



Jo Ellen Hess

October 17, 1947 - May 20, 2021

Hampton - Jo Ellen Hess, 73 of Hampton, passed away May 2021 at High Pointe House in Haverhill, MA surrounded by family and friends.

Jo Ellen, born Oct 17, 1947, was the daughter of William (Bud) Kelleher and Margaret (Hartnett) Kelleher. She attended Newburyport schools, Northern Essex Community College and Franklin Pierce College. She was employed by the Internal Revenue Service for 29 years, retiring in 2003 and was the recipient of the Gallatin Award for her exceptional service. She had resided in Hampton since 1976.

Jo Ellen was an active and devoted grandmother and could always be found cheering the loudest in the bleachers of many sporting events. She would always proudly boast about them and her favorite place to be was anywhere her grandchildren were.

She was predeceased by her loving husband of twenty years, John Hess, who passed in 2010. She was also predeceased by brothers James and Barry Kelleher.

She leaves behind her son Paul Jeffrey Cooper, who resides in North Hampton with his wife Amy and sons Tate and Cole, and daughter Devin and her husband Matthew Oot. In addition to her son, she is survived by her sister

Mary Kelleher and her nephew Daniel Fletcher, all of Hampton; niece Sara Fournier and her family, and her brother Kevin Kelleher of Plymouth, ME. She is also survived by her step-children John-Michael and Kelly Hess, Kristin Olson and her husband Doug and their children Isabella, Cameron, and Kevin Olson, all of Walpole, MA.

Jo Ellen loved to host family and friends at her home in Huletts Landing on Lake George, creating many special memories over the years. She would say there was always room for more people to come and enjoy the magic of Lake George. She loved to travel, having been on trips to the Mediterranean, Ireland, and Scotland with friends and family.

She was a friend of Bill W for 30 years and an active member of the United Church of Christ in North Hampton, always volunteering for anything she could do to help others.

A celebration of life will be held at 11 AM on June 5, 2021 at the United Church of Christ, 295 Atlantic Ave., North Hampton. Masks are required! In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the SPCA, HAVEN, The American Heart Association, or a charity of your choice.

Previous Events

Service

JUN 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

United Church of Christ
295 Atlantic Avenue
North Hampton, NH 03862

Tribute Wall



“ *Jo Ellen Hess*

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ *Our time together was much too short, but I consider you a true friend. I cannot imagine the feeling of loss your loved ones are experiencing as a bright light has been extinguished. I will always remember our times together and our search to replace the missing Golden's in our lives. Love you always. Hugs and prayers.*
Kathy Waterhouse

Kathy Waterhouse - June 28, 2021 at 02:06 PM



“ *Sweet Jo was a BEAUTIFUL BEAUTIFUL dear friend I got to know almost 5 years ago...She took me under her wing and shared and showed me so much in life...I so loved my visits to NH...she was always a part of my visits...I will always remember her always sharing her love for her family and grandson...she so loved them...My heart is broken, but I will choose to remember all the good she shared and the love she so freely gave to me and others....you will be in my heart forever my Sweet Jo... 🙌🌻🌊🙌*

Kristin D Wilcox Thieringer - May 31, 2021 at 07:47 PM



“ *I will never forget you Jo, I love you. Thank you for being in my life.*

Bri - May 31, 2021 at 06:04 PM

CI

“ Jo, what a pleasure it was to do your hair over the years. I will miss all your stories of you grandchildren and family.
Rest easy beautiful

Cindy - May 31, 2021 at 10:00 AM

DS

“ JoEllen was our across-the-street neighbor for over 40 years, and we will miss her greatly. She was kind and generous, encouraging us to spend time at the Lake George property which remains a fond memory. She also came to our home to watch Patriots football games on Sundays, filled with optimism for the home team, and wearing her nr. 12 Tom Brady jersey. And so unbelievably courageous at the end. When we look across the street these days and see her flag at half-mast, we still find it hard to believe she is gone as do our daughters Shawn and Kelley and their families who knew Jo well. God love you, Jo. Sally and David Sandberg

david and sally sandberg - May 28, 2021 at 08:26 PM

CD

“ I will always be grateful for the many years I had Jo as a friend. She was smart, determined and generous to those she loved and the BEST traveling and camping companionso many wonderful memories over 44 years. I will miss her till we meet again ❤️

Candace Dolan - May 28, 2021 at 07:09 PM

AC

“ Jo Ellen was the kindest , caring ,generous, loving woman that I was blessed to have in my life. She is missed, but is in the loving comfort of our Savior Jesus. See you again my friend. Arlene

Arlene Canning - May 27, 2021 at 04:37 PM

RG

“ 1 file added to the album *Memories Album*



Remick & Gendron - May 27, 2021 at 12:30 PM