



## Karen (Sullivan) Runyan

January 19, 1947 - April 22, 2025

Karen A. (Sullivan) Runyan, 78, of Hudson, NH passed away at Southern NH Hospital surrounded by loved ones on April 22, 2025.

Born on January 19, 1947, in Cambridge, Massachusetts to late Frank and Lillian (Drewicz) Sullivan. She grew up a Massachusetts native and resided in areas including Burlington and Tyngsborough until shortly after the passing of her late husband, Richard Runyan Jr. She was also predeceased by her brother, Robert Sullivan, and her sister, Doris Sullivan.

Karen held various positions at different companies such as Houghton Mifflin and FEMA. She was most proud of being a small business owner of a gift store with her late husband, Richard. RKR Treasures was located in the heart of Nashua. The idea for this gift store stemmed from Richard's love for woodworking and Karen's love for painting.

Those close to Karen knew she was extremely passionate about the arts. Whether that be reading, writing, drawing, painting, knitting, etc. Each home she lived in was handcrafted with pieces that she created and collected. Some of her most treasured pieces include hand painted easter eggs, rocking chairs for her grandchildren, picnic baskets, and ornaments. On top of the arts Karen loved cooking, traveling with friends, hosting, and supporting others.

Another thing Karen was well known for was opening up her home to those in need. Friends, family, or strangers that needed somewhere to stay always had a room at her house. Even those who got stuck outside in their cars during snow storms were able to come in, stay warm, and eat a home cooked meal. She is survived by sister Loraine Sullivan, brother Steve Sullivan, daughter Laura Harrison Allen, son-in-law Nathan Allen, grand-daughter Samantha Harrison, 4 step children, and many other grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

A time of visitation will be held on Tuesday April 29th from 4pm - 6pm in the Dumont-Sullivan Funeral home, 50 Ferry Street in Hudson. A Graveside Service will be held on Wednesday April 30th at 11am in Puritan Lawn Memorial Park, 185 Lake Street in Peabody, MA. All may please meet at the cemetery.

# Previous Events

## VISITING HOURS

APR **29**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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

## GRAVESIDE SERVICE

APR **30**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Puritan Lawn Memorial Park  
185 Lake Street  
Peabody, MA

# Tribute Wall



“ Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Homes & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Karen (Sullivan) Runyan



Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Homes - April 28, 2025 at 03:43 PM

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Beautiful pictures! Karen lived a full and happy life, full of love and caring... May she RIP❤️

Elaine Doherty - April 30, 2025 at 01:43 AM

TP

“ Tracey Prellberg lit a candle in memory of Karen (Sullivan) Runyan



Tracey Prellberg - April 27, 2025 at 11:24 PM

MR

“ Michael & Lisa Runyan lit a candle in memory of Karen (Sullivan) Runyan



Michael & Lisa Runyan - April 25, 2025 at 08:17 PM