children from the local community.

Continuing to pursue her passion for public service, Kathy went on to work for the Town of Townsend in the Land Use Department where, during her tenure as Land Use Coordinator, she wrote the grant application that was used to build the Townsend Woods facility. Most recently Kathy was employed by FairPoint Communications in Manchester, NH where she worked in customer service, although she still found time to serve on the Townsend Housing Authority and the Townsend Planning Board.

Kathy leaves behind her high school sweetheart and loving husband of 38 years James Araujo, her daughter Heather Araujo of Nashua, NH, her son Dillon Araujo of Pepperell, MA and her two Shih Tzus Molly and Bella, as well as her brother John Creighton and his wife Lily of Rockledge, FL and her

nephew Michael Creighton of Portland, OR.

Kathy had a passion for gardening and spent many hours maintaining her flower beds at her home in Townsend. She also enjoyed traveling with her husband, particularly their many camping trips. She was an incredibly dedicated wife and mother and a bright, warm light that brought an abundance of joy and laughter to those in her life.

Kathy and her family are especially grateful to her cancer care team at Massachusetts General Hospital for providing her with the absolute best care throughout her entire journey.

Tribute Wall

JH

“ *Kathy was truly an angel on earth who touched the lives of all she knew with her playful humor, words of wisdom and kind and loving spirit. Her faith and courage throughout her illness never failed to inspire me. Because she knew and loved the LORD, I take comfort, even in my sorrow, knowing that in His perfect timing, our Heavenly Father sent His Holy angels to escort Kathy into the waiting arms of Jesus. Thank You LORD,and Kathy, you know I love you to the moon and back...and we shall meet again in Glory!*

Jeanne Hollows - April 07, 2018 at 02:35 PM

JR

“ *Our thoughts are with the Arujo family and our community. No words seem adequate. Kathy always let the light of love shine through, no matter what the situation, and was an inspiration. We will miss her heart warming smile and friendship.*

Jennifer Pettit & Robert Rebholz - April 07, 2018 at 07:24 AM

HR

“ *Dear Jim, Heather, and Dillon,*

I am thinking of you all. I am grateful to have grown up across the street from such a sweet family and charming home, and, as your occasional babysitter, I got a little glimpse into how much Kathy loved her family. I will miss seeing her among the flowers in your yard, though I will certainly not forget her kind and lovely presence.

Hope Rideout - April 06, 2018 at 09:39 AM

LB

“ I am so sorry for your loss. She was such a kind, strong, amazing woman. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Lisa Tenore Baillargeon - April 06, 2018 at 09:05 AM

TK

“ Deeply saddened by the loss of Kathy. She will always be remembered in my heart. (Bella and Mollys groomer) ❤️

Tyree Kilgore - April 05, 2018 at 06:31 PM

BM

“ Jim, Heather & Dillion

Although we lost touch many years ago we were shocked to hear of Kathy's passing. You are in our thoughts & prayers. Our sincere condolences.

Bryan & Celia Malette - April 05, 2018 at 03:20 PM

LM

“ To Kathy's family, we are so sorry and our thoughts are with you. She was truly one of the the sweetest people we had ever met.

Lance and Susan McNally - April 05, 2018 at 01:55 PM

TF

“ Jim, Heather , Dillon,
We are so sorry for your loss. We lived across from you all for all these years and watched your family grow along with her beautiful gardens. We have many memories of friendly discussions with your mom, waiting at the bus stop, and occasional game nights too. She was always a cheerful and helpful neighbor who deeply cared about her family and her home town. It was a blessing to know her. May God bless you all with peace and comfort at this time.

The Rideout Family - April 05, 2018 at 08:29 AM

CF

“ Jim, we are so sorry to hear of Kathy's passing. Our heart felt condolences for your loss. You and your family will be in our thoughts and my prayers.

Coreen and David.

Chenelle Family - April 05, 2018 at 07:52 AM

LO

“ Jim,
Our thoughts, prayers and love to you and the kids. Our hearts are broken.

Linda and Richard Oakley - April 05, 2018 at 06:16 AM

BF

“ We are all so sorry for your loss. Although we lost contact with one another Kathy always remained in our hearts. Prayers are being said on behalf of all of you.

Brouillette Family - April 05, 2018 at 03:11 AM

DH

“ So sorry for your lost. It was a long hard road for you. Prayers and hugs

Dan Harte - April 05, 2018 at 02:39 AM

DF

“ Jim, Heather and Dillion, so sorry for your loss. Sending thoughts and prayers.

Debbie Pothier and family - April 04, 2018 at 06:11 PM

DB

“ Jim, Heather and Dillon, I just learned that Kathy died and am so sorry for your loss. She was a sweet and kind beacon of light for whom I prayed nightly and I know she prayed for me and my family. When I needed comfort, Kathy knew exactly what to say. I am going to miss her. Please accept my heartfelt condolences.

Deirdre

Deirdre Branch - April 04, 2018 at 06:09 PM

DS

“ Jim, Heather, Dillon: so sad to hear that my cousin Kathleen was taken too soon. May the love you shared and the memories you made together, comfort you now in your sorrow.

Donna Rossini Shenkman - April 04, 2018 at 03:02 PM

MW

“ So sorry Jim She was a pleasure to know.

Monica Westerback - April 04, 2018 at 01:27 PM

LT

“ Jim and family, I remember Kathy as she progressed through school with my children. I remember her as she twirled with the High School Band while I worked with the Color Guard. I remember how she cared for her mother though the cancer she had. I remember her working with Sam through the town hall and enjoyed his work. Her distinctive smile is now warming heaven.

Louise Thorpe - April 04, 2018 at 11:37 AM

TR

“ Jim and family, we are so sorry for your loss of Kathleen. She was one of the nicest people we've known. Please take comfort in knowing her battle is over and she is at peace.

Godspeed Kathleen

Tammy & Paul Rafuse - April 04, 2018 at 07:36 AM

MF

“ So very sorry to hear of your loss. Kathleen was such a wonderful, caring, and quiet individual who loved unconditionally. May she find peace and comfort in the arms of our Lord Jesus. She'll be missed tremendously here on earth. However, her love for life, happiness, and spontaneous smile will continue to shine in our thoughts and in our hearts. May she rest in peace.

Murray Clatworthy Kathy & family - April 04, 2018 at 03:54 AM

DW

“ *My condolences to Jim on the loss of your wife. May the memories you have shared bring you comfort during this time. You and your family will be in my thoughts and my prayers.*

Donna Williams - April 03, 2018 at 04:18 PM

AS

“ *Kathy will be missed, she was a special person. You will be in my thoughts and prayers.*

Anne Stevens - April 03, 2018 at 03:37 PM

RB

“ *We are so sad to hear of Kathy's passing, sending love, prayers to her family during this difficult time.*

Richard and Lorraine Blackwell - April 03, 2018 at 02:13 PM

KM

“ *Jim and family Sending our condolences Kathy was a wonderful person with always a beautiful smile.*

Ken and Donna Miller - April 03, 2018 at 01:17 PM

EM

“ *Sorry to hear of Kathleen's passing. With deepest condolences.*

Erv and Janet Marshall - April 03, 2018 at 01:02 PM

L(

“ I was stunned to hear of Kathy's passing -- I was so lucky to call her my friend in high school and then we reconnected in the past 10 years. I will always remember her sense of humor and that wonderful smile. My heart aches for her family. May your memories of Kathy have a place in your heart.

Liz Dulong (Meere) - April 03, 2018 at 11:26 AM

DD

“ Am sorry to hear this news..She was my first cousin on my Mother Edna Keefe's side.. She is now with my Auntie Barbie....and may they both be together....for eternity...in Heaven..

debra rossini donovan - April 03, 2018 at 11:21 AM

CF

“ I was sorry to hear of Kathleen's passing. I watched her and her brothers grow up in the harbor. She will be one of the Angel flying high.

Cecile (Wilson) Franco - April 03, 2018 at 10:44 AM

CW

“ I am so sorry to hear of Kathleen's passing. I watched her grow up and find it hard to grasp that she is no longer one of the " Harbor Kids". May she rest in peace.

Carol Wright - April 03, 2018 at 10:34 AM

JB

“ Jim, Heather and Dillon, my condolences. May memories sustain you during this difficult time. Sending prayers and hugs. Aunt Joan.

Joan Leahy Blanchard - April 03, 2018 at 10:08 AM

AB

“ Jim and family, we are very sorry for your loss, thoughts and prayers to you all

Andrew & Marilyn Brown - April 03, 2018 at 08:53 AM

LS

“ Jim, Heather and Dillon, I am so sorry for this enormous loss of Kathy's presence in your lives. Just looking at this photo, you can almost feel the laughter and joy that always seemed to be bubbling just under the surface, and see the Light that brightened many a dark situation. I hope that it brings you comfort to know that she is at Peace, dancing with the Source of that Light and Love. I am so grateful to have known her. Much love to you all.

Lisa Sciacca - April 03, 2018 at 08:41 AM

ES

“ Jim and family ,
So sad to hear of Kathleen's passing , She will be truly missed .
We have always admired Kathleen and appreciated her for services to the town and as a long time friend and acquaintance.
Rest in Peace, Kathleen

Elaine Shank - April 03, 2018 at 07:53 AM

LS

“ Jim, Heather, Dillion brother John and extended family

I am so very sorry for your loss. Kathleen was courageous in her battle with cancer and we now take comfort in the fact that she will no longer be in pain. May you find comfort in all your wonderful memories of her. She was a very special lady.

Laura E Shifrin - April 03, 2018 at 07:04 AM