



Kathleen M. Dillon

February 27, 1947 - September 14, 2023

Kathleen M. (Hynek) Dillon, 76, daughter of the late Michael, Sr. and Stella (Pinkos) Hynek, passed away peacefully at home on Thursday, September 14, 2023. She asked us to share this with you, "I am most grateful: for my husband, Dennis Vogel, of 19 official years and 22 unofficial; for all our experiences, travels, for all you have taught me about being a devoted parent and grandparent, and about love being about supporting and sharing and committing; for dogs, especially Furple; for receiving my PhD from UMass; for WNEU hiring me at 21, employing me as a Professor for 47 years, and giving me wonderful colleagues and students; for knowing my family will always be ready to help no matter what: brothers, Ronald Hynek and wife Fay, his children, Julie and Jason and wife Crystal and their kids, Cooper and Savannah; Michael Hynek and wife Janet, and his children, Jillian, and her son Jackson, and Todd, and Todd's kids, Michael and Kayleigh; stepsons, Alex and Roman Vogel and wife, Johnine and their kids, Ulee, Canute and Penelope; for wonderful friends (everyone should be so fortunate); for dedicated health-care professionals; for a healthy appreciation of humor and the absurd; for science and curiosity; for nature; for enough time to write a gratitude list. I was fortunate. I always had more than I needed.

I think of all the unfulfilled lives and ask you to donate to any organization that will impact such lives; such as the Innocence Project, Kiva, PBS, NPR, and Doctors Without Borders." A memorial gathering for Kathleen will be held

privately at a later date. kozikowskifuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall

JC

“ *Kathy was my advisor at WNEC, I always wondered how someone so young could be a professor; she was witty, light hearted and a clever woman; please be restful in chapter two...julie*



juliann cerrito - October 10, 2023 at 05:21 PM

SK

“ *Kathy was a very special person. We reconnected a few years ago and had been sharing our history and stories, photos, and recipes. She was kind, smart, funny, and warm. We will all miss her.*

Sara Dillon Knapp - October 03, 2023 at 01:04 AM

JB

“ *Breakfast Club founder! Dear Dennis, and Kathleen's family, I am so sorry for your loss. Kathy was one of my first friends at WNE, wide awake at 7 am with her fabulous smile, warmth, intelligence and sense of humor--as well as stories to tell (often about Furple). I last met her for breakfast at Jake's before Covid; I think of her every morning. May her memory be for a blessing, as her life was.*

Janet Bowdan - September 20, 2023 at 10:44 AM

ML

“ *First a mentor then a very close friend. I will cherish our friendship always. And even though you may have doubted the beyond, I will keep our connection going and reach out to you and even chat with you. I will miss you deeply on this earth, yep, another good one gone. Thanks for your love, support, and friendship. I will stay connected to Dennis as I know he will feel lost without you. Love you Kath. Xo Michelle*

Michelle Letendre - September 17, 2023 at 11:55 AM