



Kerin Martland Griswold, of Townsend

May 6, 1982 - February 24, 2026

TOWNSEND: Kerin Martland Griswold of Townsend, formerly of Groton, passed away February 24, 2026, at Brigham and Women's Hospital after nearly a yearlong battle with cancer. She was born in the same hospital on May 6, 1982, and was the beloved wife of Mathew Griswold II for over 15 years. Friends and family fondly remember their wedding at Mission Church and Fenway Park in Boston, MA

Kerin was a lifelong Red Sox fan and considered the championship roster of the 2000s her favorite installment of the team. Attending games and frequenting nearby restaurants was amongst her and Mat's favorite pastimes.

She attended the Academy of Notre Dame in Tyngsboro, where she was captain of the swimming and crew teams. She swam competitively at Wheelock College and taught swimming for years at the Groton Country Club. The tradition continues in her daughter, Mackenzie, 13, who already holds a Junior Olympic gold medal in the sport and in her son, Mathew, 8, who is inspired to be equally competitive.

Kerin is described by family, friends, and colleagues as sweet, caring, and strong. Her heartwarming attitude shined in every aspect of her life. Her optimism was unmatched. You could not break Kerin's spirit and she never stopped caring for all who touched her life. Even when facing one of the most

aggressive cancers, her concern for others superseded her own struggles.

Her selflessness fueled her professional career as a teacher for the Nashoba Learning Group and Billerica Public Schools where her patience was uniquely suited for those with all forms of autism and other special needs. Whatever one may need, Kerin seemed able to provide. The world with Kerin was a magnificent gift, but something tells us the world with her as a guardian angel may be an equal or greater blessing, that is, if we share her optimism.

She is survived by her husband, Mathew Griswold II, children, Mackenzie and Mathew III, of Townsend; her parents, Kay and Ted Martland of Nashua, NH; sister, Jennifer and children, Brooklyn and Bradley Behrens; brother, Teddy Martland; grandmother, Clare Lyons Flanagan; parents-in-law, Julia and Mathew Griswold Sr.; sister-in-law, Beth and son, Jordan Griswold, and husband, Phillip Kines; as well as an abundance of cousins, relatives, and friends, all of whom shared a meaningful connection to her over the years.

Visiting hours will be 4-7pm, Monday, March 9, 2026, at Anderson Funeral Home in Ayer, MA. A church service will be held 10am, Tuesday, March 10, 2026, at Immaculate Conception Parish, Dunstable Road, in Nashua, NH. The graveside service will be private.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to her support fund. <https://www.gofundme.com/f/support-for-kerins-family>

Previous Events

Calling Hours

MAR **9**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

Funeral Service

MAR **10**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Immaculate Conception Church
216 East Dunstable Road
Nashua, MA 03062

Tribute Wall



“ My condolences to you cousins. May God be with you through this time of need. Much love to you all!



Buford Gaiter Jr. - March 18 at 11:25 PM

WB

“ I was so saddened to learn of Kerin's passing. She and I were high school friends and classmates at NDA. I can say without question that she made high school so much fun with her cheerful personality and contagious laugh! I know that she will be deeply missed by those closest to her and my prayers and deepest condolences are with you all.

Whitney Bates-Gomez - March 09 at 10:57 AM

CM

“ I was so sad to hear of Kerin's passing. I remember her beautiful smile and cheerfulness. My deepest sympathies to all of you as you go through this difficult time. Love Cindy Maxwell

Cynthia Maxwell - March 05 at 08:58 AM

CP

“ We will miss Kerin's beautiful smile! She was someone, our family was blessed to have known. The Prince's



Carol prince - March 04 at 10:53 AM

CB

“ I am so sad to hear about Kerin's passing. I looked up to Kerin as a kid and cherished her days babysitting us! She was always approachable, soft spoken and hilarious...my sister brother and I have such found memories of our time with her growing up. Thinking of her family. With love, Caitlin Burke (McGuinness)

Caitlin Burke - March 03 at 04:26 PM

MS

“ Matt, I am deeply saddened to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your entire family.

Monika Shah

Monika Shah - March 03 at 01:30 PM

EL

“ Thank you for sharing Kerin with us as a teacher. She loved to talk about her family and how proud she was of them. And she was the kindest person you could meet. The kindness and patience she showed to her special kids at school was amazing. Prayers for your hearts.

Eddie Ellen and Fred

Ellen - March 03 at 11:53 AM

MG

“ I went to high school with Kerin, and have many fond memories of our time together during those years. When I think of some of our antics back then, it puts a smile on my face and as someone else shared—I can also still hear her infectious laugh all these years later. She was a dear friend who was part of a very formative group of friends for me at that time, and I'll always be grateful. I am so sorry and saddened to hear about her passing, and am keeping you all in my thoughts.

Melanie Gleason - March 03 at 11:47 AM

RR

“ I didn't know Kerin, but I recognized her face from Wheelock the second I saw her photo. My sincerest condolences to her family... She was too young.

Renee Ruggiero - March 03 at 11:31 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Kerin Martland Griswold, of Townsend.



March 03 at 09:16 AM

JN

“ Joe, Christine, Mike, Katie, and Nick purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Kerin Martland Griswold, of Townsend.



Joe, Christine, Mike, Katie, and Nick - March 02 at 08:47 PM

DS

“ I swam with Kerin at Wheelock, and we were captains together our senior year. She was a model swimmer, leader and very dear friend. She also had the most fantastic, contagious laugh. We would do anything to get her going! Heartbroken over this news.
-Danielle Surprenant

Danielle Surprenant - March 02 at 08:33 PM

RB

“ Matt, I'm so so sorry for your loss.
My thoughts and prayers are with you and your entire family.
- Regina Beausoleil

Regina Beausoleil - March 02 at 07:52 PM

JU

“ There is absolutely no one like beautiful Kerin. She and Jack had a connection that the rest of us had to stand back and admire. She met him at 4, I believe, and at age 22, he still asks for her regularly. She taught Jack how to blow bubbles and worked to make sure he knew how to swim across the pool. Her presence at Nashoba and in our home was always calm, loving, and helpful. Through the wedding, the babies, and then her moving on to public school, she showed us how to live and love.

Kerin Griswould, you touched our lives with your grace in ways that we can never repay. Thank you for always seeing and believing in Jack. He will carry that love with him forever.

Matt and kids, we love you and are praying for your strength and peace during these difficult days and beyond. I'm praying you feel Kerin with you. Somehow, love lives on.

Judith Ursitti - March 02 at 04:51 PM

PB

“ *I am devastated to learn of Kerin's passing, Kay and Ted. You and your entire family have our deepest sympathies. Sincerely, Peg and Norb Beck*

Peg Beck - March 02 at 02:07 PM

SJ

Matt, we are all saddened and supportive with you and your family after the tragic news. We will keep you and your family in our prayers.

Stephen Joyce - March 03 at 02:33 PM