



Kathleen Maher Cleary

July 26, 1950 - March 19, 2026

In North Haven March 19, 2026 Kathleen A. Maher Cleary, 75, of Cheshire, a mother, grandmother, sister, and friend, passed away peacefully, leaving behind a legacy of love, dedication, and cherished memories. For 34 years, Kathie served with unwavering commitment at the VA Hospital, where her compassion and work ethic touched the lives of countless veterans, patients, and colleagues. She took great pride in her career, always putting others first and carrying herself with kindness and strength. After retiring to Narragansett, she embraced life with a sense of adventure and joy. She spent time traveling with friends and family creating lasting memories and enjoying the beauty of new places. She was someone who brightened a room with her smile the moment she stepped in, and if you were not friends before, she made you feel welcomed and loved. Kathie will be remembered for her generous heart, her quiet strength, and the way she made everyone feel valued and loved. Her presence will be deeply missed, but her spirit will live on in the hearts of all who knew her. She was a loving mother of Erin Luddy, Gregg Luddy (Frances), sister of Christopher Cleary, Maureen Mauhs (Karl), Eileen Bujalski (David), Donald Cleary and Carolyn Gontarski. Also survived by her cherished grandson Declan Luddy and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by father Christopher J. Cleary, mother Claire Maher Cleary, brother-in-law Paul Gontarski, and nephew David Bujalski.

Funeral services will be Saturday March 28th at 11 a.m. in Sisk Brothers Funeral Home 3105 Whitney Ave. Hamden. The family will receive friends

from 9 a.m. until time of service. In lieu of flowers, contributions to the Alzheimer's Association 200 Executive Blvd. Southington, CT. 06489-1058. To leave an online condolence please visit www.siskbrothers.com

Previous Events

Calling hours

MAR 28. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Sisk Brothers Funeral Home
3105 Whitney Ave
PO Box 185066
Hamden, CT 06518

Funeral service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Kathleen Maher Cleary.*



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“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Kathleen Maher Cleary.

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“ *I have so many wonderful memories of Kathie. At the time we were young moms raising our children together. Erin and Gregg are close in age with my 2 children. We spent many afternoons and weekends together with our kids. Then Kathie and I (both nurses) worked together at VACT, the Veteran's Hospital in West Haven. Kathie was an exemplary mom and nurse. She radiated love for her children. She exemplified caring as a nurse. My heart hurts for her entire family. Her loss will surely be felt. Cathy Wynne (Grabowski)*

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