



Kathleen E. Dinneen-Torello

December 22, 1946 - October 25, 2025

Kathleen Elizabeth Dinneen-Torello, age 78, of Hamden, Connecticut, passed away peacefully at her home on October 25, 2025, after a courageous battle with cancer, with her daughter by her side.

Born in New Haven to the late James and Marjorie Hayes Dinneen and raised in Fair Haven, Kathleen was the beloved wife of John C. Torello and the devoted mother of Kaitlin (C.J.) Brexel. She was also the cherished grandmother of Emma Brexel, Chase Brexel, Julia Torello, Joey Torello, Matthew Torello, and the late Michael Torello. Kathleen was the sister of the late Margaret (Fred) Tyrol and Gerald Dinneen and is survived by brothers James (Sandra) Dinneen and William Dinneen.

Throughout life, Kathleen charted her own course with grace and determination and held fast to her beliefs. She possessed a warm spirit, and true to her Irish heritage, a lively sense of humor.

A proud educator for over 30 years in the New Haven public school system, Kathleen dedicated her career to inspiring and nurturing generations of students. (A favorite sign in her kitchen read, "You can't scare me, I teach school.") She earned a Bachelor of Science degree and a Sixth-Year Certificate from Southern Connecticut State University, where she was a proud member of Phi Delta Kappa, and held a Master of Arts degree from Fairfield University. Her lifelong passion for education and learning left a lasting mark on students and colleagues alike.

Kathleen found immeasurable joy in the love and laughter shared with her

wonderful friends and treasured grandchildren, with whom her memory lives on.

Family and friends are invited to pay their respects at the Sisk Brothers Funeral Home in Hamden on Sunday, November 2, from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Hamden on Monday, November 3, at 10 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in her name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 2. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

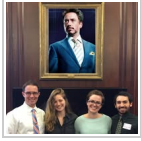
Sisk Brothers Funeral Home
3105 Whitney Ave.
Hamden, CT 06518
(203) 288-7114
siskfuneral@sbcglobal.net

Funeral Mass

NOV 3. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Mt Carmel
2819 Whitney Ave
Hamden, CT 06518-2544
(203) 248-0141

Tribute Wall



“ Kathy lived next door to me growing up and was a huge reason we became a neighborhood. From her hospitality to her teaching (I still remember how to spell encyclopedia because of her song), Kathy was an amazing person who helped all of the kids on our block learn and grow. Thank you for all that you did for us.

Stephen Sacchetti - November 02, 2025 at 02:51 PM



“ My condolences to the family. My memories of Kathy are how a devoted grandmother she was !❤️ She will surely be missed! Cheryl Gibran

cheryl Gibran - November 02, 2025 at 11:44 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kathleen E. Dinneen-Torello.



October 31, 2025 at 09:57 PM



“ The Furtak and Sacchetti families purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Kathleen E. Dinneen-Torello.



The Furtak and Sacchetti families - October 31, 2025 at 07:13 PM

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“ Amy C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kathleen E. Dinneen-Torello.

Amy C. - October 31, 2025 at 02:35 PM

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“ Love the families of Tara, Kristen, & Dad purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Kathleen E. Dinneen-Torello.



Love the families of Tara, Kristen, & Dad - October 31, 2025 at 02:21 PM

LD

“ Love the families of Tara, Kristen, & Dad planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kathleen E. Dinneen-Torello.

Love the families of Tara, Kristen, & Dad - October 31, 2025 at 02:21 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Kathleen E. Dinneen-Torello.



October 30, 2025 at 06:38 PM

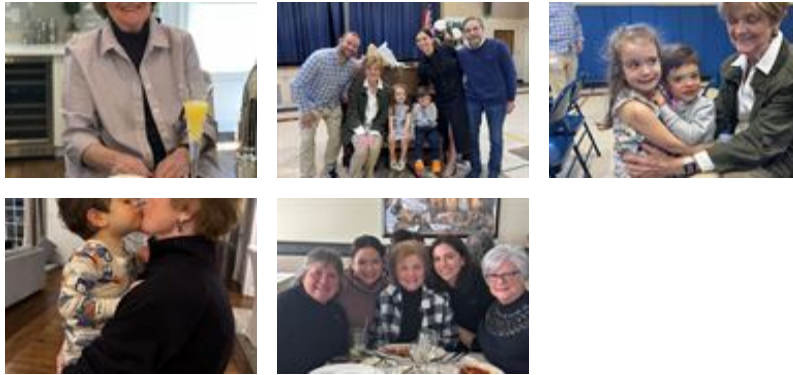
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“ Kathy, Dave, Jocelyn and Liam Kingsley planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kathleen E. Dinneen-Torello.

Kathy, Dave, Jocelyn and Liam Kingsley - October 30, 2025 at 06:38 PM



“ 203 files added to the album LifeTributes



Sisk Brothers Funeral Home - October 30, 2025 at 02:35 PM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Kathleen E. Dinneen-Torello.



October 29, 2025 at 02:34 PM

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“ The Brexels planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kathleen E. Dinneen-Torello.

The Brexels - October 29, 2025 at 02:34 PM