



Kathy A. Norelli

April 8, 1953 - August 31, 2020

SHIRLEY- Kathy A. (Comeau) Norelli, 67, of Shirley, died Monday August 31, 2020 in the Nashoba Medical Center in Ayer after a long battle with cancer.

She was born in Leominster on April 8, 1953, a daughter of the late Homer and Rose (Imprescia) Comeau and grew up in Ashby. She has resided in Shirley with her husband for the past 30 years.

Kathy worked alongside her husband as the office manager of the Shirley Animal Clinic.

She enjoyed breeding and raising her precious Borzoi, taking care of her many feathered friends and working at the clinic helping to care for the needs of her clients and their pets.

Kathy leaves her husband William J. Norelli, DVM; a son, Timothy Woodard and his wife Rebecca; a daughter, Tina Wirtz; five brothers, Wayne Comeau, Scott Comeau, Roger Rainville, Rene Rainville and Richard Rainville; a sister, Rachel Horton; five grandchildren, Kaleb Woodard, Jeremy, Jason, Joseph and Cody Hellijas, two great grandsons and numerous nephews and nieces.

She is predeceased by her four brothers, Edward Comeau, Norman Comeau, Daniel Comeau and Roland Rainville.

Calling hours will be held with social distancing guidelines in place, on Tuesday, September 8, from 4 to 7pm in the Anderson Funeral Home, 25 Fitchburg Rd., Ayer.

Her funeral service and burial in the Center Cemetery in Shirley will be held privately.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Kathy's memory (501 St. Jude Place • Memphis, TN 38105).

Cemetery Details

Center Cemetery

Brown Rd.
Shirley, MA 01464

Previous Events

Calling Hours

SEP 8. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Anderson Funeral Home - Ayer
25 Fitchburg Road ~ Route 2A
Ayer, MA 01432
(978) 772-2355

Tribute Wall

BC

“ *When ever we come into the clinic it just won't be the same. Kathy always have a smile and was eager for conversation. Thank you dear Kathy for your friendship and the care you gave to our dogs over the years. Louie will miss his treats. RIP* ”

Bob and Lee Carnevale - October 02, 2020 at 12:15 AM

JG

“ *Very saddened by the loss of Kathy. I will miss talking with her on my visits to the clinic. Kathy was a wonderful and kind person. I am so sorry.* ”

Joanne Gendron - September 29, 2020 at 01:22 PM



“ *So sad to hear of Kathy's passing. She always had a smile when I'd bring my girls into the office. She gave sage advice and not just about animals. My live is richer having known her.* ”

Kellie Shakarian - September 09, 2020 at 01:36 PM

KC

“ *Kerry Cooper lit a candle in memory of Kathy A. Norelli* ”



Kerry Cooper - September 09, 2020 at 01:06 PM

KC

“ My heartfelt condolences go out to you and your family. Kathy was such a lovable, kind individual with a heart of gold. I will miss our talks while waiting at the vets.

Kerry Cooper - September 09, 2020 at 01:06 PM

AN

“ I am so sad to hear this news. I am so sorry for the family's loss. Kathy was a beautiful, amazing, hard working woman that I have known most of my life

Angie - September 09, 2020 at 12:34 PM

KE

“ Dr. Norelli & family,
My deepest sympathies to all of you. I'll miss waving to her as she drove by while I was out walking my dog, chatting with her about the neighborhood wildlife, & having her give Molly treats while waiting in the office.

Kristen Ellis - September 09, 2020 at 11:52 AM

GO

“ So sorry for your loss. Knew Kathy for years thru the clinic and she always had a smile on her face.. Enjoyed hearing about and watching her bluebirds. Thank you Kathy for being a wonderful person.

Goldie - September 08, 2020 at 08:46 AM

DM

“ Kathy you will be missed I always enjoyed visiting with you we always have so much to catch up on.
Heartfelt condolences to you Bill and the rest of your family and friends that loved her.

Debra Metcalf

Debra Metcalf - September 08, 2020 at 08:42 AM

YS

Oh Kathy, I will miss you dearly. I loved our conversations. You will be sorely missed. My heartfelt condolences to you and your Family. Dr. Norelli, I am so sorry for your loss. My heart is broken. To Katie, you have been so supportive at the office and my thoughts and prayers go to you as well for this loss. Kathy will always be special to me.... Yvonne Slade

Yvonne Slade - September 08, 2020 at 09:18 PM



“ Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Kathy A. Norelli.



September 05, 2020 at 11:54 AM

TF

“ Dr. Norelli and Family,
We are so sorry for your loss, our hearts break for you. Kathy was a wonderful person, she was always smiling, always laughing and always had advice to share and treat for the animals.
She will be greatly missed and fondly remembered.
With deepest sympathy,
Tammy and Sean Farley

Tammy Farley - September 04, 2020 at 09:28 PM

PB

“ *Dr. Norelli and Family,*

My sincere condolences for the loss of Kathy. She was a wonderful person and full of knowledgeable suggestions on what works with the cats.

Paula Boisseau - September 03, 2020 at 04:59 PM

RW

“ *Dr. Norelli & family*

We were so saddened to hear of Kathy's passing. Her kindness & her smile showed her genuine love of all animals, always ready with a cookie when we brought Jake & Zeus in. Our thoughts & prayers are with you.

Richy & Kathi Wheeler

Richy & Kathi Wheeler - September 03, 2020 at 04:24 PM

BF

So sorry to hear about Kathi's passing she was always a pleasure to talk to. I'm sure she's taken care of all of our family pets we've lost. May she rest in peace.

Bill wessells and family - October 13, 2020 at 05:08 AM

SS

“ *Dr Norelli and family, my heart is with you all at this difficult time.*

Kathy was a great person. In the short time I knew her, I was able to see her passion for all of God's creatures. Kathy loved her family, friends, her dogs, and the many birds that greeted her every morning. I am blessed to have crossed paths with Kathy, and will forever keep her in my heart. Bless you and may peace find it's way to you. My sincerest condolences.

Susan Solari - September 03, 2020 at 01:48 PM

KM

“ *My dearest friend, I miss you already. My heart is aching.*

Karen Miller - September 02, 2020 at 09:59 PM

RG

“ *Rest in peace dear sister-in-law. You will be missed and your memories will be cherished. Rest assured we will all take care of Bill and your dogs. Every time I see a hummingbird you know I'll be thinking of you!*

Rose Gurn - September 02, 2020 at 07:29 PM

PA

“ *Dr. Norelli and Family, our condolences and prayers are with you all. Kathy was such a great lady. She will be greatly missed. Rest in Peace sweet lady. And I know she will be watching over her loved ones as an Angel as she was here. God Bless! Paulette and Jerry Aragones.*



Paulette Aragones - September 02, 2020 at 05:59 PM

CR

So sorry to hear this. I brought many of my pets there for years in years. She was such a caring, wonderful woman. My sincere condolences to all her friends and family.

Cheryl Morais Ryan - September 02, 2020 at 08:49 PM

KM

My dearest friend, how I miss you already. My heart is aching.

Karen Miller - September 02, 2020 at 09:57 PM

JC

Bill, we are so very sorry for your loss. May you find peace and comfort through all the beautiful memories you hold close in your heart. Keeping you and your family in our thoughts and prayers. With our deepest sympathy.
Joanne & Steve Ciriello

Joanne Ciriello - September 02, 2020 at 10:33 PM

SC

Bill, Tim and family we are heart broken to hear this, we have many memories of Kathy, from neighbors, to Halloween party, to seeing her sit in the seat my father in law sat in at Shirley Animal clinic... It was always a pleasure to see Kathy at the office and catching up.. She will be greatly missed by many
Sally and Scott Coates

Sally Coates - September 03, 2020 at 08:24 AM

WE

I'm so sad for all to hear of Kathy's passing she was always so bright and cheery whenever I have brought my animals into the clinic, I always loved how she knew my voice over the phone. Such a wonderful person. God Bless to entire clinic family

wendy - September 03, 2020 at 10:53 AM

JM

Bill and family we are so deeply saddened and sorry for your loss. Kathy's life was surely a blessing to all she touched. We will miss seeing her, she always greeted us with a smile and kindness. May she Rest In Peace.
Your neighbors John & Rosie 🐾

John & Rosie MacDonald - September 03, 2020 at 02:22 PM

JM

So sorry and saddened to hear this. Kathy was always so kind & friendly. I've been bringing my cats for over 30 years & always enjoyed chatting with her. She would always ask about my son & truly cared which is rare to find these days. I will miss seeing her behind the desk. Even though I knew she wasn't feeling well, you would never hear her complain ever. She is and will always be the face of Shirley Animal Clinic. RIP my friend. You are truly an angel and will be missed...

Janet Marchegiani - September 03, 2020 at 07:25 PM

ED

We have so many memories of Kathy over the years, from dog shows to the yearly barbeque. I particularly remember her telling us about raising the cardinal babies, and so many other critters. I also remember puppies in the RV, and her vigorously vacuuming the RV so all was clean and neat---her RV was SO much cleaner than ours was!!! We will both miss her and her energy so much. Betsy and Bill Borzoi

Elizabeth Denning - September 05, 2020 at 07:45 AM

CD

Dear Bill & Family, my heart is broken for you. Kathy was a kind and loving person with a smile to greet everyone that came into your office. My boys-Geronimo, Boris and Rambo always ran up the stairs to get to her and kiss her and she always had a cookie for them. She was so sincere and we would talk about our dogs and birds and always had some laughs. She will be deeply missed by all the lives she touched. She was an angel on earth and continues in heaven I am sure caring for the animals around her. Our deepest sympathy. Colleen, Jeff & Rambo Dusti

Colleen Dusti - September 08, 2020 at 10:36 AM

LM

I am so sad to hear the news of Kathy's passing. She always had a smile and a treat for my dogs. I loved talking to her about the birds and her love for all animals. May she fly high with the angels and may you keep all her memories close until they can bring a smile to your face once again. Lou Ann (Painter) Murphy and Dave Murphy

Lou Ann (Painter) Murphy - September 10, 2020 at 12:16 PM