



Maureen E. (O'Toole) Hanlon

September 14, 2016

Hanlon, Maureen E. (O'Toole) 67, of New Hope, passed away peacefully on September 14. Born in 1948 and raised in Melrose, MA. Waiting to greet her in heaven are her parents William & Dorothy O'Toole, mother- and father-in-law Edward & Mildred Hanlon, brothers-in-law Robert Sullivan and John Hanlon, and sister-in-law Margaret Jurgens. Left to miss her are the love of her life, Edward Hanlon; adoring daughters, Joyce (Ward) Thomas and Michelle (Patrick) Borland; and her favorite son, Patrick (Kathryn) Hanlon. She will be missed by her grandchildren, Becca, Bryce & Kendra Borland and Owen & Lilly Maureen Thomas, her loving sister Carol (Stephen) Sullivan, brother Thomas (Nicole) O'Toole; sisters-in-law Ann Marie Hanlon, Julia Hanlon, and Elizabeth Iampieri, brother-in-law James Hanlon, nephews Robert (Amy) Sullivan, Sean Hanlon, Steven Sullivan, Liam O'Toole, Colin O'Toole, and niece Yvonne Jurgens. The family would like to thank, Lydia, her caretaker for 11+ years. She is survived by all the friends and family who were touched by her kindness as an elementary school teacher, swim instructor, room mother, volunteer, co-owner of the Boston Garden restaurant, and for her service to her church community. Services will be held on Wed., Sept. 21, 2016 with a visitation at 9:30 am, Catholic mass at 11 am, and a luncheon to follow at 12 pm at St. Joseph's Parish Community 8701 36th Ave. N., New Hope. Always smiling, never swearing, but always living by the "F-words": Friendly, Family, Fun, Fortitude, Forgiveness, Fairness, and most importantly Faith. In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to the MS Society or

Diabetes Association of MN. Washburn-McReavy.com Strobeck Johnson 952-938-9020

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 21. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph's Parish Community
8701 36th Ave N
New Hope, MN 55427
(763) 544-3352

Service

SEP 21. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JK

“ Dear Ed & Family,

All of us were so sorry to hear of the passing of Maureen. She was such a sweet and beautiful person and it was so terrible that she had to suffer for so many years with this horrific disease. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this time.

Love,

Janice, Pat, Paula, Jack & Bob

Janice M. Kelley - September 22, 2016 at 07:58 AM

SE

“ *My sweetest friend, Maureen. I'll hold our friendship in my heart. With loving memories of senior year in high school, swimming in your pool. long conversations at your kitchen table, so many college classes and events together, hilarious carpooling to college, sharing our student teaching experiences, and starting our careers in the same school district. Through so many great times and challenges, Maureen was strong and an inspiration to all those who knew her. Special memories bring a smile when I think back to Friendly's - "Mo, please", "Sue, please". And... fond summer memories of the clam shack in Brewster. Every time we "club" girls have met all these years, I thought of my friend in Minnesota. I loved her. She is now in God's eternal, loving care.*

Ed, Carol, Tom and family, bless all of you for the wonderful life you shared with Maureen.

Sue (Macintosh) Eiserman

Susan J. Eiserman - September 21, 2016 at 04:51 PM

BI

“ Yesterday I shared or thought I had shared my favorite memory of Maureen's beautiful smile, Today I do not see it so once more I'll just say that her smiling face lit up a room, spreading joy and strength to all around her.



In my room on a photo bulletin board, there's one of Maureen and her family posing with Patrick and Kathryn in their wedding day. It tells all there is to say about Maureen - the focus is upon bride and groom but the joy emanates from Mama's smile! Most of you probably have seen that photo but how I wish that I knew how to post it here - a small memory of a strong, beautiful woman!

Betty lampieri - September 20, 2016 at 06:49 PM

“ We all grew up in Melrose, MA and came from different parts of this small city north of Boston. Around 1965, a new shopping center, Towers Plaza, was being built with its anchor tenant, First National Stores and among other smaller stores, a Friendly’s Ice Cream shop.

While Maureen (Mo) O’Toole and I were classmates at Melrose High School, we quickly became co-workers and close friends at Friendly’s working those numerous shifts as teenagers during the wonderful 60’s.

I remember that Mo was one of our best waitresses with a beautiful smile, and always had a pleasant attitude no matter how busy it was, and of course, was quick to serve her customers in that “sharply-pressed” gray and white uniform attire with her nametag prominently displayed as required by Friendly’s.

At about the same time, I met another one of the employees whose name was Ed Hanlon and we became friends and co-workers. Sometime after that, Ed started dating Mo and, as they say, “The rest is history!”

As life moved forward, we finished high school and were off to college, but continued to work together at Friendly’s. Following college, we attended each other’s weddings, baby showers, children’s birthday parties and remained friends over the years. While career paths moved us in different geographical directions and locations, our families continued to expand and some of our children became friends with each other.

In 2014, Gerry and I had the opportunity to have a wonderful visit with Ed and Mo at their home in New Hope, MN and catch up on news and share some of those wonderful memories.

While fun BBQs, parties and fond memories from places like Friendly’s, Messengers Court and Cranes Beach will be part of our history, I will always remember working with Mo and Ed, and for one final time I would like to shout out “Mo Please”..... as I know she will hear me and recognize the message.

Our condolences to all of the Hanlon and O’Toole families.

Gerry and Doug McDermid
Middleton, MA

Gerry and Doug McDermod - September 20, 2016 at 12:45 PM



"It warms my heart to know that you remember things the way you do... I remember you guys"

Jim Hanlon - September 21, 2016 at 04:10 AM

TB

“ The McSweeney's,Chisholm's,Sutherland's & Barry's purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Maureen E. (O'Toole) Hanlon.



The McSweeney's,Chisholm's,Sutherland's & Barry's -
September 20, 2016 at 09:00 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Maureen E. (O'Toole) Hanlon.



September 19, 2016 at 04:00 PM

TS

“ The Spectrum Staff purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Maureen E. (O'Toole) Hanlon.



The Spectrum Staff - September 19, 2016 at 01:42 PM

ED

“ 2 files added to the album *New Album Name*



Ed - September 19, 2016 at 01:11 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *Maureen E. (O'Toole) Hanlon*.



September 19, 2016 at 09:03 AM

KJ

“ *Kathy, Susan, Sue, Maria, Carole & Judy* purchased the *Heartfelt Memories* for the family of *Maureen E. (O'Toole) Hanlon*.



Kathy, Susan, Sue, Maria, Carole & Judy - September 19, 2016 at 08:49 AM

Jim Hanlon

“ *Jim Hanlon* lit a candle in memory of *Maureen E. (O'Toole) Hanlon*



Jim Hanlon - September 19, 2016 at 04:46 AM



“ *The Last Rose of Summer*
by the Irish poet Thomas Moore 1805.

*'Tis the last rose of summer,
Left blooming alone;
All her lovely companions
Are faded and gone;
No flower of her kindred,
No rosebud is nigh,
To reflect back her blushes,
Or give sigh for sigh.*

*I'll not leave thee, thou lone one!
To pine on the stem;
Since the lovely are sleeping,
Go, sleep thou with them.
Thus kindly I scatter,
Thy leaves o'er the bed,
Where thy mates of the garden
Lie scentless and dead.*

*So soon may I follow,
When friendships decay,
And from Love's shining circle
The gems drop away.
When true hearts lie withered,
And fond ones are flown,
Oh! who would inhabit
This bleak world alone?*

Jim Hanlon - September 19, 2016 at 04:38 AM



"There is a lovely music version of this also by the the poet Thomas Moore that is sung by the 'Celtic Women' on youtube but I didn't know how to paste the url..."

Jim Hanlon - September 19, 2016 at 04:55 AM



Beautiful Jim she was a treasure so sorry. ~ love you all Cousin Nancy

Nancy Therese - September 22, 2016 at 02:41 PM

 Jim
Hanlon

“Dear Eddie;
Joyce, Michelle & Patrick,
Forgive me if I go on a bit here... I know that no one will miss Maureen more than you do and that lovely obituary is a fine tribute to a saint and teacher. And that she was... The truth is that Maureen was always a teacher too I think and I know that she brought out the best in people.
Long before Maureen ever contracted the M. S. Maureen was a power of example of all those refined ‘F’ words’ that you so rightly mentioned.
The best teachers always follow a lesson plan. And I know that my sister-in law, Maureen's first lesson for me was always in her power to be a good example. And I do try. And luckily no one ever failed Maureen's class. Maureen was one of a kind and she was kind. Even the most ill behaved among us, as I noticed from the time when we first met when we both worked at opposite branches of the Melrose Public Library when I was sixteen, behaved a little better by trying to follow Maureen's example.
Maureen taught me that the true sign of class and distinction is in being the most loving and forgiving.
Maureen was all of those things. Even in those days when she couldn't say anything Maureen emanated love and kindness. Maybe there was fortitude in a divine lesson plan even then too. After all, they say that even Gandhi only scheduled his audiences on his days of silence...
Much Love ‘N’ Stuff,
Uncle Jimi”

Jim Hanlon - September 18, 2016 at 09:39 PM

CC

“ Dear Ed, Joyce, Michelle, Patrick, Carol, Bobby and Steven~

We're so sorry for your loss of such a sweet, strong, beautiful woman. She must have had a very special place waiting for her in heaven! She was blessed to have you, Ed. Such love and devotion is rare these days.

Love to all,

Cathy and Jim Crawford

Cathy Crawford - September 18, 2016 at 05:58 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Maureen E. (O'Toole) Hanlon.*



September 18, 2016 at 01:42 PM



“ *Maureen was so nice to me and my sisters growing up. She will be missed.*

Briget Murphy - September 18, 2016 at 12:07 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Maureen E. (O'Toole) Hanlon.*



September 17, 2016 at 01:54 PM