



Mary Kathleen Knight

April 7, 1944 - August 30, 2018

Farmington – Mary Kathleen Knight, 74, of Farmington, died early Thursday morning at her home. She was born in Rumford, April 7, 1944, a daughter of Alfred and Mary Kathleen (McKenna) Holland and received her education in local schools. On August 26, 1967, she married Thomas Knight in Rumford. She was a long-time teacher in the New Sharon School and later at Mallett School in Farmington, retiring in 2003. She was a communicant of St. Joseph’s Church in Farmington where she was active in the Altar Guild. Church and children were her passion, and she loved traveling with her friends. She was a member of the Franklin County Retired Teacher’s Association.

She is survived by her husband, Thomas “Tom” Knight of Farmington; daughter, Bethany “Beth” Drabik and her husband, Marc of Portland; son, Roger Knight and his wife, Kelsey of South Portland; daughter, Tammy Friedman and husband, Corey of Manhattan, NY; 2 grandchildren, Colby and Cleary; siblings, Bernadette DeMillo of Livermore Falls, William Holland and his wife, Debbie of Poland, Marjorie Kosalski and her husband, Steve of Durham, and Joyce Hanson of WI; special friends, Paul and Sue Gooch of Wells.

A Memorial Mass of Christian Burial will be held Wednesday, September 5, 2018 at 11 am from St. Joseph’s Church, Middle Street, Farmington. Following Mass, the family will receive friends at the Parish Hall where refreshments will be served. The family suggests that those who desire consider memorial gifts in her memory to St. Jude’s Children’s Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN, 38105 or www.stjude.org.

Memories and condolences may be shared with her family on her memorial wall at www.wilesrc.com. Cremation care and memorial services are being cared for and provided by the Wiles Remembrance Center-Adams/McFarlane Chapel, 137 Farmington Falls Road, Farmington.

Events

SEP **Memorial Mass** 11:00AM

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St. Joseph's Catholic Church
Middle Street, Farmington, ME, US, 04947

SEP **Reception** 12:00PM

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St. Joseph's Parish Hall
Middle Street, Farmington, ME, US, 04938

Comments



“ It is often I think of Mrs. Knight as I enter my own classroom. Her smiling face, the welcome words of greeting that made us all feel safe and secure in our Kindergarten Class at the New Sharon Elementary School. She was the foundation that led us all to grow and prosper to success though Elementary School, Junior High and High School. They always say you never forget your Kindergarten Teacher....they certainly are right.

I would like to think that I extol some of those same characteristics in my classroom many years later.

Years after I no longer was in school she always spoke to me, knew who I was and genuinely was interested in my life and what I was doing. She was one of a kind and I will always be grateful for having had her as a teacher and her influence and guidance in my life.

Please accept my sincere sympathy at this time of your loss. Know that she will be deeply missed but always remembered for her dedication to her students, her family and her friends.

You will be in my thoughts and prayers as you go through this most difficult time but know she will be with you always in your hearts.

Jennifer Tripp

Jennifer Tripp - September 08, 2018 at 08:08 AM



“ Condolences to Kathy's family. What a very special lady. She had a heart of gold and was such a caring and loving teacher. Her smiling face will be missed. My prayers go out to Tom and her children and grand children.

Helen Buzzell - September 05, 2018 at 05:38 PM



“ Forty-two years ago,our son Michael was lucky enough to begin his education with a teacher who was kind and talented and excited to be a teacher. His first year of school was filled with so many wonderful and positive learning experiences at the hands of an educator who took the time to build a very strong bond with each child. Thanks to Kathy, he loved that first year which gave him the solid foundation he needed to succeed throughout the K-12 years and beyond.

Kathy was my friend, but she was also a treasured mentor. As a fledging teacher, I would often touch base with Kathy for advice on teaching strategies or behavior management tips. The advice would always come with a warm smile and an honest, but wise disclaimer, noting that this strategy, or this tip is what has worked for me in the past. However, what you need to know about teaching is that every child, and every situation is different. So.....Give it a try...If it doesn't work...Step back, figure out why it didn't work and find another strategy. Throughout my teaching career, I have

carried Kathy's advice and tips shared so many years ago. And, I thank you Kathy for being such an important influence in my life, not only as a colleague, but as my friend.

You were like a ray of sunshine every time we talked, even when you were so sick. During those chance meetings, your sweet light still shined brightly and the topic of conversation never revolved around what was happening to you. The focus was always on your beloved family. Clearly, your love for them ran deep. You were so very proud of each one. You said that your first grandchild was your miracle baby, and your eyes always filled with tears. But the tears were always tethered to that warm, familiar smile that touched hearts and warmed the room.

Kathy, there is no doubt that your spirit and your time on this Earth has made our world a better place in which to live. Through your love, through your strength, and through your amazing fortitude to stay on this Earth, you have been a shining example of what it truly means to live a good life. You will be greatly missed, for the love of your family and that of this community also run deep.

Sincerely,

Brenda LaVerdiere
Friend and Colleague

Brenda LaVerdiere - September 03, 2018 at 11:31 AM



“ Mary, Rob, and Aaron Whitten purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Mary Kathleen Knight.



Mary, Rob, and Aaron Whitten - September 03, 2018 at 11:14 AM



“ Kathy was a special person,her love for people was huge,never heard her say anything bad about anyone. A very special best friend

Linda wakefield - September 03, 2018 at 10:30 AM



“ My condolences to Thom and the Knight family. Mary was my kindergarten teacher many years ago. I just remember her being so kind and fun. It was nice to see her around Farmington and still recognize me when I would come home to visit my parents. You will be missed.



Heather (Titcomb) Draper - September 02, 2018 at 08:00 AM



“ I am so very honored to have been able to call Kathy one of my friends. She was a special and very caring lady. My deepest condolences to her family. I so wish I were going to be able to attend the services honoring her, but due to some previous commitments I will be unable to attend.

Brian Adams - September 01, 2018 at 11:32 AM



“ Margie- I am so sorry for your loss. I remember how fondly and frequently you spoke of your sister and the great teacher she was. I am sure her lessons were a solid foundation for many. May those loving memories help to ease the pain of your loss.

cyndy paradis - September 01, 2018 at 06:14 AM



“ Kahy...what can i say...such a gracious, honest and loving woman she was!!!! May God welcome you with open arms into His kingdom to be shared with all those you have loved and those to follow...

Rick Desjardins - September 01, 2018 at 01:23 AM



“ I will always remember Kathy as a smiling, happy individual, who loved kids and her job as a teacher. She always had a kind word for everyone. We had a lot of fun during those years at St. Joe's and then in the trailers at Mallett. My heart and prayers go out to Tom, Beth, Roger, and Tammy! I hope the love that she had for you all will surround you and give you peace at this time.

Ina Austin - August 31, 2018 at 07:37 PM



“ She was my first teacher ever. She was a wonderful woman and one of the best teachers. She will be greatly missed.



Steven Farmer - August 31, 2018 at 02:43 PM



“ I taught with Kathy for two years at Mallett School in the '80's. She was so very loving and an excellent teacher and colleague. Kathy was the type who felt wonder by the reality that she was blessed to do what she loved so intensely AND get paid for doing it. I will miss her faithful friendship. My condolences to her family.
-Donna Fellman

Donna Fellman - August 31, 2018 at 12:03 PM



“ I am so thankful and honored to have had Mrs. Knight as my first teacher. I loved school and she started it off right for me. I had the honor of spending the day with her and Bernadette a few years ago. They were such a comfort during that time as we had just lost our son. She was a loving and kind woman.

Marta Clarkson - August 31, 2018 at 11:12 AM



“ Mrs. Knight celebrated all of her Kindergarten 'friends' as tiny, but strong individuals with unique skills and passions regardless of home life, ability or handed-ness. Her positive attitude was effervescent and her passion for education was genuine and evident with her dedication to memorable and engaging lessons, many of which I remember twenty years later! Not to mention her incredible knack for remembering faces. I'll always recall her sweet-smelling perfume, elaborate letter-people backstories (to explain why they lived in the file cabinets,) and countless hugs that could corral at least half a dozen of us, even laden with snow onesies. Blessings to Mrs. Knight and her family, may we always look to her great nature for inspiration during tough times!

Caitlin Douglass - August 31, 2018 at 10:51 AM



“ Oh my word, one of my favorite ladies and an amazing mentor. She was my son's kindergarten teacher, and became a great friend to me. So many times I'd tell myself to stop and see her, but I waited to long. But now, she shares a place in Heaven with my son. I'm sure the angels are singing to have her HOME. Love you Kathy

Charlene MSlaver - August 31, 2018 at 10:15 AM



“ Kathy was dearly loved by the Shumway family for the tender care towards all the children who came into her life.

Carol - August 31, 2018 at 09:34 AM