



## Catherine Houlihan-Herold

December 22, 1953 - January 3, 2025

Rye- On January 3rd, after a courageous battle against cancer, Catherine Mary Houlihan-Herold, 71, of Rye, NH passed peacefully at home with her family by her side. Born and raised in Chicopee, Massachusetts to Thomas and Claire Houlihan, Cathy went off to Carlow College in the big city of Pittsburgh, PA where she earned a degree in Speech Pathology and met her future husband. It was love at first sight for Bob, it took some time, but he eventually wore her down and they have been truly inseparable ever since. After finishing school, they settled in Rye and went to work building a family and their dental practice in downtown Portsmouth.

If love was a sport, Cathy would be a Hall of Famer. Although her degree was in speech pathology, Cathy decided to dedicate her life to loving and supporting her family and friends. She was infinitely loyal, generous, and a remarkable mix of warmth, kindness, depth, toughness, competence, and fun. An avid runner and focused problem solver; she could often be found on her phone offering a non-judgmental listening ear and great advice, while working selflessly behind the scenes so her family and friends could succeed and achieve their goals.

Her love did not stop with family and friends. She traveled the world, including many humanitarian trips to her two favorite countries in Africa, Ethiopia and Uganda. Together, Cathy and Bob would administer polio vaccines, provide

dental care in remote villages, and support local projects such as bee farming, building grist mills and providing communities with access to water. Cathy never had a negative thought, never needed recognition, or even a thank you. Forever grateful for all the blessings she had received in life; she made it her life's mission to make sure she shared her good fortune with others.

She was affectionately known as Meme or Mumi, by her greatest joy, her grandchildren - Claire, Duke, Griffin and Vivian. Meme was a constant at all their games and activities and could be heard loudly cheering. She had an extraordinary ability to adapt and be exactly what her grandchildren needed at any given moment – whether as a comforting presence, a wise guide, or a partner in adventure. Her love knew no bounds.

She is survived by the love of her life Bob Herold; her children Andrea, Justin and Jeff Herold; daughters-in-law Liz and Camilla Herold; siblings Karen Chaffee (Bill Chaffee), Tucker Houlihan (Christine Enos); nieces, nephews and their families; and The Tadesse's, her Ethiopian family. She was preceded in death by her mother Claire, her father Thomas, and her brother Michael.

To all her friends, thank you for all your love and support. Cathy wanted everyone to know "I have lived a wonderful charmed life, having realized true love, and have absolutely no regrets. "

Calling hours are Saturday, January 18, 2025 12-3pm at Remick and Gendron Funeral Home, 811 Lafayette Road Hampton, NH 03842. A celebration of Cathy's life is being planned and will be shared in the future.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to The Dana Farber Cancer Institute, Department of Thoracic Oncology ([https://danafarber.jimmyfund.org/site/Donation2?idb=1086580806&df\\_id=2100&mfc\\_pref=T&2100.donation=form1&s\\_subsrc=AGDFH110123&s\\_src=AGDFH110123&utm\\_campaign](https://danafarber.jimmyfund.org/site/Donation2?idb=1086580806&df_id=2100&mfc_pref=T&2100.donation=form1&s_subsrc=AGDFH110123&s_src=AGDFH110123&utm_campaign))

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# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 18. 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - Crematory

811 Lafayette Road ·

Hampton, NH 03842

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# Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Catherine Houlihan-Herold.

January 17, 2025 at 06:26 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Catherine Houlihan-Herold.



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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Catherine Houlihan-Herold.



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TB

“ Tim and Kerstin Breitholtz planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Catherine Houlihan-Herold.

Tim and Kerstin Breitholtz - January 13, 2025 at 11:02 AM

TB

“ Tim and Kerstin Breitholtz purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Catherine Houlihan-Herold.



Tim and Kerstin Breitholtz - January 13, 2025 at 11:02 AM

PS

“ Heaven gained a beautiful angel! Our time as friends was brief and a blessing. During that period her love and kindness to others was outstanding and she gave freely of her time and talents. Every time we talked she was picking up the grandchildren or heading to one of their events. Even facing this tough diagnosis, she inspired others with her warm and positive spirit. May God grant Bob and her beautiful family comfort and strength at this time. May the Lord welcome you home, Cathy, for your life here well lived.  
Trish & Ron Sirak

Patricia Sirak - January 10, 2025 at 12:06 PM

AD

“ A fitting tribute to a life lived with love and purpose. Our deepest condolences to her family and friends.

Amy Feitelson / Ted Deummond - January 09, 2025 at 10:34 PM

BH

“ Tom and I had terrific conversations with Cathy when we lived in the neighborhood. She and Bob gave so much of themselves to others both here and abroad, Her love for her family was ever-present. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all, Cathy will forever be your Guardian Angel surrounding you with love and light, May the road rise up to meet her. Her courageous battle is a life lesson for us all, Thinking of you and sending prayers and love. Tom Sheridan and Bridget Hughes

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**Bridget M Hughes** - January 09, 2025 at 08:22 AM

PK

“ I am so sorry to hear of Cathys passing. I have fond memories growing up as kids. She had an exciting life and a beautiful family. She will be greatly missed.  
Sending prayers and hugs. Paulette and Ed Kane

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**Paulette Kane** - January 08, 2025 at 08:32 PM

TI

“ Cathy dear,

*I still can't believe you are gone. You were like my American mom, and I truly thought we would meet again next year when I came for my PhD. This is such a heartbreaking loss for me and my family.*

*From the very first time we met during your visit to Ethiopia for the polio campaign, we formed a bond that grew stronger with each passing year. You visited us often, and I had the joy of visiting you as well. The time we shared is a treasure I will carry for the rest of my life.*

*I will always remember the special moments, like the time you and Karen came to see me in NYC. The fun we had, the fake birthday celebration, and those unforgettable nights—those memories are precious and will stay with me forever.*

*You leave behind a legacy of love and kindness that will endure. Though it's hard to say goodbye, I trust in God's perfect timing for all things. May He give Bob the strength to carry on, and may He comfort Andrea, Justine, Jeff, and the entire family during this difficult time.*

*Love you always, dear Cathy!*



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**Tlgist** - January 08, 2025 at 03:30 PM

PR

*What a lovely lady. I wasn't crazy about going to the dentist but loved to see and talk to her.*

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**Pat Roberts** - January 10, 2025 at 01:38 PM

EM

*We are all just beyond heart broken to learn of this. Cathy was such a force in the best of ways. Our deepest condolences and Lov to all of Cathy's beloved fam. Sending much support, the Moitoza's*

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**elizabeth Moitoza** - January 10, 2025 at 02:04 PM

SP

*We are shocked and saddened to hear this devastating news. Moving to Baker Ave 35 years ago, the Herold family was one of the first families we met. Our Kids grew up together and there was endless fun and shenanigans. Sending love and prayers to family and friends.  
Bill & Sandi Piekarski*

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**Sandra Piekarski** - January 11, 2025 at 12:20 PM

AB

*Oh Cathy! It is devastating news! Even-though we met for a very short time I had a precious moment knowing you! May your soul rest in peace. My deepest condolences for the family.*

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**Abrihu** - January 18, 2025 at 01:06 PM