



Kathryn Anne Holmes

July 30, 1965 - July 26, 2025

Kathryn Anne Holmes, loving wife and beloved mother of five, passed away peacefully in her home on July 26th, 2025. Kathryn was born July 30th, 1965 in Leominster, Massachusetts to Joseph and Ellen Tremont. She grew up in Ayer, Massachusetts and was a 1983 graduate from Ayer High School.

Coming from a family of educators, Kathryn knew from a young age she wanted to be a teacher. After completing her undergrad from Fitchburg State in 1989, she began her career teaching third grade at Mount Pleasant Elementary School in Nashua, New Hampshire. She furthered her education in 2001, obtaining her Master's Degree in early childhood. She would ultimately make the switch to teaching Kindergarten, her self-proclaimed favorite age level, and found great joy in her years at the Charlotte Ave School in Nashua. She retired from teaching after 36 successful and fulfilling years.

While Kathryn loved teaching, her true passion was her family. She began dating her husband Sam in 1985, and they were married on July 20th, 1991. Together, they welcomed five extraordinary sons: Sammy, Joseph, Timothy, C.J., and Brian. Kathryn was also blessed to have her most precious grandsons, Tate and Maverick.

Her family was her life's work, and she was defined by the deep love she had for them. They were the center of her world, and she devoted herself fully to

their happiness.

In addition to her husband, sons, and grandsons, Kathryn leaves behind her daughter in law Valerie, her two sisters Mary (Matt) and Susan (Richard), and many nieces and nephews. She is also survived by a wide circle of cherished friends.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday, August 1, at 10:30AM in St. Anthony of Padua Church, 14 Phoenix St., Shirley. Burial will be held privately in St. Bernard's Cemetery in Fitchburg. There are no calling hours.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a gift to the ACC Research foundation:

ACCRF

PO Box 442, Needham, MA 02494 or online at accrf.org

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

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

AUG 1. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Anthony's Church
14 Phoenix Street
Shirley, MA 01464

Tribute Wall



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kathryn Anne Holmes.*



August 11, 2025 at 11:34 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Kathryn Anne Holmes.

August 11, 2025 at 11:34 AM



“ *To Sam, your sons, your grandchildren, Kathryn's sisters, and all other family, I am so very sorry that you have lost your beautiful loved one. My prayers for you all that God helps you with your grief & onto a path of healing.*



Denise Stepleton - July 31, 2025 at 10:16 PM



“ *Barbara Mack lit a candle in memory of Kathryn Anne Holmes*



Barbara Mack - July 31, 2025 at 08:34 PM

CH

“ Christian, Mike, Camie, Norm Hoffmann purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Kathryn Anne Holmes.



Christian, Mike, Camie, Norm Hoffmann - July 31, 2025 at 10:19 AM

CH

“ Christian, Mike, Camie, Norm Hoffmann planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kathryn Anne Holmes.

Christian, Mike, Camie, Norm Hoffmann - July 31, 2025 at 10:19 AM

NT

“ Nancy Tarbell lit a candle in memory of Kathryn Anne Holmes



Nancy Tarbell - July 31, 2025 at 07:37 AM

CL

“ Many of us have admired from afar the luck Sam had in such a wife... and even from afar, our hearts now feel wrenched, pulled, and torn. This moment is unacceptable, but soon enough we will all be joining Kathy in what will be an eternity of our greatest memories with those we love. For now, those memories continue living in life with us.

Christopher F Langford - July 30, 2025 at 11:05 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Kathryn Anne Holmes.



July 30, 2025 at 03:38 PM



“ *Joanne Migrants lit a candle in memory of Kathryn Anne Holmes*



Joanne Migrants - July 30, 2025 at 09:18 AM



“ *I'm heartbroken over the loss of my dear friend, Kathy. I will forever cherish our memories—her laughter, her strength, her wise advice, and the deep comfort of her friendship. Though we lived far apart, we kept our connection strong and were always close in heart. The world feels a little dimmer without her in it. Rest peacefully, Kathy. You will always be in my heart.*

To Sam, Sammy, Joey, Timmy, CJ, and Brian, as well as to Mary, Susan and the rest of her family, you all are in my thoughts and prayers. I am so very sorry for your loss.

Stephanie (Grayson) Edgren - July 29, 2025 at 07:59 PM

SE

“ Stephanie (Grayson) Edgren lit a candle in memory of Kathryn Anne Holmes



Stephanie (Grayson) Edgren - July 29, 2025 at 07:49 PM

LS

“ Linda Stanwood lit a candle in memory of Kathryn Anne Holmes



Linda Stanwood - July 29, 2025 at 06:57 PM



“ Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Kathryn Anne Holmes.



July 29, 2025 at 06:35 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Kathryn Anne Holmes.

July 29, 2025 at 06:35 PM

JF

“ *Judy Grayson French lit a candle in memory of Kathryn Anne Holmes*



Judy Grayson French - July 29, 2025 at 05:44 PM

JF

“ *Sending love and healing prayers to Kathy's family. Kathy was a close friend of my daughter and I got to know her during the time of high school and college. I believe she had deep faith and showed true grace throughout her life. There really aren't words to properly describe Kathy... she was an amazing Mother, wife, daughter, sister, friend, and caring educator ...beautiful inside and out. I know her son's will honor her memory in all they do.. she will always be near, guide them and be their guardian angel.*

Judy Grayson French - July 29, 2025 at 05:43 PM

JO

“ *Janice Olson lit a candle in memory of Kathryn Anne Holmes*



Janice Olson - July 29, 2025 at 08:14 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Kathryn Anne Holmes.*



July 29, 2025 at 07:43 AM



“ *Sam, the Holmes family and Tremont family. While I grew up close to Kathy and her family, just off Washington Street Square, she always showed poise and grace. Please accept my condolences as she was taken away too soon from her family and friends. I had not seen Kathy in many years but had fond memories of her growing up. Hoping your memories will comfort you all during this difficult time.*

Linda Coke - July 28, 2025 at 09:26 PM



“ *Mindy Titus lit a candle in memory of Kathryn Anne Holmes*



Mindy Titus - July 28, 2025 at 04:35 PM



I am praying for the families of Kathryn. I'm praying for the Suddaths and sending much love.

Sarah Harrell - July 28, 2025 at 07:12 PM

MN

“ Mary Suddath and Susan Noll purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Kathryn Anne Holmes.



Mary Suddath and Susan Noll - July 28, 2025 at 03:09 PM

MN

“ Mary Suddath and Susan Noll planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kathryn Anne Holmes.

Mary Suddath and Susan Noll - July 28, 2025 at 03:09 PM

MS

“ She was loved by everyone she met. I will always think of her in different ways..... a daughter, sister, wife, mother, friend, teacher, aunt and grandmother. She made it all look so easy but I know how selflessly she gave to others. But most of all, she loved Jesus with all her heart and trusted Him till the very moment she left this earth. But now in my deepest sorrow, I think back to the time when she was very little.....when we were so excited to have a new baby sister, when her zest for life was sweet and filled with innocence, when her blossoming voice took our breath away, when my husband Matt met her for the first time at age nine and nicknamed her half-pint. It is hard to believe she is gone and I won't hear that voice again or see that amazing smile once more. Rest in peace, sweet baby sister of mine, until we meet again.



Mary Suddath - July 28, 2025 at 02:55 PM

NS

“ Nancy Sherwin lit a candle in memory of Kathryn Anne Holmes



Nancy Sherwin - July 28, 2025 at 02:41 PM

PB

“ My condolences to the Holmes and Tremont family. I remember Kathy being a beautiful piano player/singer while we were in high school. May she rest in peace.



Paula Boisseau - July 28, 2025 at 10:06 AM

DL

“ Denise Leonardi lit a candle in memory of Kathryn Anne Holmes



Denise Leonardi - July 28, 2025 at 09:50 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Kathryn Anne Holmes.



July 27, 2025 at 08:15 PM

CS

“ Kathy was one of the 70-80s Oakrigdge Dr.gang. Always full of life and super focused. This news broke my heart ..so young and so much to give. My heart goes out to her entire family and I tjink i speak for all of us here from the" Block. " Praying for you all.



Cynthia Schick Sullivan - July 27, 2025 at 07:55 PM

SZ

“ Mrs Holmes was a huge part of my kiddos foundational education. She was kind, patient and loving, everything a kindergarten teacher should be. She walked us through what kindergarten should look like for our very active little boy, ensuring she'd get him where he needed to be by the end of the year. She greeted my daughter with open arms for her turn at kindergarten, and instilled a love of learning she carries today. My kids cherished their time with her, and will love her endlessly as they remember her as their favorite teacher ever. Recently, I was blessed to also be able to call her a teammate, working with her at CAS these last couple of years. It has been my absolute pleasure to both share my own kids and my students with her. The world has lost an incredible teacher. My thoughts and prayers go to her family, her husband and beloved boys and grandkids, whom she spoke of every single day. I hope happy memories and stories of her incredible impact on so many lives can bring a small amount of comfort in the difficult days ahead. Rest in the sweetest peace, Kathryn. The Ziniti's will be forever grateful to have known you.



Stephanie Ziniti - July 27, 2025 at 07:17 PM

RB

Sending prayers of comfort and condolences to Kathryn's family, especially to my good friend Mary Suddath; Kathryn's big sister.

Rosemary Brown - July 27, 2025 at 08:07 PM

TM

*To our friend and Sister in Christ,, Mary Suddath,
On behalf of your CCW group, We pray that God wraps you and your family in His loving arms and gives the peace that only He can provide. May Our Blessed Mother comfort you and intercede for you and your family as only a mother can. And may you feel your sister's presence in quiet moments and gentle memories, a reminder that love never dies—it simply changes form.*

~St. Anne (Richmond Hill) Council of Catholic Women

Therese Merrill - July 27, 2025 at 08:43 PM

CD

My prayers and thoughts are with you Mary and your family in this time of sorrow. Peace to you all.

Cory Daniels - July 28, 2025 at 07:58 AM

SL

“ *Sending prayers of comfort to Kathy's family. Kathy was a kind and loving person and will be greatly missed by her friends and family.*

Stella Lareau - July 27, 2025 at 06:26 PM

MK

“ *My heartfelt sympathy to all of you. I worked with Kathryn for many years at CAS. She was a kind and gentle woman with a great heart and love for her students. She will be missed by all who knew her.*

May she rest in peace .

Maureen Krustapentus

School Nurse (retired)

Maureen Krustapentus - July 27, 2025 at 05:52 PM

SS

“ Two of my boys were so so lucky to have Mrs. Holmes as their Kindergarten teacher. She was the perfect person to welcome them to “school” - so warm and kind. A fellow boy Mom, we joked about what’s it’s like to raise boys - she simply **ADORED** her children. We all speak of her so fondly. May everyone who loves her find peace in this most difficult time. The Sullivan’s (Josh and Will)

Shawna Sullivan - July 27, 2025 at 05:46 PM

GR

“ Susan and Mary, my heart hurts for you both. Sibling loss is quite different from other types. I pray you find some peace in the wonderful memories you have of her!!! Love you!



Glenda Ryser - July 27, 2025 at 04:14 PM

GR

“ Dear Family, I'm so sorry for your loss. No words can convey how sad I am for you all. May God bless and comfort you. Glenda and family

Glenda Ryser - July 27, 2025 at 04:12 PM

AR

“ Kaki I love you more than I can ever express. You were not just my Auntie you were my best friend and a 2nd mother to me, along with being the most amazing Godmother. You were always there for me whenever I needed you no matter what. You were such an important part of my life. My role model. You had the kindest heart of anyone I ever had the pleasure to know. My heart is broken and I miss you so much already. I pray with my whole heart you are at peace now. Love you so very much.



Ana Rice - July 27, 2025 at 04:04 PM

BZ

“ Kathryn was beautiful inside and out. She will be deeply missed. My past memories of Kathryn was her getting ready to go out on a Saturday night. Music was always playing as she got herself dressed. She loved music and had a beautiful voice. My husband and I had the pleasure of having her sing at our wedding. My more recent memories are of the amazing photo's she took. Kathryn had a great eye for photography. Our sincerest condolences to her family and friends. She will be deeply missed and remembered always.

Becky and Fred Zagami

Becky Zagami - July 27, 2025 at 04:00 PM