



## Mrs. Keye Hollister

March 31, 1939 - September 22, 2023

Keye Hollister, Atty., Active in the Community

Pauline Keyburn “Keye” Hollister, 84, of Pittsfield, passed away on Friday, September 22, 2023. Keye was returning from her mother-in-law’s 100th Birthday Celebration in Pennsylvania, when she became ill suddenly and was taken to Wayne Memorial Hospital in Honesdale, PA where she was confirmed to have died. The cause of death was heart failure. Born in Pittsfield, MA, on March 31, 1939, the daughter of the late Norman and Rose Pender Hollister, she graduated from Miss Hall’s School in 1956, attended the Sorbonne University in Paris, France and Newton College of the Sacred Heart in Newton, Ma before graduating from University of Massachusetts, Amherst in 1974. She earned her Juris Doctor degree from Western New England College School of Law, Springfield, Ma in 1978.

Keye and her late husband, John, whom she met in law school in 1974, practiced together as Gobel and Hollister law partners on Wendell Ave in Pittsfield. She served as Pittsfield City Solicitor for three years from 1979-1983 and was elected president of the Berkshire Bar Association, where she became Berkshire County representative to the Massachusetts Bar

Association Board of Trustees. She was a United States Bankruptcy Trustee for Berkshire County from 1980 to 1987. Following a forty-year law career Keye retired in 2018.

When Keye returned from Paris in 1959 she found her brother Barry had taken up skiing and he wanted her to join him at Bousquet Ski Area. First, she went to work running the Marsten's Ski Den at Bousquet's before joining Court McDermott's ski school. It was Court who arranged for his instructors to go to Mt. Tremblant in Quebec, Canada where she and Barry passed two levels of the Canadian Ski Instructors Alliance Certification. Her brother Jim also passed the CSIA Certification and at one time all four siblings, Keye, Barry, JoAnn and Jim taught at Bousquet.

Before gaining her law degree, Keye was a flight attendant for Seaboard World Airlines for 15 years from 1963-1978, where she also served as a union representative. Based at JFK Airport in New York, she flew exclusively on international flights to several European cities before transferring to San Francisco in 1965 where she flew military personnel to Viet Nam, Thailand, Guam and other ports in Southeast Asia. She returned to New York and continued to fly from JFK while completing her law degree.

Keye was an active community member in Pittsfield and Berkshire County. She was a tireless advocate and served in many volunteer roles. She a Massachusetts Justice Project Board Member and was on the Supreme Judicial Court Committee from 2005-2010.

She was a member of the Massachusetts Bar Foundation, Board of Trustees from 2002-2008.

She served on the Berkshire IOLTA Committee for 10 years, 5 years as chair

and was a member of the Massachusetts IOLTA committee from its founding, serving three years as chair. She was a member of the Berkshire Community College Board of Trustees from 1986-1994. She was a past board member of the Pittsfield YMCA, Business Women's Development Council, Governors Executive Office, The Colonial Theatre, Berkshire County Committee on Women in Crisis, Committee on Homeless Persons, City of Pittsfield, Women's Service Center, The Helen Berube Teen Parent Program, Displaced Homemaker Program Advisory Board and a Zonta of Berkshire County member from 2005 until her passing.

Keye was an intelligent, empathetic woman who loved to socialize. She always had a book nearby, but would drop it at the first chance to converse with family or friends. She reveled in the success of her younger family members and loved to talk about how they were doing in life.

As an aunt to dozens, she was always a favorite. Her joy derived from the continual visits she made with over 40 nieces, nephews and a world of friends. Following her years of international flying with Seaboard, Keye and John made annual trips to Europe, the Caribbean or Asia. They made yearly treks to the Rocky Mountains, skiing frequently in Colorado, Utah and Wyoming.

The couple owned a rustic cottage on Saquish Beach in Plymouth, MA where

they would retreat  
for long vacations every summer and entertain family and friends.

She is survived by her brother James P. "Jim" Hollister of Wellesley, MA, the last of four siblings, having been pre-deceased by her brother Joseph B. "Barry" Hollister of Pittsfield and JoAnn Hollister Emerson of Palm Beach, Florida.

Funeral Notice:

Funeral services will be Saturday, September 30, 2023, with a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 10 am at Sacred Heart Church, celebrated by the Rev. Steven Montesanti, Pastor. To view a livestream of this service, please visit <https://event.forgetmenotceremonies.com/ceremony/?c=137749a0-7a8d-46ab-af12-929df4880102> . Burial will be at a later date. Calling hours will be Friday, September 29, 2023, from 4 pm to 6 pm at the Dwyer Funeral Home, 776 North Street, Pittsfield, MA 01201. In lieu of flowers, donations in Keye's memory can be made to the Berkshire Community College Scholarship Fund.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

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

Dwyer Family Funeral Home  
776 North Street  
Pittsfield, MA 01201  
(413) 442-5094  
info@dwyerfuneral.com  
<https://www.dwyerfuneral.com/>

## Service

SEP **30**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Sacred Heart Church  
191 Elm St.  
Pittsfield, MA 01201

# Tribute Wall



“ *I flew with Keye Hollister , she was a wonder then and remained so during her life in law. Indeed a treasure and she was fluent in life and French. Dear Keye it was a honor to be your friend. RIP. Colette Gelinas Clowes*

colette gelinas clowes - September 29, 2023 at 07:20 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mrs. Keye Hollister.*



September 29, 2023 at 01:15 PM



“ *62 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Dwyer Funeral Home Inc. - September 29, 2023 at 01:00 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Keye Hollister.*



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September 29, 2023 at 09:00 AM



“ *To the family of Keye whom she cherished she will be missed by many. Her kindness and compassion was unmatched all so sweet and a true treasure to our community rest easy sweet Keye you taught us how to enjoy life to the fullest and she enjoyed every memory she made love Michele Drysgola*



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**Michele drysgola** - September 28, 2023 at 10:10 PM



“ *So many years ago when a young friend TOM was sweet on her we all got invited to hang out with them at the Country Club, not our usual place to meet friends--we swam in Morewood Lake, watched young women at tennis, and , with her graciousness, felt at home. I miss her, and all our friends. Dave O'Brien, Worcester*

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**David O'Brien** - September 28, 2023 at 05:14 PM



“ *Sacred Garden Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Keye Hollister.*



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September 28, 2023 at 10:21 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Keye Hollister.*



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September 28, 2023 at 08:39 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mrs. Keye Hollister.

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September 28, 2023 at 08:39 AM



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Mrs. Keye Hollister.*



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September 27, 2023 at 08:03 PM



“ *Linda Snook, Alex Bliss & Cammie Bliss purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Mrs. Keye Hollister.*



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**Linda Snook, Alex Bliss & Cammie Bliss** - September 27, 2023 at 05:59 PM

LB

“ Linda Snook, Alex Bliss & Cammie Bliss planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Keye Hollister.

Linda Snook, Alex Bliss & Cammie Bliss - September 27, 2023 at 05:59 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Keye Hollister.



September 27, 2023 at 11:25 AM

AK

“ Adam and Karline purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mrs. Keye Hollister.



Adam and Karline - September 27, 2023 at 10:05 AM

AK

“ Adam and Karline planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Keye Hollister.

Adam and Karline - September 27, 2023 at 10:05 AM

HW

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Heather Williamson - September 27, 2023 at 05:51 AM

DD

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Dana Doyle - September 26, 2023 at 08:11 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Keye Hollister.



September 26, 2023 at 06:38 PM

RW

“ *Simply Spectacular: My Aunt Keye Hollister was an extraordinary woman, a trailblazer, philanthropist, mentor, “empowerer” of others, giver of her own time, compassionate and loving Aunt who demonstrated to each of us in her daily life what a truly spectacular human being looked like. I spent my entire life wanting to be just like my Aunt Keye. She was my godmother and is my role model. Her life was filled with adventures and many firsts. She was ahead of her time, even as a young girl. Her love was unconditional, and her support was unwavering. She was truly extraordinary! To know me is to know that I do not throw words like these around lightly. However, these words are actually not powerful enough to describe the woman we all called Aunt and others called Keye. Pauline Keyburn Hollister was truly one of a kind!!* 💜💜

*Aunt Keye - We will “leave the light on for you”! I love you with all of my heart and soul!! Thank you for all you did with and for me!! I hope you are catching up with all the cousins who were waiting for you at Heaven’s Gate - I am sure you had God’s Fast Pass!! Love you to the moon and back times infinity!! Until we meet again may God hold you in the palm of His hand!* 🙏👼💔💜💕



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Robin Wadsworth - September 26, 2023 at 04:53 PM

BW

“ Aunt Keye I love you with all my heart, you were like a mother to me you always gave me your everything! And I loved returning my everything with you! spending every day with you was still not enough. We had a lot of big plans and we had a lot of fun you're in a better place you'll be missed by everyone. you were an inspiration to everyone you touched. I love you and I will see you again someday Love Barry Wadsworth 🍷❤️😊🙏

Barry Wadsworth - September 26, 2023 at 03:48 PM

JD

“ Our Keye, she was one of a kind. Jamie & Tony Dobrowolski

Jamie L Dobrowolski - September 26, 2023 at 03:13 PM

JO

Thinking of you.  
JoAnn Benzing

JoAnn - November 03, 2023 at 02:59 PM