



# Colleen Patricia Honohan

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**C**olleen Patricia Honohan, a resident of Newburyport for more than 20 years, peacefully passed away after a long illness, surrounded by family on Sunday, January 7, 2018.

Born in Methuen, she was the beloved daughter of Clare (Bradley) Honohan and the late Robert L. Honohan Sr. Colleen graduated from St Mary's High School in Lawrence and continued her education, earning a Master's Degree from Salem State University. For the past 15 years, Colleen worked for the Massachusetts Institute of Technology as a House Manager and as a Manager of Desktop Support.

Colleen was a superior athlete and was inducted into the Salem State University Hall of Fame for tennis, and later went on to coach the Merrimack College varsity tennis team. She was also a talented musician and singer who performed throughout the Newburyport and Boston areas. Colleen was a lifeguard for many years at Salisbury Beach, where she developed a love of the northern-Massachusetts seacoast and spent many hours walking its beaches with friends and family.

Besides her mother, Clare, Colleen is survived by her sister Katy Honohan of Manchester, NH, twin sister Nancy Anne Honohan of Boston, brother William Honohan of Boston, brother and sister-in-law Robert L. Honohan Jr. and Ella Honohan of Lexington, nieces Emma and Anna Honohan, nephew Lucas Honohan, loving partner Charles Gennis of Wenham, several aunts, uncles, cousins and countless friends.

Colleen was kind, generous, funny, beautiful, loving and thoughtful. She will be deeply missed by her mother, loving partner, family, friends, and those who had the fortune of knowing her.

Colleen's family is deeply appreciative of the care she received at Mount Auburn Hospital in Cambridge and the support of the Ellie Fund. Contributions in Colleen's memory can be made to the Ellie Fund ([EllieFund.org](http://EllieFund.org).)



## Obituary

**Colleen Patricia Honohan**

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Relatives and friends may call on Friday, January 12th, 2018, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the John Breen Memorial Funeral Home, 122 Amesbury St, Lawrence.

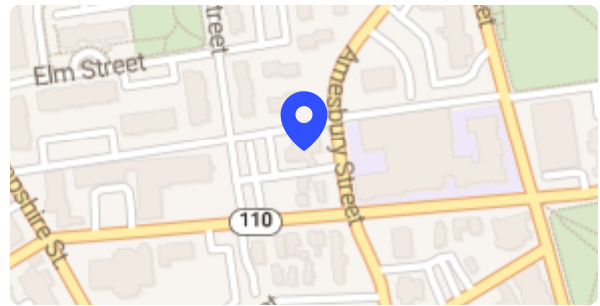
Her funeral Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, January 13th, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish, St. Augustine Chapel, 128 Ames St., Lawrence. The funeral will be followed by interment at St Mary's-Immaculate Conception Cemetery in Lawrence, where Colleen will be buried alongside her father.

For online condolences and other information please visit [www.breenfuneralhome.com](http://www.breenfuneralhome.com).



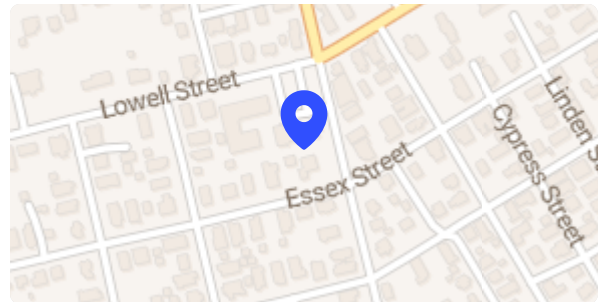
## Visitation

- Friday**, January 12, 2018
- 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET
- John Breen Memorial Funeral Home, Inc. - Lawrence**  
122 Amesbury St., Lawrence MA 01841



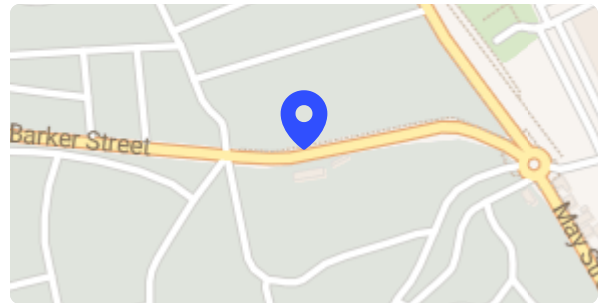
## Funeral Mass

- Saturday**, January 13, 2018
- 10:00 AM ET
- Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish, Saint Augustine's Chapel**  
128 Ames Street, Lawrence MA



## Cemetery Details

- St. Mary Cemetery**  
29 Barker Street, Lawrence MA 01841





## Tribute Wall

Colleen Patricia Honohan



**Sr Ellen Reilly Snd** posted:

I extend my sincere condolence to the Honohan family for your loss of dear Coleen, a loving daughter, partner, sibling, aunt and friend. I taught Coleen in gr 2 at St Augustine's School in Lawrence. I remember her as a carefree child who loved life. I also taught Nancy, Billy and Katy. All beautiful children of Claire and Robert. I am so proud to read I extend my sincere condolence to the Honohan family for your loss of dear Coleen, a loving daughter, partner, sibling, aunt and friend. I taught Coleen in gr 2 at St Augustine's School in Lawrence. I remember her as a carefree child who loved life. I also taught Nancy, Billy and Katy. All beautiful children of Claire and Robert. I am so proud to read Coleen's obituary to learn of her many achievements in life and of her loving and generous life, ended all too soon. I pray that as you remember her, a smile will come to your hearts! Coleen is with our Good God who loved her from the very beginning. With Love and Care, Sr Ellen Reilly, SND

January 13 at 7:23 PM



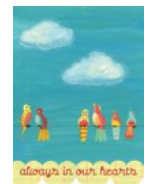
**Ann Goerke** posted:

Colleen's spirit brought us much love and laughter. She will never be forgotten... Our condolences to the wonderful Honohan family. God bless. Ann Livingston-Goerke, and family

January 13 at 9:30 AM



**Anonymous** sent a sympathy card to the Honohan family.



January 12 at 6:08 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Honohan family.



January 12 at 10:38 AM



**Sheila (Twomey) Lynch Smh '82** posted:

I went to SMH with Colleen. Though we hung in different circles I can still remember her bright smile, big laugh and vibrant personality. My sincere condolences to her family and friends. A beautiful soul gone too soon.

January 12 at 9:11 AM



# Tribute Wall

# Colleen Patricia Honohan



**Nina Livingstone** posted:

I am stunned with sadness upon hearing of Colleen Honohan's passing. Colleen was the enchanting light in the '70s with her copious humor and unfaltering spirit. As a kid, she was the girl who delivered the daily newspaper, carrying a heavy tote over her shoulder, while I carried my candy for sale for the JCC. I clearly remember our first meeting in the neighborhood: "Hey you're one of the Honohans!" I said to her. "Yeah, and you're one of the Livingstons," she responded. Years later, after college, I saw her in the '90s. Colleen and her sister were friends with my sisters; yet despite my being five years older, I always felt a friendship between us. Even with our busy lives, she and I stayed connected. Despite the loss of my eyesight seventeen years ago, I remember Colleen quite clearly. She was beautiful, funny, and most of all, she had a stellar spirit and zest for life that even transcended her physical pulchritude. Her versatility — singing and music — were among the many passions that always scintillated through her blue eyes and her exquisite soul. Clearly, she loved life. Someday, dear Colleen, we will all hold hands together — your partner, friends, and family — in a large circle, cherishing what was. And admiring what is. With love, "Patty" Patricia Nina Livingstone Belmont, Mass. Nina@ninalivingstone.com

January 11 at 1:26 PM



**Cindy Wootan** posted:

Claire, Heartfelt thoughts of you during this difficult time. My deepest sympathy, Cindy Wootan

January 11 at 9:24 AM



**Anonymous** sent an Enchanted Cottage to the Honohan family.



January 11 at 8:28 AM



**Anonymous** sent an Arrive in Style to the Honohan family.



January 11 at 7:50 AM



## Tribute Wall

**Colleen Patricia Honohan**



**Your St. Elizabeth's Medical Center Hr Family** sent a Pink Tribute Spray to the Honohan family.

January 11 at 7:15 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Honohan family.

January 10 at 10:37 AM



**Joyce Gomes** posted:

She was always really nice and vibrate person, she will be missed here at MIT.

January 10 at 9:46 AM



**Jeanne Vural** posted:

Colleen's smile and humor will forever keep me smiling. Peace during your grief and always. Jeanne (O'Meara) Vural

January 10 at 6:29 AM



**Emma Honohan** posted:

Auntie Colleen was always so active and energetic, it was easy to see this in her passion for tennis. When I joined the tennis team in high school she was extremely supportive and came down to watch me play. My favorite memory with Colleen is when she invited me to MIT's campus to practice playing tennis with me. Colleen was always so positive and encouraging, she will truly be missed by our family.

January 10 at 6:06 AM



**Ryan Apac** posted:

To Chuck and the Honohan Family: My deepest sympathy for your loss. May the love you and Colleen shared bring you peace and comfort.

January 10 at 4:08 AM



## Tribute Wall

**Colleen Patricia Honohan**

KS

**Katy Honohan (Sister)** sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Honohan family.



January 9 at 3:59 PM

DB

**Deanna Bergeron** lit a candle in honor of Colleen.

Dear Nancy, I am so sorry to hear about Colleen! She was a bright light, funny & talented throughout our years at SMH & the Tennis Team!! I will keep you and all the family in my prayers. I will not be able to make the services, but I can only wish peace moving forward. She was a beautiful woman. Deanna Bergeron



January 9 at 3:23 PM

MS

**Michele Shore** posted:

I can remember like it was yesterday that we played tennis at St Marys together. She was always happy and so full of life. It was an honor to know her and see her upbeat personality everyday. She will be missed but is at peace. ❤️

January 9 at 2:46 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Honohan family.



January 9 at 12:19 PM

WM

**Wendy Marresse** posted:

Whenever Colleen came into the salon we had a nice visit. She always had many stories and was so easy to talk to. It seemed we had met many times before. She will be missed and our sincere condolences go out to the family. Wendy Marresse

January 9 at 11:29 AM



## Tribute Wall

**Colleen Patricia Honohan**

DH

**Dale Hollingsworth** lit a candle in honor of Colleen.

Colleen have always been a great co-worker, ready to help when needed. a very patient person always a smile on her face, you will be miss.Dale...

January 9 at 5:31 AM



SK

**Stephen King** posted:

Nancy, we are very sorry to hear about your sister. Our thoughts are with you at this time. Stephen & Anna King.

January 9 at 4:07 AM

DZ

**Donna (Robichaud) Zappala** posted:

I am so loss for words. Colleen was a beautiful person her smile lit up a room. Always had a nice words to say. RIP my angel.

January 9 at 3:12 AM

PK

**Peggy Kowal** posted:

Colleen have the best memories of growing up along side of you and Nancy. Will miss you terribly. Love you!!

January 8 at 4:50 PM

AT

**Amy Fortin Theodorou** lit a candle in honor of Colleen.

January 8 at 1:45 PM





## Tribute Wall

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**Amy Fortin Theodorou** posted:

My heart goes out to everyone who's life Colleen touched. She was certainly a special woman. My fondest memory of her was when my daughter was about 4 years old in 1994 and we were at my Aunt Claire's house, Colleen's mom, for Christmas. Colleen snuggled up on a recliner chair with my daughter and they fell asleep together. I still have that picture to this day. My daughter passed away in 2002 unexpectedly and Colleen was there at her service. That meant so very much to me. I just spoke with her last year about how happy she was and how we wanted to get together and see each other soon. I didn't get that chance. I can only hope that my daughter has found Colleen now as she has passed to find her peace and my daughter is there with her holding her hand and helping her as she transitions into her painless new life. You will be missed my sweet Cousin! Love Amy

January 8 at 1:40 PM



**Lynn Pekarski** January 11 at 9:53 AM

I am keeping Colleen and the entire Honohan family in my heart. So many memories of Mom, Katy, Billy, Bobby, Nancy and Colleen at Reservoir Terrace. Such laughter with you all. As I read, I see that Colleen continued on to touch many people with her music and entertainment. Her humor, kindness and gentle manner was such a gift to us all. We are blessed. ~peace~ Lynn Pekarski



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Colleen by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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