



Kathryn T. "Katie" (Burns) Pulsifer

March 15, 1983 - February 7, 2024

West Townsend – Kathryn T. “Katie” (Burns) Pulsifer, 40, passed away peacefully at home on February 7, 2024.

She was born in Cambridge, MA on March 15, 1983, the daughter of Dianne (Glazier) Burns and John Burns.

Katie was a multifaceted and creative person; not only was she a lover of all music, but a talented saxophone player as well. She was a remarkable cook and always enjoyed preparing meals for friends and family. Receiving one of Katie’s dishes was just one of her special ways of expressing her love and endless kindness.

When she wasn’t lighting up a room with her infectious smile, she could often be found mastering a Legos kit or being a doting aunt to her beloved niece and nephews. Katie was the sweetest of souls, the greatest giver of hugs, and the most incredibly loving wife, sister, aunt, and pet-mom.

Katie has always had a love of Paris and French culture since an early age. She was able to live her lifelong dream of climbing to the top of the Eiffel Tower and taking in all of Paris.

Katie is survived by her wife of 16 years, Michelle Pulsifer of West Townsend;

siblings, John R. Burns and wife Ruoya of Wakefield, Elizabeth Burns and fiancé Michael Ortiz of Ayer; brothers-in-law, Frank Pulsifer and wife Deana of Centerville and Doug Pulsifer and wife Christine of Northboro; niece Hope Elizabeth Pulsifer; nephews, Jeff Burns, Joe, Shamus, and Owen Pulsifer.

Katie also leaves many extended family members and numerous friends, who were very dear to her.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Following suit with Katie's immense love for our planet, and in her memory for a better future, please consider planting a tree through the Arbor Day Foundation at: <https://shop.arborday.org/commemorative-trees-for-others?producttype=TIM>

A celebration of Katie's life will be held on Saturday, February 24, 2024 at the Townsend VFW from 12-4PM.

The Anderson Funeral Home, 250 Main St., Townsend is assisting the family with arrangements.

Tribute Wall

SP

“ Dear Dianne, John, Johnny & Elizabeth & All Extended Families,

It's been a very long time ago since we last met and I want to send my deepest heartfelt sympathy to you all. These are probably not the names your children go by as grown, but that is how I remember you all. I worked at the hospital years ago with John back in the day and remember when each of you were born as we celebrated as a work family in joy. I was so very saddened for you all, to just recently hear about this heartbreaking loss of "Katie" for you all. Please know I am thinking of you all and sending prayers and strong thoughts that will help you get through this most difficult and unfair time in your lives. (You may not remember me right away Dianne but, I came to your house in Woburn long ago for lunch back when you had "Dutch", a lifetime ago). The road ahead is hard, but those will love truly never leave us, they live in our hearts forever.

With my deepest sympathy & love,

Sandy P. (from Respiratory)

Sandy P. - April 06, 2024 at 09:57 PM

AG

“ *Katie's hugs used to make my day. I got to experience them when I started working with her. I worked with her for only 9 months, but those 9 months gave me a friend for life. Even after moving away we use to have our video chat session discussing ins and outs of our lives and ending the calls with Katie's special virtual hugs. I hope she rests in peace.*

Akshay Gupta - February 25, 2024 at 08:53 AM

AG

“ Akshay G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kathryn T. "Katie" (Burns) Pulsifer.

Akshay G. - February 25, 2024 at 08:38 AM

EG

“ I remember sweet Katie from Girl Scouts. Rest in peace.

Elizabeth Griffiths - February 22, 2024 at 08:38 AM

JR

“ The first time I met Katie she touched my heart.
She was that kind of person. I will never forget her.



jeri ryan - February 17, 2024 at 10:59 AM

KP

“ *The Dragonfly Story*

“In the bottom of an old pond lived some grubs who could not understand why none of their group ever came back after crawling up the stems of the lilies to the top of the water. They promised each other that the next one who was called to make the upward climb would return and tell what happened to him. Soon one of them felt an urgent impulse to seek the surface; he rested himself on the top of a lily pad and went through a glorious transformation, which made him a dragonfly with beautiful wings. In vain he tried to keep his promise. Flying back and forth over the pond, he peered down at his friends below. Then he realized that even if they could see him they would not recognize such a radiant creature as one of their number.

The fact that we cannot see our friends or communicate with them after the transformation, which we call death, is no proof that they cease to exist.”

Walter Dudley Cavert

Kimberly Volunteer of the Dragonfly Proj - February 14, 2024 at 10:02 AM



“ *My fondest memory has to be watching with pride as you marched in the Boston College Band during a BC home game. I still can't get over how happy we were to see you on the field. The world's music has dimmed a little with your passing but Heaven has gained a crescendo.*

Arlene Cullen - February 11, 2024 at 09:52 AM

MA

“ There was only ever one Katie and only ever will be. She was unique, witty as hell, hilarious, driven, sweeter than honey, and always so confident. Like nothing could stop her, and nothing did because she was a force. Her endless, complimentary saxophone concerts are in my earliest of memories, along with her love of music and people in general and her calming attitude. I wish so much to tell her these things and hear her laugh once more. She will be so deeply missed and so. Deeply eternally loved.

Makaela - February 09, 2024 at 10:27 PM

DB

Thank you for knowing her heart so well! It takes a beautiful soul like yours to understand xo

Dianne Burns - February 12, 2024 at 08:50 PM

FT

“ From Felicia and the Humani HR team purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Kathryn T. "Katie" (Burns) Pulsifer.



From Felicia and the Humani HR team - February 09, 2024 at 05:57 PM

FT

“ From Felicia and the Humani HR team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kathryn T. "Katie" (Burns) Pulsifer.

From Felicia and the Humani HR team - February 09, 2024 at 05:57 PM

SB

“ My favorite memory wouldn't be just one day, it would be every day that I saw her. Katie's positive energy, friendly personality and contagious smile instantly made my day better. She was a genuine, sincere, loving woman and a beacon of light to all who were blessed to know her.

Stephanie Becotte - February 09, 2024 at 03:43 PM

CC

“ Dianne and all of Katie's family,
My heart breaks for you. I still remember fondly the days of WHS Band and in my heart she will always be one of my band kids. May memories of Katie keep her alive in your hearts and bring you comfort.
Carolyn Cribbie

Carolyn Cribbie - February 09, 2024 at 12:47 PM

DB

Thank you Carolyn! She did love being a band geek at WHS a and along with Mr Tully, reveled with joy playing in Boston CollegeS screaming eagles
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Dianne Burns - February 09, 2024 at 04:01 PM

DH

“ Diana H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kathryn T. "Katie" (Burns) Pulsifer.

Diana H. - February 09, 2024 at 12:43 PM

FM

“*Freddie Richardson/Cheryl Bajada - Malta purchased the Beautiful Yellow Sunflowers (Silk Cemetery Flowers) for the family of Kathryn T. "Katie" (Burns) Pulsifer.*



Freddie Richardson/Cheryl Bajada - Malta - February 09, 2024
at 10:37 AM