



## Catherine T. ("Kay") O'Connor

December 24, 1927 - October 7, 2018

Catherine T. "Kay" (Garvey) O'Connor, 90, passed away peacefully on Sunday, October 7, 2018 at St. Ann's Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Dover, NH. Kay was born in Lawrence and lived there for eighty years until moving to Dover, New Hampshire to be closer to her family.

Kay graduated from St. Laurence O'Toole Grammar School and St. Mary's High School. She earned her Registered Nurse degree from St. Johns Nursing School in Lowell, MA. Kay started her nursing career at the McGovern Nursing Home and the Bessie M. Burke Hospital. She practiced nursing for many years at the Lawrence General Hospital as a medical nurse on L3 South. Kay also worked at the Lawrence Public Health Department and then completed her nursing career with the Lawrence School System as the School Nurse at several elementary schools. After her retirement, she worked part-time for Elder Services as a receptionist. She had a strong work ethic throughout her life.

Kay was the proud mother of three children, all of whom earned degrees from Augustinian Schools. She enjoyed traveling, reading, shopping and helping others. Twice she flew to Saudi Arabia to visit with her granddaughters and took numerous trips to Toronto, Charlotte, Portland, Seville and Green Bay to visit her grandsons. Her greatest pleasure in later life was spending time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Kay was predeceased by her husband John E. O'Connor and is survived by her children, John and his wife Jane of Dover, NH, Kathleen O'Connor of Souderton, PA, and Mary and her husband Paul Simmons of Savage, MN. She is survived by her siblings, Carol Harding and Patricia Garvey of Hampton, NH and Richard and Maryann Garvey of New Smyrna Beach, FL, sisters-in-law Rita and Sr. Elizabeth O'Connor of Lawrence, MA, as well as many nieces and nephews. Kay was predeceased in death by her parents Delia and Michael Garvey and her siblings Mary Casey and James Garvey. Kay also leaves behind her beloved grandchildren, Meaghan and her husband Jordan Feiner, Lauren and her husband Mark Fitzgibbon, Ryan and his wife Holly Simmons and Conor Simmons. Kay was blessed to have meet her two great grandchildren Kate and Josephine. Kay was a wonderful, loving woman and will be missed by all.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday, October 12, 2018 at 9:00 A.M. in St. Lucy's Church, 254 Merrimack St., Methuen, MA. Burial will follow in the Immaculate Conception

Cemetery in Lawrence, MA. Relatives and friends are invited to call on Thursday, October 11, 2018 from 5:00 to 7:00 P.M. at the John Breen Memorial Funeral Home, Inc., 122 Amesbury St., Lawrence, MA. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Kay's memory to the Sisters of Notre Dame, 30 Jeffreys Neck Rd., Ipswich, MA, 01938. To send an online condolence or for more information, please go to [www.breenfuneralhome.com](http://www.breenfuneralhome.com).

# Events

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**OCT 11**   **Visitation**   05:00PM - 07:00PM

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John Breen Memorial Funeral Home, Inc. - Lawrence  
122 Amesbury St., Lawrence, MA, US, 01841

**OCT 12**   **Funeral Mass**   09:00AM

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St. Lucy's Church  
254 Merrimack Street, Methuen, MA, US

**OCT 12**   **Burial**

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Immaculate Conception Cemetery  
29 Barker Street, Lawrence, MA, US, 01841

# Comments

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“ I was deeply saddened to hear about Kay's passing. I had grown up living just across the street from her in Lawrence. Her warmth and personality were amazing - she was the type of neighbor that you really enjoyed talking to.

She was incredibly kind and caring to us as children growing up, and I know that on more than one occasion my brother, sister and I had put her nursing knowledge and experience to the test. "Go see Kay" was a common phrase in our household when anything above a common cold, bump or bruise ailed us - she was always there ready to help.

I am incredibly thankful that I had the chance to know her and have her be a part of my life.

my deepest condolences to her family and loved ones.

**Josh Roche** - October 11, 2018 at 04:51 PM

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“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Catherine T. ("Kay") O'Connor.



October 11, 2018 at 02:19 PM

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“ Sad to read of Kay's passing but also rejoicing in a long and loving life well lived. I worked with Kay at Lawrence General Hospital back in the day. She was a dynamo. Will never forget that outgoing personality and great sense of humor. May she rest eternally in peace and may her memory always be a blessing to her family and friends.

Frank O'Connor  
Boynton Beach, FL

**Frank OConnor** - October 11, 2018 at 08:01 AM

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“ Such a wonderful lady with a great sense of humor.Great times on h4. Love you

**Rita Golec** - October 10, 2018 at 08:09 PM

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“ We all loved Kay's very dry sense of humor. I feel lucky to have known her. Rest In Peace

**rachel kiley** - October 10, 2018 at 04:11 PM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Catherine T. ("Kay") O'Connor.



October 10, 2018 at 02:19 PM

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“ Our deepest condolences for the loss of your mom. Kay was a wonderful neighbor and just as wonderful a friend. We are so glad that we were neighbors for so many years. Lots of great memories to treasure. Never will I forget all those great dinners I had with you and your family. God bless her.

**Susan Cunningham** - October 10, 2018 at 02:14 PM

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“ My deepest condolences for the loss of your mom. No words could sufficiently express my gratitude for her many acts of kindness for my mother during our family's time of need. May she rest in God's eternal peace.

**Joyce Gallo Teggart** - October 10, 2018 at 06:17 AM