



Sue Ellen Holmes

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Sue Ellen Holmes, 73, passed away September 18th at High Pointe hospice, Haverhill surrounded by family and friends.

Born in North Andover October 4, 1950 to the late Francis (Franny) A. Holmes and Katherine Gallagher Holmes, she was educated at St Michael's school North Andover and St Mary's High School, Lawrence, Ma. An honors graduate of Merrimack College she received her Masters in Library Science from the University of R.I.

Sue Ellen is survived by brother Richard Holmes of Salem N.H. and Andover Ma, sisters Betsy Meunier (Pete) Hinsdale, Ma, Rosemary Draper (John) Owls Head, Me, sister of the late Carey Holmes. She leaves longtime family friend Diane Houde and many nieces, nephews and great nephews.

Raised in North Andover, Sue Ellen moved to Methuen then Salem NH following her retirement. She dedicated her entire 41-year career to Stevens Memorial Library. Her first job was as a library page in high school and retired as its director in 2007. She was proud of her part in the major building expansion and technology upgrade during her tenure.

Tireless in her volunteering at various charities associated with St Patrick's Church, Lawrence and St Monica's Church, Methuen she supported and helped to feed the needy in the community. Sue Ellen was a prayer warrior leading the Rosary and prayers in parish ministries for shut ins and those in need at St Joseph, Salem NH. As a member of the Merrimack College Alumni Choral she would spend a full day at Christmas time singing at area hospitals and nursing homes spreading joy! Sue Ellen made sure all God's creatures were well cared for including making sure wild birds were fed and feral cats had enough

food. She worked with the MSPCA getting some of her beloved feral's to the point they got their forever homes.

Donations may be made to MSPCA, Nevins 400 Broadway, Methuen, Ma, Cor Unum 191 Salem St Lawrence, Ma or the charity of one's choice.

Family of Sue Ellen would like to extend special thanks to the ER doctors, nurses and staff of Parkland Hospital, Derry and High Pointe hospice, Haverhill, Ma for their kindness and care. Family and friends may call Monday September 23, 2024 from 10:00 to 11:00 at John Breen



Obituary

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Memorial Funeral Home, 35 Merrimack St., North Andover, Ma. Her funeral mass will be celebrated following the wake at 11:30 a.m. in St Michael's Church 196 Main ST North Andover. Burial will take place at a later date. For online condolences and other information please visit us at www.breenfuneralhome.com.



Events

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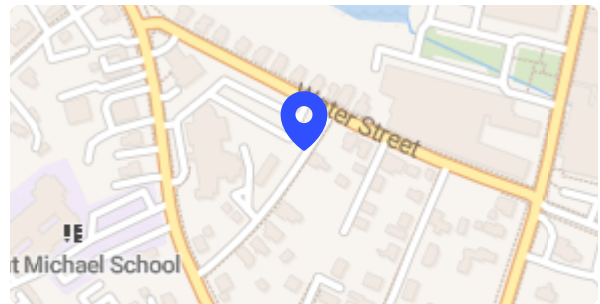
Wake

Monday, September 23, 2024

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET

John Breen Memorial Funeral Home, Inc. - North Andover

35 Merrimack St., North Andover MA 01845



Funeral Mass

Monday, September 23, 2024

11:30 AM ET

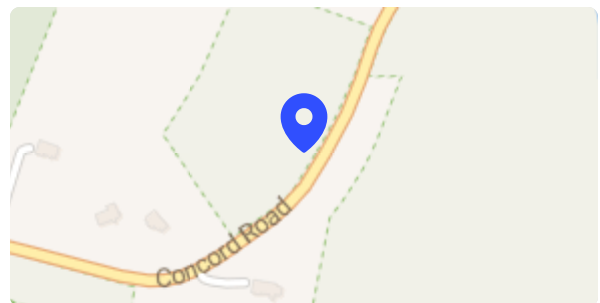
St. Michael Church

196 Main Street, North Andover MA



Cemetery Details

Burial will be private.
MA





Tribute Wall

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SB

Susan Bergmam posted:

I just learned of Sue Ellen's passing. I worked at the Steven's Memorial Library until she retired. Sue Ellen was the kindest, most compassionate and caring person I've had the pleasure to know. Her true happiness in life was making others happy. At our holiday parties at the library, her happiness was seeing others opening their gifts. Her goal knife was to make others happy. She was one of a kind, and I'm so happy to have had her in my life. I will always cherish our friendship. She was a genuine loving and caring person. This world has lost an angel. Susan Ayer Bergman

October 5 at 7:17 PM

RD

Rosemary Draper May 21 at 12:40 PM

I just saw this. Thank you Susan. I know she liked and appreciated you - especially a fellow cay lover! Hope you are well. Rosemary- Sue Ellen's sister.

MA

Mary Doran Anderson posted:

So many wonderful childhood memories of SueEllen, the Holmes family, and St Mike's Class of '64! RIP.Mary Doran Anderson

September 27 at 9:19 AM



Rosemary Draper September 30 at 3:09 PM

Thank you. Holmes Family.

HC

Heather Kinzler Ciampo posted:

Sending love and condolences.

September 26 at 12:03 PM



Rosemary Draper September 30 at 3:08 PM

Thank you. Holmes Family



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Louise L. Schiavone posted:

Sue Ellen and I were childhood friends and neighbors on Bradstreet Road in North Andover. She was sweet and the most orderly person I ever met. So it was no surprise that she eventually ran the Stevens Memorial Library! The whole Holmes family was lovely and our little community was a happy place. God bless them all, those still with us and those who have passed. Sending love and condolences. Louise Schiavone, Washington DC

September 23 at 8:01 AM



Rosemary Draper September 30 at 3:08 PM
Thank you Louise. Rosemary (Holmes) Draper



Lynne lit a candle in honor of Sue.

So sorry for your loss. We are sending thoughts and prayers to the family. Bob and Lynne Farrington

September 22 at 4:26 AM



Rosemary Draper September 30 at 3:09 PM
Thank you. Holmes Family



Francis Mccarty posted:

Rest in Peace. Y condolences to her family.

September 20 at 9:22 AM



Rosemary Draper September 30 at 3:10 PM
Thank you. Holmes Family



Memories only last if you share them

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



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