



## Miss Joanne Hayes

November 2, 1938 - March 23, 2020

Miss Joanne Hayes, 81, died on March 23, 2020 at her home in Pittsfield, MA. Joanne was born in Pittsfield, MA on November 2, 1938. She was the daughter of Mary J. (Quinlan) and Robert J. Hayes. She attended local schools and graduated from Pittsfield High School in 1956.

She worked for GE for forty years. 31 of those years were at Ordnance and 9 years at Plastics.

Joanne enjoyed reading, crossword puzzles, and rooting for her beloved Boston Red Sox.

Joanne is survived by Thomas (Tom) Shepard, Jr. and Ellen (Liz) Newton and their extended families as well as her precious dog Lily.

Joanne was predeceased by her parents, and four close cousins including: Edward F. Newton, Ellen (Newton) Shepard, Gloria (Quinlan) Whitmire and C. John Quinlan.

The family would like to thank all of Joanne's compassionate caregivers and the wonderful nurses and staff of HospiceCare in The Berkshires.

Funeral Notice:

Calling hours for Miss Joanne Hayes will be held at the Dwyer Funeral Home one hour before a Mass celebrated by Father Christopher Malatesta at St. Agnes Church in Dalton, MA. Due to the current COVID-19 restrictions, services will be held at a future announced date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to HospiceCare in The Berkshires or the Berkshire Humane Society, both in care of the Dwyer Funeral Home, 776 North Street, Pittsfield,

MA 01201 in her memory. Donations CANNOT be made online, but may be made through the Dwyer Funeral Home.

# Tribute Wall

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“ I will always remember how you made me feel. You loved us and cared about us unconditionally. Rest in the comfort of the Lord now. Always in my Heart Joanne ❤️

Mary Ellen Rahilly (Whitmire) - August 08, 2020 at 08:54 AM

MT

“ Joanne and I worked together at GE Plastics. She was ‘the’ redhead and I was the ‘other’ redhead! She was so much fun to work with. Her quick wit cracked me right up! She was a treasure to anyone who was lucky enough to know her. Rest In Peace Joanne. Sending you a hug.

Marylou Trzcinka - August 06, 2020 at 05:00 PM

CN

“ So saddened to learn of Joanne's passing. Truly one of the nicest people you would ever meet. She and her family were among my mother's favorites and we connected often through the years. She was always warm and outgoing, had a great laugh and a twinkle in her eye that let you know she enjoyed your company and conversation.

C R Nagelschmidt - August 04, 2020 at 02:58 PM

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Definitely a twinkle in her eye. Beautiful sentiment

Mary Ellen Rahilly (Whitmire) - August 08, 2020 at 08:59 AM

ER

“ *Joanne was so a joy to be around I'm so incredibly sad to hear of her passing. I truly missed having her around the office as I looked forward to her sense of humor. She will be missed by many but celebrated by all. Xo*

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**Erin** - March 30, 2020 at 10:34 AM

DB

“ *I had the pleasure of working with Joanne at GE Plastics. She was one of the kindest, caring, funniest and most calm person ever. Such good memories!*

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**Donna B. Briggs** - March 30, 2020 at 05:00 AM

LS

“ *Fly High Joanne, My life is better for having met you. It was both an honor and a privilege to care for you . Your strength and courage through out your illness was an inspiration to me. I will miss you and our time spent together, but I take comfort in knowing you are with your loved ones, and you no longer suffer. See you again one day. Much love, Lori*

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**Lori Smith** - March 28, 2020 at 11:41 AM

VM

“ *Liz, Tommy, Becky and family,*

*Joanne was an amazing person, I will miss our talks and ours laughs, but mostly her.*

*Val*



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**valerie mongue** - March 27, 2020 at 10:58 AM

DB

“ I met Joanne when I came for my interview at Ordnance in 1984, when she was Mr. Ferris's secretary (she always called him MR. FERRIS). In my last job at Ordnance she and I worked together in communication and community relations. We became friends as well as close co-workers, sometimes co-conspirators. I always had the highest respect for her judgement, and for her sense of humor. I will always remember her laugh, which I can will always hear in my mind.

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**Debbie Burke** - March 27, 2020 at 09:44 AM