



Michele Estelle Kearns

February 21, 1949 - October 7, 2015

Rochester - Michele Estelle Kearns, 66, of Rochester, passed away peacefully October 7, 2015, in hospice care after a yearlong battle with cancer.

Michele was born February 21, 1949 in Oceanside, NY, the daughter of the late John “Jack” and Anita (Shea) Kearns of N. Massapequa and Co. Galway, Ireland.

Michele attended Saint Kilian Roman Catholic Church in Farmingdale, NY, where she received her sacraments. She graduated from Farmingdale High School in 1967 and attended Farmingdale State College. She completed her bachelor’s degree later in life at Southern New Hampshire University. Michele began her career in Administration and HR/Payroll with General Instruments of Hicksville, NY followed by Microwave Power Devices of Hauppauge, NY. Michele moved to New Hampshire in 1978 where she worked for Data General of Portsmouth, Tyco of Exeter, Simplex Wire and Cable of Newington, Lonza Group of Portsmouth and retired from Anvil, Exeter.

When not working, Michele enjoyed knitting, crocheting and quilting. She and her friend Patti could often be found planning quilting road trips throughout New England or spending a weekend quilting and sewing. An animal lover, Michele adopted many cats and dogs from various rescues and shelters. She was also an avid reader and a lover of anything Disney.

She is survived by sister Jacquelyn M. (Kearns) Donnelly and brother-in-law David W. Donnelly of Las Vegas, NV, niece Sheila M. (Donnelly) Oliveira of Las Vegas, NV, nephews John K. Donnelly of Hillsborough, CA, Kevin K. Donnelly of Las Vegas, NV and Patrick K. Donnelly of Hillsborough, CA., and several grand-nephews and niece. She is also survived by her cousin John “Johnny” Francis Buckman of Jupiter, FL, wife Janice, and first cousins once removed, Nick and Blair Michele Buckman.

Michele also leaves behind her very dear friends Anthony (Tony) J. Lutz of Rochester, Patricia (Patti) Kaselauskas of Brentwood and Nancy V. Philbrick of Hampton. True shepherds of God, these friends were by her side for every appointment and procedure and with her until the end.

Visitation will be from 4 to 5 pm on Thursday, October 15, 2015 in the Remick & Gendron Funeral Home – Crematory, 811 Lafayette Rd., Hampton. A Memorial Service will follow the visitation starting at 5 pm in the funeral home. All are welcome to attend to celebrate Michele’s life. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Cocheco Valley Humane Society, 262 County Farm Rd., Dover, NH 03820 or to Hyder Family Hospice Unit, 285 County Farm Rd., Dover, NH 03820.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **15**. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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Memorial Service

OCT **15**. 5:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Michele Estelle Kearns*

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



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Patti Kaselauskas - October 24, 2015 at 04:22 PM



We love you Michele, Buster & KiKi

Patti Kaselauskas - October 24, 2015 at 04:23 PM



“ *Bed of Pink Roses was purchased for the family of Michele Estelle Kearns.*



October 14, 2015 at 11:17 PM

KK

“ *My sincere condolences to Michele's family and close friends. I worked with Michele over the years at a few of the same companies, we joined Weight Watchers usually at the same time, and would laugh when we'd run into each other at a restaurant. Lots of great memories I will cherish forever.*

Kendra King

Kendra King - October 14, 2015 at 12:01 PM

LH

“ *You will be missed by all of us. God Bless*

Lori

Lori Heuthe - October 13, 2015 at 02:24 PM

KA

“ *To our dear friend, Michele, you shall be forever in our hearts. Since we started working together forty years ago @ General Instrument, you have been a wonderful friend and part of our family. All the time living on Long Island was filled with happy holidays, birthdays, strawberry picking, pumpkin picking, baking, crafts and being apart of our family.*

As you look down upon us, know you will be dearly missed by Kathy, Frank & Justin, my sisters Lori & Andrea, and their families. We will cherish our special memories.

Rest in peace, we love you.

Kathy, Frank & Justin Schulz

Kathy - October 13, 2015 at 02:08 PM

DK

“ My condolences to Michelle's family, Tony, Patti and Nancy. You were her circle and I know she loved each and everyone of you.

I'll miss Michelle and our after work walks (when we could, that is). She was a very special person with a warm and caring heart. I know she's in heaven looking down on everyone and especially her furry friends.

*God bless you, Michelle
Diane Kearney*

Diane Kearney - October 12, 2015 at 11:55 AM

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Nancy Philbrick - October 09, 2015 at 04:24 PM

KM

“ My deepest condolences to Michele's family and all her friends. She was so kind hearted, generous, compassionate and a true friend who could always be counted on to laugh or cry with you. She kept me sane at Tyco, made me laugh at Disney, and made pumpkin carving an event. I will miss her.

Kathy Manning - October 09, 2015 at 08:36 AM

NP

“ *If there's someone you can talk to, someone no one can replace;
If there's someone you can laugh with, 'till the tears roll down your
face;
If there's someone you can call on when you need a helping hand;
If there's someone you can count on to advise and understand;
If there's someone you think more of as each year comes to an end;
You're a very lucky person for you've found a special friend!*

That's our Michele!

*Love and Blessings,
nancy*

nancy philbrick - October 08, 2015 at 07:15 PM

PK

My dear friend, Michele, will be missed by all who knew her. We did so much together including hobbies, holidays, birthdays and lots of fun days quilting and lunching. We had lots in common, including our love for animals. She was so generous with her time and always willing to lend an ear whenever I needed to talk to someone. She always put others before herself. We laughed a lot and shared so much and I am grateful to have had a friend like Michele. I miss her.

*Love and Friendship Always,
Patti*

Patti Kaselauskas - October 24, 2015 at 04:20 PM