



Kathleen M. (Walsh) Dingelhoff

February 19, 2017

She was born on November 23, 1950 to Marie P. (Desjardin) Walsh and the late William J. Walsh. She was a lifelong resident of the Shirley, MA graduating from Ayer Jr./Sr. High School and Fitchburg State College. She spent many years working with several companies in her expertise as a Configuration Management Analyst and an Engineering Design Support Systems.

Kathy was very active as a Patient Advocate to her two special needs adult children. She worked tirelessly to help educate them. She was a very loving, caring individual who devoted her life to their well-being. She fought many obstacles with the state of MA to ensure that her children and others has an opportunity to exceed.

The children went to the Perkins School for the Blind in Watertown, MA. Through her efforts as an Advocate for the disabled many regulations and laws were changed. Kathy had a generous heart and for many years took care of her mother who has dementia.

In addition to leaving her mother, her daughter, Sarah and son, Kyle, she leaves her sisters, Aletta and fiancé Jim Massi of CT, Karen and husband Jordan Harris of FL, brothers Michael and partner Ferne West of MA, Bill of NM, and Patrick and wife Darlene of MA. In addition to her siblings, Kathy

leaves her friend, Serge and his wife Debbie, who is a devoted father to their children. Plus her wonderful best friend, Barbara Platt, for all her support to Kathy and her children. Kathy had a very large family of 4 nieces and 7 nephews, 8 great nieces and 6 great nephews.

The family would like to extend a warm appreciation to the Palliative team at Mass General Hospital. Memorial donations may be made out to GARD (Genetic and Rare Diseases) Research by going to the website: rarediseases.info.nih.gov for more information about Bardet/Biedl Syndrome.

Tribute Wall

MS

“ *To Sarah, and Kyle. I am very sorry to hear about your mother, my thoughts are with you*

Ms. Sawyer - March 11, 2017 at 07:49 PM

DD

“ *I spoke to Aletta expressing my sorrow for your loss. I wish I could to all my family north. None the less Its has been a while since I have been there. We have all scattered. But I'm sure this will have my info if any of my cousins want to contact me. Lots Of Love and prayers Elaine Desjardin Ross*

Doug and Elaine Ross Desjardin - March 01, 2017 at 10:30 AM

JO

“ *Pat and family,
I was shocked to see this notice. Kathy was a wonderful person, caring and loving to all, especially to her family.
As you know we go way back and I will always have fond memories of her and the rest of the family.
They say only the good die young, this may be evidence of that.*

John

John oelfke - February 27, 2017 at 04:07 PM

SD

“ *I was shocked and saddened to hear of Kathy's passing. She was such a generous, loving soul. My condolences to all who loved her.*

Sue Downey - February 27, 2017 at 09:05 AM

SS

“ I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your mother Kyle and Sarah. Kathy and I worked together at Philips Lifeline and kept each other going with walks to Dunkin Donuts. My deepest sympathy to you and your family. May the very best memories comfort you in the days ahead.

Suzanne Shirar - February 26, 2017 at 11:32 PM

JM

“ Kathy was a dear friend and coworker of mine and we had lost touch about 6 years ago. I'm so sad to hear of her loss. God bless her family and friends, especially her two children

Julie McElmon - February 25, 2017 at 11:02 PM

DD

“ I was so sorry to hear about the loss of your mother, daughter, sister and friend. May the memories you hold in your heart help you deal with the pain of her loss.

Deb DeLaite - February 24, 2017 at 09:23 PM

DS

“ To all of Kathy's family,
Please accept my sincerest sympathy in the loss of your love one. I went to highschool with Kathy & remember her being very sweet.

Denise Stepleton - February 22, 2017 at 03:39 PM

DH

“ I'm speechless. This came as a total shock when Aletta first told me. I can't believe the pain that you all must be feeling at this time.

Carol, Art & I want you all to know how deeply saddened we are for your loss, and we hope that your memories of Kathy will help during your Celebration of Kathy's Life.

DJ Hunt - February 22, 2017 at 12:20 PM

SB

“ I am so sorry to hear of Kathy's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with the family during this difficult time. Let the memories comfort you now - and, remember always (as we all will!) her beautiful smile and kind ways. She will be missed!

Stephanie Barrows - February 22, 2017 at 11:30 AM

MH

“ I am very sorry for the loss of your loved and offer my heartfelt sympathy. It's never easy to accept the loss of our dear loved ones. My God provide peace and comfort to your family during this difficult time. 2 Corinthians 1:3,4

M. Hughes - February 22, 2017 at 09:18 AM

ML

“ Aunt Pat, The loss of a child brings a loss of words.

Margaret Little - February 22, 2017 at 08:53 AM

RA

“ Sorry to learn of Kathy's Passing. At this age it was too soon. She will be missed by the entire family. Our deepest sympathies to each of you.

Rosanne & Bill Allen - February 22, 2017 at 08:45 AM

ML

“ *With deepest sympathies on the passing of your mother, sister, aunt. She was so young to leave so soon. Rest in peace cousin!*

Margaret Little - February 22, 2017 at 08:35 AM

ET

“ *So sorry for your loss Walsh Family. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Edward J Tessier - February 21, 2017 at 11:47 PM

JE

“ *I am so sorry to hear of Kathy's passing. She was a lovely, lovely lady and will be missed.*

Jackie Esielionis - February 21, 2017 at 07:13 PM