



## Erin Raymond

April 14, 1963 - December 8, 2022

Concord - Erin Mary Raymond, 59, passed away peacefully on Thursday, December 8, 2022 at Merrimack County Nursing Home in Boscawen, New Hampshire.

Erin was born on Easter Sunday, April 14, 1963 in Augusta, Maine. Early in her life the family moved to Concord, New Hampshire where Erin spent her youth. She was an active member of the Concord YMCA where she participated in gymnastics and learned to swim. She enjoyed spending summers at Camp Wahoo.

Erin was a great swimmer and could right herself in a flipped canoe. She had a natural gift for comedy and could keep her family laughing for hours and days. In her youth, she was a good arm wrestler, flexible and unflappable which made her a formidable opponent. She loved musicals of all kinds and encouraged everyone to sing along as long as you could carry a tune. Annie, The Sound of Music, and Grease were some of her favorites. As her Nana often commented, Erin was a "good eater", never turning away homemade spaghetti or a right-sized bowl of strawberry ice cream. But if Erin were given an extra large soda with too much ice, too big a serving, or if she didn't get a straw, her silent stare over the top of her eye glasses would send even the most-seasoned server hustling back to the kitchen to fix the mistake. Inspired by Dorothy in The Wizard of Oz, Erin enjoyed shoes of all colors and styles.

The shinier and brighter the better — sequins, reflectors, and bling of any kind. And she had an uncanny ability to remember people by their shoes, even if they only called on the telephone. Erin's phone messages were along the lines of "the lady with the green shoes called." She was a fan of all music and dancing — her favorite singers were Michael Jackson and Elvis, and she was famous for her dance moves. Being pocket-sized made Erin forever huggable and she loved to give hugs. Her family and friends have said Erin's hugs were some of the best of their lives.

Erin attended Concord public schools graduating from Concord High in 1984. She then moved to Henniker where she became part of a vocational training program and worked at New England College dining services for many years. She was a client of Community Bridges which led to her living independently at the Birches in Henniker. Following the many years living with her roommate Sally, Erin went to live with her friends Amanda, Lee, and Patty in Northfield.

Her unique and remarkable way of living life taught her family and friends many valuable lessons about love, friendship and community. Most of all, if your song is playing, get out on the floor; always have a flashlight in your bag, and; if it's not what you ordered, just send it back.

Surviving family members include her father Randall Raymond of Exeter, New Hampshire; her mother Kathleen Sullivan of Portland, Maine; her sister Megan Raymond of Charlottesville, Virginia; and brother Nathaniel Raymond of Eliot, Maine.

The family would like to express deep thanks to the staff at Merrimack County Nursing Home and Granite VNA for their dedicated care given during such a difficult time.

A formal service will not be held. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to

Community Bridges, Attn: Shawna Bowman, 162 Pembroke Rd. Concord, NH 03301 or online by clicking here (<https://www.communitybridgesnh.org/donate/>).

# Tribute Wall

DP

“ There are many blessings that come and go in our lives. Some of those blessings we don't even realize when they're right in front of us until their gone. But Erin was one of those blessings that you knew right away, that she was something special. The first time I ever met her she wanted to show me her artwork and painting, and after a little bit of time she asked me if I like Michael Jackson, I happened to tell her a little white lie and mention that I did. :) I remember the second time that I saw her, I remember she turned to me and she said, “Hey I know you”! Then I would ask her, “Well who am I”? She said, “ DAN” with a big happy Erin grin!!! She was something special to each of us, she definitely had a way about herself, I used to love to make her blush, I always thought she was so cute!!!! So, like everyone else who's lives she touched, I'm thankful for my opportunity and my privilege and honor to get to know Erin as the love that she was. And I was thankful that I was able to give my Love to her as well. When I think of Erin it brings a smile to my face and to my heart, and she will forever and for always be remembered in my heart in my mind and in my soul, as someone who is touched my life. Thank you Erin 🙏❤️  
Love You  
Dan Pratt

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**Daniel Pratt** - December 14, 2022 at 10:29 PM

SM

“ My condolences to Erin's family. I met Erin at New England College, where I enjoyed getting to know her. I was a faculty member there for many years, and we always chatted on my frequent visits to Gilmore Dining Hall. (Some days the conversations were much easier than others!) I always enjoyed my interactions with Erin, and remember her fondly.  
-Susan M. Murray, Henniker

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**Susan M. Murray** - December 13, 2022 at 09:02 PM

SY

“ Randy, Megan, and Nat, sending love and sympathy on Erin’s passing. She was such a kind, warm and capable person, proud of her independent life.

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**Susan Yaggy** - December 13, 2022 at 08:46 PM

RE

“ To Randy, Nate and family. So sorry to hear of the loss of Erin.  
Ruth Engel (The Peanut Gallery)

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**Ruth Engel** - December 13, 2022 at 09:30 AM

MR

“ 1 file added to the album Erin Raymond



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**Megan Raymond** - December 13, 2022 at 07:43 AM

DS

“ I hope you find comfort in beautiful memories and time together.  
Sending our sincerest condolences, Megan.  
Dan Schmit

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**Dan Schmit** - December 12, 2022 at 04:14 PM

CG

“ *Sending prayers to you and your family,  
Megan. Colleen Glaude*



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**Colleen Glaude** - December 12, 2022 at 04:07 PM

AB

“ *Our deepest condolences Randy and family. We know you have  
some great memories. Rest In Peace Erin.*

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**Andy & Linda Bartlewski** - December 09, 2022 at 05:25 PM

MR

“ *2 files added to the album Erin Raymond*



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**Megan Raymond** - December 09, 2022 at 04:27 PM