



## Catherine Arline Hamilton

July 5, 1942 - February 14, 2025

Greenland- Catherine “Cathy” Arline Hamilton, 82, passed away at home in Greenland on Valentine’s Day, Friday February 14, 2025 from effects of a cerebral infarction (stroke) in April 2024.

Born in Newton, Massachusetts, the eldest child of Patrick Roy Fawson of Halifax, Canada and Catherine Patricia “Kay” Foley of Dorchester, MA in the midst of World War II, she grew up in West Newton with cousins next door. She was raised by her Canadian father and grandmother, Adelia Jane (Young) Fawson from Nova Scotia with Acadian French, Mi'kmaq First Nation, Scots, Dutch Irish and German roots. From her mother, she inherited her Irish green eyes and beaming smile. Her grandmother taught her to cook traditional stews and took a shine to her future husband, the singing milkman Thomas J. Hamilton of Woburn, MA. Cathy and Tom were married for fifty-four years until parted by his death in 2019.

A registered nurse for more than fifty years, Cathy’s career began at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Brighton, MA - her alma mater. She lovingly cared for patients at Choate Hospital in Woburn, in nursing homes in Woburn and Portsmouth, NH, in pediatric centers in Boston and as school nurse in Rye, NH. For over thirty years, she worked at Portsmouth Regional Hospital doing med/surg rounds, in the ER and as a psychiatric nurse at The Pavilion - now the Behavioral Health Unit. After ten years helping people with their mental

health at a time when the term was barely recognized, Cathy transitioned to private duty. She comforted patients who were dying and those who needed skilled nursing care at home. One of her most memorable home health experiences was caring for a wonderful boy named Lukey born with cerebral palsy. Cathy helped Lukey improve his communication skills and facilitated a meeting with then President Bill Clinton. Cathy and Lukey became lifelong friends and no one celebrated his achievement more than Nurse Cathy when he graduated from high school.

Cathy was also a talented artist and dancer and glamorous enough to have been a Hollywood starlet. She loved everything about living on the NH Seacoast (especially ice cream and lighthouses) where she and Tom settled forty-nine years ago with their four children.

Mrs. Hamilton is predeceased by her husband Thomas James Johnston Hamilton, her parents Patrick Roy Fawson, her mother Catherine Patricia Budd (Foley), and her sister Bernadette Fawson Anderson. She is survived by brothers Patrick Roy Fawson, Jr., Edwin Budd, James Budd, Robert Budd, and Richard Budd; her children Dawn Hamilton of Greenland, NH, Thomas Patrick Hamilton and daughter-in-law Tracy Hamilton of Hampton, NH, Jill Marie Hamilton of Marietta, GA, and Todd Michael Hamilton of Greenland, NH; her grandchildren Halli McCaughan Anderson and Justin Ringle of Astoria, OR, Kody Santiago and Brendin Thomas Hamilton both of Layton, UT, Liam Gannon Anderson of Marietta, GA; and her great grandchild Ansel Eade Ringle of Astoria, OR. Cathy is also mourned by her beloved brothers and sisters-in-law and many dear nieces and nephews and their children, and many more cousins and friends.

Visitation will be Tuesday, April 29 from 10:00 am - 11:00 am at the Remick & Gendron Funeral Home- Crematory, 811 Lafayette Road Hampton, NH 03842. A Catholic Funeral Mass will celebrated be on Tuesday, April 29 at 12:00 pm

Noon at St. Theresa's Catholic Church, 820 Central Road Rye, NH 03870.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the following local and national nonprofit organizations.

Nurses House, a century-old, nurse-managed nonprofit organization dedicated to helping registered nurses in need by clicking here (<https://www.nurseshouse.org>)

or

Prescott Park Arts Festival, Portsmouth's premiere arts organization keeping the arts accessible to all by clicking here (<https://www.prescottpark.org/support-us/donate>)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **29**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - Crematory  
811 Lafayette Road ·  
Hampton, NH 03842  
(603) 926-6500  
info@remickgendron.com  
<https://www.RemickGendron.com/>

## Funeral Mass

APR **29**. 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Theresa Parish  
820 Central Rd  
Rye Beach, NH 03871  
(603) 964-6440

# Tribute Wall



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Catherine Arline Hamilton.* ”



April 28, 2025 at 09:27 AM



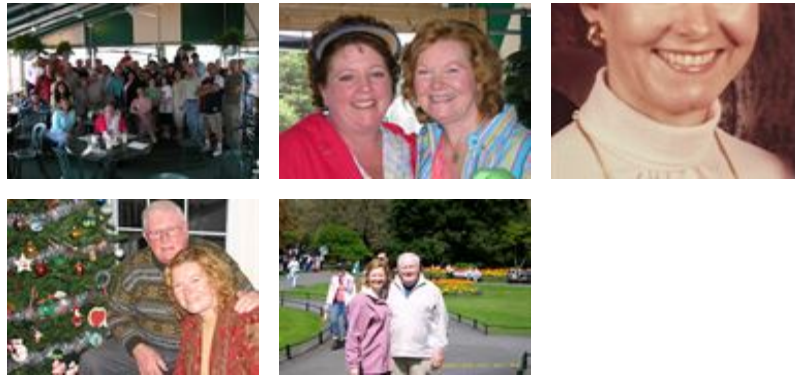
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Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - April 21, 2025 at 01:56 PM



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Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - April 17, 2025 at 03:48 PM

John Dineen

“ *Cathy and Red, both one of a kind. I was lucky to have had them in my life. Dinze*



John Dineen - April 11, 2025 at 11:51 AM

JH

*Thank you, Dinze. You meant so much to them and they loved having you in theirs. Love to you and yours.*

Jill Hamilton - December 04, 2025 at 11:34 AM

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“ *Dear Sweetheart Cathy My heart is so broken  without you now! I so enjoyed our talks on the phone as you were always the most special in my life! I will miss you forever as each day passes bye & you're not here with me and Roland will always love you dearly in our lives! I know you will be happy back in Tommy's arms in heaven! Forever you will be loved & missed Sweet Cathy Hamilton  from Roland & Cindy Rondeau*



Cindy Hart Rondeau - March 29, 2025 at 02:19 PM

JH

*Thank you, Cindy, for your kind words.*

Jill Hamilton - December 04, 2025 at 03:45 PM

SF

“ Cathy was my neighbor almost my entire life and she was always like the neighborhood "mom". Sweet as pie and had a heart of gold. I remember making garden stepping stones with her as a little girl and thinking to myself "wow she has a lot of patience for a mom with so many kids". My heart goes out to all of them, as I am sure they will be lost without her. She was loved by everyone who knew her. RIP Cathy

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**Shawna Fournier** - March 18, 2025 at 11:30 AM

JH

Thank you, Shawna! Not only that Shawna, but Mom kept the secrets of many a young person who came and told her things. She had that something about her that people confided in her. We do miss her very much! Knowing she and Dad are back together provides some solace.

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**Jill Hamilton** - December 04, 2025 at 03:48 PM