



## Mrs. Kathleen "Kathie" Anne Gennari

June 17, 1945 - August 7, 2020

Mrs. Kathleen "Kathie" Anne Gennari, 75, of Dalton, passed away unexpectedly with her family by her side on Friday, August 7, 2020. She was born in Pittsfield, MA on June 17, 1945 to Donald and Katherine Maloney Cullen. She graduated from Pittsfield High School in 1963.

Kathie married Angelo Gilberto Gennari on September 13, 1969. Together, they owned and operated Benny's Restaurant in Dalton for over 30 years. During this time, Kathie touched the lives of countless people through her cooking and love of conversation. Kathie and Angelo sponsored many youth and adult sports teams throughout the years. After Kathie retired from Benny's, she worked for 7 years as a medical assistant to Dr. Richard Green, MD.

A devoted wife, mother and grandmother, Kathie was also a dedicated member of her community. She volunteered for the Dalton Benefit Association, acting as president for many years; the Dalton Carnival Association; and a Dalton Youth Center cooking program. Kathie could be found on the sidelines cheering for Dalton and Wahconah sports teams, especially when her children and granddaughter were playing.

Kathie enjoyed spending time with her friends and family, walking, taking day trips with her husband Angelo, dining at restaurants, vacationing at Cape Cod, crafting and attending craft fairs. She was a proud survivor of colon cancer, beating it on three separate occurrences.

Besides her beloved husband of over 50 years, Angelo, Kathie is survived by

her children, Kara Dougherty (Kenneth) and Angelo Gennari (Lara Marcella Miller). She leaves behind her dear and favorite granddaughter, Amelia Dougherty, as well as her grand-dog Benny. She is also survived by her sisters, Susan Odell and Linda Hunter. She was predeceased by her brothers, Michael Cullen and Donald Cullen.

Funeral Notice:

A Liturgy of Christian Burial for Mrs. Kathleen A. Gennari will be Monday, August 24, at 11 a.m., at St. Agnes Church, celebrated by Rev. Christopher Malatesta, Pastor. There will be a livestream of the service for those who cannot attend. To stream the service, please visit the St. Agnes homepage at <http://www.stagnesc.com/> and follow the Gennari service link. A graveside service will follow at Ashuelot Street Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Dalton Benefit Association in care of the Dwyer-Wellington Funeral Home, 525 Main Street, Dalton, MA 01226, in her memory. Kathie wanted her family and friends to celebrate her life by enjoying each other's company with stories and laughter. In accordance with her wishes, a Celebration of Life party will be held at a later date.

# Cemetery Details

## Ashuelot Cemetery

Ashuelot St.  
Dalton, MA 01226

# Previous Events

## Service

AUG **24**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Agnes Church  
489 Main St.  
Dalton, MA 01226

# Tribute Wall

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“ Angelo, Kara and AJ ~

*We were so sorry to learn of Kathie's passing! Please remember you now have a guardian angel to watch over each of you! With our deepest sympathy!*

*Craig and Sandy Crosier*

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**Craig and Sandy Crosier** - August 24, 2020 at 06:22 AM

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“ Dear Angelo, Kara, AJ, Amelia, Susie, Linda and all who have loved Kathie, and there are many...I am very saddened by this huge loss. I

*worked for Angelo and Kathie for many years, but it went beyond "a job." We became close, as close as family. We enjoyed picnics, parties, dinners and opened our homes and hearts to each other. We laughed (Oh, how we laughed!)*

*There were a few tears in between, but sometimes, that's a healthy thing.*

*Kathie loved to laugh. And when things were not going well, she would say, "It is what it is..."*

*I hate that this what it is. But I will always remember how our friendship evolved, for about 35 years.*

*The craft fairs...Well, let me just say that we laughed more than we shopped!*

*I am so happy to have had Kathie in my life.*

*Thank you for sharing her with me.*

*Pamela Shogry Durham, Austin, Texas*

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**Pamela Shogry Durham** - August 21, 2020 at 08:40 PM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Kathleen "Kathie" Anne Gennari.*



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August 21, 2020 at 07:32 PM



“ *We will miss Kathie's nice neighborly friendship. .She was always full of energy and enthusiasm. We enjoyed going to Benny's many times for Kathie's great pizza. Seven years ago, she gave us a plant, in memory of our son, it is still going strong in our living room. A nice remembrance of her kindness. May she rest in peace. Anne and Paul Amirault*

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**Paul Amirault** - August 21, 2020 at 11:40 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Kathleen "Kathie" Anne Gennari.*



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August 21, 2020 at 11:40 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Kathleen "Kathie" Anne Gennari.*



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August 20, 2020 at 09:28 AM



“ *Fond memories of Kathie from the Bennys days. Sorry for your loss Angelo, Kara and AJ. - the Doyles*

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**Jean Doyle** - August 20, 2020 at 08:44 AM



“ *Our prayers and thoughts are with you at this difficult time. Love Joe,Debbie and Jenna Rigon*

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**Debra Rigon** - August 19, 2020 at 08:01 PM