



Eileen P. Dawe

January 20, 1942 - August 1, 2015

Eileen P. Dawe, of York, Maine, passed away peacefully in her home on August 1, 2015, surrounded by her family, after a period of declining health. She was born on January 20, 1942 in Brighton, MA, the daughter of the late John and Anna (Considine) Sullivan. She was the widow of Robert B. Dawe, who passed away on November 23, 2004. Eileen and Bobby were married for 44 years. Eileen was also pre-deceased by her brother Don and brother-in-law George.

Eileen graduated from St. Columbkille's High School in Brighton, MA and married Bobby on October 15, 1960. They lived in Somerville before buying their first house in West Roxbury in 1968. After several years of collecting life-long friends there, they moved out of the city, settling in Nashua in 1976.

Eileen had many jobs supporting her growing family, including stints as a tax auditor for H&R Block and working at the old Lynch's Department Store on Main Street, Nashua. For many years, she served as the business manager for the Nashua School Department. In addition, Eileen honorably served as a state representative for ward 8 with the NH State House from 1992-1998.

Over the years, she and Bobby enjoyed many successes with starting businesses and making astute real estate investments.

Despite battling numerous ailments over the past several years, Eileen never lost her tenacious wit or feistiness. She greatly enjoyed travel, visiting many parts of the US, Europe and Australia during her lifetime. Dividing her time between homes in Stuart, Florida and York Beach, Maine, she loved nothing

better than hosting her children and grandchildren for a visit, enjoying relaxed, delicious meals at her favorite restaurants and telling stories from her many trips, experiences and friendships over a great glass of wine. She loved to instigate a spirited political debate or discuss the impact of a current event. The matriarch of an ever increasing clan, Eileen instilled the importance of family, constantly gathering the tribe at her home on the coast of Maine. She will be sorely missed for her love, compassion and insight.

Survivors include two daughters and their spouses; Marianne and her husband Ernie Lange of Newport, VT and Patricia and her husband Paul Beaulieu of Merrimack, NH; three sons and their spouses; Robert and his wife Theresa Dawe of Clinton, MA, George and his wife Alicia Dawe of South Kingston, RI and Christopher and his wife Carrie Dawe of Nashua, NH. She is also survived by her dear niece Robbin and her husband William Shinkwin of Nashua, NH; and her sister-in-laws Janice Dawe of Tempe, AZ and Meg Sullivan of Orleans, MA. In addition, she is survived by 14 grandchildren, including Corinne Rossignol and Zach Rossignol of Boston, MA, Connor Rossignol of San Diego, CA, Nick Beaulieu of Mattapoisett, MA. Tess and Alec Beaulieu of Merrimack, NH, Danielle Brescia of Boston, MA, Bobby Dawe III of Clinton, MA, Abigail, Addison, and Alarie Dawe of South Kingston, RI and Kelsie, CJ and Kylie Dawe of Nashua, NH. In addition, Eileen is survived by Nicole Shinkwin of Santa Rosa, CA, Meghan Shinkwin of Phoenix, AZ, Jason Shinkwin of Boston, MA, and Melissa and Mike Saucier of Nashua, NH in addition to many more nieces and nephews.

Visiting hours will be held on Wednesday, August 5th from 4-7 PM in the Dumont- Sullivan Funeral Home, 50 Ferry Street, Hudson. A funeral mass will be conducted on Thursday, August 6th at 10:00 AM at the Immaculate Conception Church, 216 East Dunstable Road, Nashua. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Scleroderma Foundation. 300 Rosewood Drive, Suite 105, Danvers, MA 01923 www.scleroderma.org

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph's Cemetery

West Roxbury, MA

Previous Events

VISITING HOURS

AUG 5. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home Hudson, NH
50 Ferry Street
Hudson, NH 03051
(603) 882-9431
info@dumontsullivan.com

MASS AT CHURCH

AUG 6. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Immaculate Conception Parish
216 East Dunstable Rd.
Nashua, NH 03062

Tribute Wall




“ *Eileen P. Dawe*

October 06, 2023 at 08:13 AM



“ *Eileen P. Dawe*

September 27, 2023 at 04:05 AM

 Nancy
Richards-
Stower

“ I met Eileen around the time of her service to the City of Nashua. Then, when she was in the legislature, she sponsored legislation I helped author to expand the rights of victims of employment discrimination by providing a jury trial option for employees (and victims housing and public accommodation discrimination) who filed at the N.H. Commission for Human Rights. I loved her dedication and sense of humor, and as I am a liberal Democrat, I loved her (a Republican)'s ability to see beyond party lines. I grew up in Maine, and when my Mom passed in 2010 I bought the family home and as I ready the house for an eventual move back to Maine, to "age in place" I thought of Eileen today (because a new client of mine sounds just like Eileen over the phone) and I determined to reach out to her so we could reconnect. How sad I am to learn I missed seeing her again and that she lost her beloved husband years before. To Eileen's family: I will always be a fan. She helped change the face of anti-discrimination law in New Hampshire, helping victims of discrimination avoid a commission hearing wherein the commissioners are volunteer political appointees, not necessarily trained (or as past Commission appointees have proven, not even supportive of, the anti-discrimination laws). As the result of Eileen's leadership of this legislation (RSA 354-A,21-a) victims of sexual harassment, other gender discrimination, race and age discrimination, disability discrimination, religious discrimination, sexual orientation, and national origin discrimination all have the right to jury trials under state law and many such trials have occurred, and many victims of such terrible discrimination have had their day in court, and in future generations, many more will. God Bless you Eileen. I am so sad not to have seen you after your move from New Hampshire. I do remember chatting with you after your move to Maine, where you so looked forward to your family gatherings at the beach....I am honored to have known Eileen.
Nancy Richards-Stower, Law Offices, Merrimack, NH.

Nancy Richards-Stower - October 26, 2015 at 09:52 PM

BM

“ I am so sorry to hear of Eileen's passing. I just heard of it now. I apologize for not knowing before this. I always fondly remember the Dawe house back in the old West Roxbury days. Always filled such love and laughter. I'm thinking of you all. take care.

~Beth Erwin Melia

Beth Melia - October 22, 2015 at 01:39 PM

KD

“ She will be missed. Loved visits with her and having great conversations. She was a wonderful caring woman, she loved her family and her family was always so important to her. She can now rest in peace. To all the family.. cherish, smile and laugh with your memories knowing she was loved by all.

Love,
Kerry & Colleen Dennard

Kerry Dennard - August 14, 2015 at 11:27 AM

PL

“ Pauline Lipps lit a candle in memory of Eileen P. Dawe



Pauline Lipps - August 10, 2015 at 07:23 PM

KR

“ We weren't blood relatives but when we walked into the beach house we always felt like we were. We went to York with our kids through the years --beach days, New Years Eves, special birthdays- - to have some old fashioned family and friend time and made memories to treasure for a lifetime! Thanks to Eileen --Nanan as all the kids called her whether she was their grandma or not--for being such a warm, happy, generous person. She never cared how many kids were running crazy around the house or sleeping all over the place--the more the merrier! It was a pleasure to know her throughout my 33 year friendship with Trish.
I remember all of us college girlfriends of Trisha's sitting around the big table at York when we were young moms talking with Eileen. She told of her life and times as a mom of 5-- she gave such great advice about being resilient and going with the flow. Eileen will be truly missed by everyone lucky enough to have known her!
Kris, Mike , Jacob, Stephanie , and Jason Ruta

kris ruta - August 06, 2015 at 01:29 PM

TS

“ Sorry for the loss of a wonderful woman. May Memories bring you comfort at this difficult time.
Ann Carichner

Tammy Senderoff - August 06, 2015 at 11:21 AM

TS

“ We are truly sorry for your loss.
Unsure if anyone could ever fill her shoes.
I can say... The Boys and I loved reacquainting ourselves with the
"Dawe Family" after returning from California. We very much
enjoyed swinging, a glass of wine (not the boys) and fireworks in
Maine. Eilene was always there with open arms, a swift smile, and
an infectious laugh.

Much Love to you All!!!!
The Senderoff Family.... Tammy, Preston, Dylan and Tom

Tammy Senderoff - August 06, 2015 at 11:19 AM

SK

“ Chris, Annette and I send our condolences. Our son, Mark, told me
about your loss
last night. We know your Mom must have been a kind and loving
person because of who you are. We want to wish you peace and
spiritual understanding during these trying moments.

Love,
Stan and Annette King

Stan & Annette King - August 06, 2015 at 10:49 AM

KO

“ Eileen Dawe was the only mother brave enough to sleep over at the
Tau Omega Sorority house at PSU. The next morning I skipped
class and made her breakfast while she did my taxes for me. She
will be missed by all and remembered fondly.

Kathy O'Donnell - August 05, 2015 at 08:40 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Eileen P. Dawe.



August 05, 2015 at 04:07 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Eileen P. Dawe.



August 05, 2015 at 12:06 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Eileen P. Dawe.



August 05, 2015 at 08:02 AM



“ Chris and Edna Anagnost and family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Eileen P. Dawe.



Chris and Edna Anagnost and family - August 04, 2015 at 08:24 PM

YC

“ Your friends at Navigant Consulting. purchased the Love Everlasting Bouquet for the family of Eileen P. Dawe.



Your friends at Navigant Consulting. - August 04, 2015 at 03:28 PM

AB

“ Abby purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Eileen P. Dawe.



Abby - August 04, 2015 at 02:44 PM

CG

“ Carolyn Gates lit a candle in memory of Eileen P. Dawe



carolyn gates - August 04, 2015 at 02:41 PM

EC

“ Electric Light Company purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Eileen P. Dawe.



Electric Light Company - August 04, 2015 at 11:14 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Eileen P. Dawe.*



August 04, 2015 at 10:54 AM



“ *Dear Tricia, MaryAnne and family,
We are so sorry to hear of your mom's passing. She was a vibrant lady and we so enjoyed our times with her and your family in Maine. Our prayers are with you.
Karen and Neil Jacobsen*

Karen Jacobsen - August 04, 2015 at 10:13 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Eileen P. Dawe.*



August 04, 2015 at 09:50 AM



“ *From your Friends at States Street purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Eileen P. Dawe.*



From your Friends at States Street - August 04, 2015 at 09:35 AM

DC

“ Eileen and Bob were very fine people. It was a pleasure to work with Eileen during her years of diligent service in the NH House.

My condolences to her family.

David E. Cote

David E. Cote - August 04, 2015 at 08:49 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Eileen P. Dawe.*



August 04, 2015 at 04:28 AM



“ *Helen Darby sent a virtual gift in memory of Eileen P. Dawe*



Helen Darby - August 03, 2015 at 07:55 PM



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Helen Darby - August 03, 2015 at 07:54 PM



“ *Helen Darby lit a candle in memory of Eileen P. Dawe*



Helen Darby - August 03, 2015 at 07:51 PM

HD

“ *I met Eileen over two years ago. I was brought in as her care-giver. But we ended up much more. She was a kind and generous woman. I over time learned what she liked and didn't like. Did her shopping every week. But we actually sit and talked more than the work I did for her. Lol!.. Me going through a divorce, and my mom already gone, gave me a lot of good advice! And I listened, Funny she was always right! 😊. She use to say to me "Helen just let it go, just let it go. I remember when I first saw her she looked just like Jeanne Cooper (Mrs Chanchler from the Young & Restless). Showed her a picture and she thought she did to. Funny!. When she left this time , I remember telling her good bye, she just sat in her chair I asked her to stand up so I could hug her, she did, and we hugged and also said I love u to each other. She also could be so funny. Like the day we went to look at cars and she bought one on the spot . she even let me pick out the car. While she was writing a check and signing paperwork, she turned and looked at me and said, don't think that I am going to leave u this car (a lady I took care of for three yrs did), I looked back at her and laughed and said oh yes u will if I am with u five years of more, she said u have a deal! She loved going out to eat and shopping at Bealls.! I will truly miss her. She can rest in peace and walk and breath freely now!. Love u Eileen! 😘😘*

Helen Darby - August 03, 2015 at 07:50 PM

SH

“ *Sandy & Paul Howard purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Eileen P. Dawe.*



Sandy & Paul Howard - August 03, 2015 at 07:39 PM

JF

“ *Jim & Wanda Jenkins and Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Eileen P. Dawe.*



Jim & Wanda Jenkins and Family - August 03, 2015 at 07:16 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Eileen P. Dawe.*



August 03, 2015 at 04:47 PM

JC

“ We are so sad at the loss of such a great lady...Auntie Eileen. As children we always thought Eileen and Bobby's house was so fun--because it was! They had lots of kids and we always had so much fun with the Dawe cousins. The running around craziness never bothered Eileen and Bobby. On Thanksgiving after dinner we got to watch "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang" in the basement of the West Roxbury house, drink soda (that was huge), and so many other fun memories. We have shared lots of stories over the years of Nana Sullivan who was quite a character as well. My parents and Eileen and Bobby had lots to contend with--that's for sure!

Thank you for always making us feel so welcome in your home--that is something that sticks with people. You have raised a great family and I know you were proud. Please rest in peace and I know there are lots of special people in heaven just waiting to see you again

Love,

Julie (Don and Meg Sullivan's daughter)and Tony Casieri
Medfield Mass

Julie Casieri - August 03, 2015 at 02:56 PM



“ Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Eileen P. Dawe.



August 03, 2015 at 02:45 PM



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Eileen P. Dawe.*



August 03, 2015 at 02:38 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Eileen P. Dawe.*



August 03, 2015 at 12:17 PM



“ *To the Entire Dawe family,*

Our family was deeply saddened to learn of your mom's passing. May you all be comforted by the many amazing memories. Her smile and wit will be remembered and missed.

*Peace -
The Wheeler Family, Hopkinton, NH*

Erik Wheeler - August 03, 2015 at 10:56 AM

KR

“ *Marianne and family, I am so saddened to hear of your Mom's passing. Such a beautiful lady with a beautiful smile. I have so many great memories from years past at the beach house. Your Mom just loved being surrounded by all of her family. May your loving memories of her comfort you all.*



*My Deepest Sympathy,
Kim Rossignol*

kim rossignol - August 03, 2015 at 10:08 AM

TF

“ *Trish, Paul and family- we are so very sorry for your loss! We were lucky enough to have met your mom several times and always enjoyed her company. Please know we are here to help if you need anything. The Freed Family*

terri freed - August 03, 2015 at 09:53 AM