



Theresa "Terry" R. Thurston

May 17, 1962 - January 21, 2026

Fitchburg – With deep sorrow, we announce the unexpected passing of Theresa R. Thurston, age 63, on January 21, 2026, at Leominster Hospital. Born on May 17, 1962, to Edward and Hannelore (Wachter) Thurston.

Theresa graduated from Monty Tech in 1980. She worked for the last 35 years at Slattery's Restaurant, where she was both chef and co-kitchen manager. Throughout her career, she mentored many and had a work ethic unsurpassed, leaving a lasting impact on everyone who had the privilege of working beside her.

A truly selfless soul, Theresa was known for her unwavering generosity and compassion, always placing the needs of others before her own. She lovingly cared for her mother until her passing in 2024 and found joy each year volunteering as a cook for Camp Miracles and Magic in Hubbardston. Theresa will be remembered for her sharp wit, warm heart, and nurturing spirit. She cherished time spent outdoors tending to her flowers and vegetable garden and brought laughter and kindness to all who knew her.

She is survived by her father, Edward Thurston (and wife Marge) of Texas; siblings Michael Thurston (and wife Sheryle) of Pennsylvania, Steven Thurston (and wife Allie) of Oklahoma, and Wendy White (and husband Paul) of Delaware; nieces Danielle Thurston of Pennsylvania, Alexandria Thurston

of California, nephew Ryan Thurston of Massachusetts; as well as many loving neighbors and close friends, including Judy Barone of Fitchburg, Sandy Hutchinson of Arlington and Sandy Bowers of Fitchburg.

The service will be held March 2nd at 10am, Isabelle & Anderson Funeral Home, 316 Clarendon St, Fitchburg, MA. Burial will follow in Forest Hill Cemetery.

In keeping with her deep commitment to helping children, in lieu of flowers the family invites those wishing to honor her to donate to any children's charity in her name.

Cemetery Details

Forest Hill Cemetery

Mt. Elam Rd.
Fitchburg, MA 01420

Previous Events

Funeral Service

MAR 2. 10:00 AM (ET)

Isabelle & Anderson Funeral Home - Fitchburg
316 Clarendon Street
Fitchburg, MA 01420
(978) 343-4407

Tribute Wall



“ I met Terry 35 years ago when I was a hostess at Slatterys during college . Terry worked so hard and had pride in what she did . She kept us laughing ! She affectionately called myself and friend and fellow hostess Bim one and Bim Two ! Years later I'd run into her at cvs or the store and I'd hear her calling out “ Bim “ ! Dedicated to caring for her mother and all around kind sweet soul . Rip Terry you will be missed

Meg Dennen Upson - February 26 at 10:10 PM

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“ I met Terry at Camp Miracles & Magic many summers ago when I volunteered to work in the kitchen prepping meals for the campers. Terry was the master chef at every meal and she amazed me with her abilities to meet everyone's culinary desires. After the camp ended, the kitchen staff had many dinners at area restaurants together as our bonds tightened with each passing year. I got to know this quiet, compassionate woman outside of the kitchen. Heaven has certainly gained an angel. Rest easy, my friend, I am honored that I got to know you. RIP

Pat Adams - February 22 at 06:37 PM

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“ Terry was a very special friend. A heart bigger than she, and always willing to be there for us all. So glad that so many of us have special memories that will always warm my heart and make me smile. Carry on my friend !

Sandra Bowers - February 22 at 05:01 PM

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“ We knew Terry ,from working with her at Camp M&M , saw her many times at Slattery's and around the ' Burg' . We'll miss her .
Mike + Linda

Michael Young - February 14 at 10:44 AM