



Kathy Jean Houghton

November 22, 2025

Kathy Jean Houghton 69, passed away on November 22, 2025. She was born in Bay Shore, NY, beloved wife of Jim Houghton, daughter of the late John and Anna Rickert.

From the moment Kathy and Jim moved to RI, Kathy embraced small town life. She loved volunteering to help with Glocester's annual Ancients and Horribles Parade, as well as the Glocester Conservation Commission and the Glocester Food Pantry. Kathy loved living in Chepachet and Chepachet loved her, earning her the nickname "the most hugged woman in Chepachet." Kathy enjoyed all kinds of music, especially classic rock. She could often be found on the dance floor surrounded by friends.

When Kathy wasn't going on adventures with Jim on the motorcycle, she could be found on the beach where she would spend hours basking in the sunshine. She was an avid football fan, especially of the New England Patriots. She loved walking her dogs, most recently Lucy the gentle giant.

Besides her beloved husband, Kathy leaves behind her stepson James Cafferty, grandsons Cooper and Kian and her sisters Christine Puritis and Dawn Curry. She was the loving aunt to many nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, December 6th from 10 a.m.-12 p.m.in the

Winfield & Sons Funeral Home, 571 West Greenville Road, Scituate, RI.
Burial will be private.

In leu of flowers - Donations to RISPCA <https://www.rispca.org/> [rispca.org]

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 6. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Winfield & Sons Funeral Home and Crematory
571 West Greenville Road (Route 116)
Scituate, RI 02857
(401) 647-5421

Tribute Wall

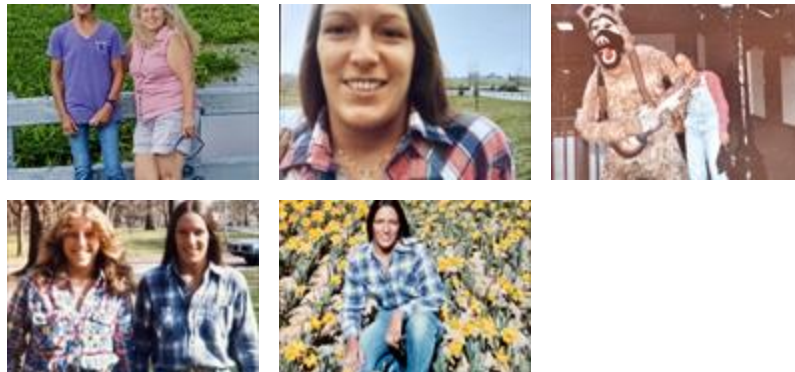
DL

“ *Kathy, my cousin, was my best friend growing up on Long Island. I have so many amazing memories of Kathy. Her laugh, kindness, and patience. Kathy had a tire swing in her front yard. We would push each other on the swing and laugh! We spent hours upon hours in her pool playing games and always the laughter of two young girls who feel safe, free, with unconditional love. I will always regret that we lost touch over decades and the time I lost with my beautiful cousin. Kathy-I know you know that I love you and will see you on the other side some day.* ”

Deborah Leuce - December 16, 2025 at 12:40 PM

DD

“ *5 files added to the album best friend forever* ”



Diane Day - December 08, 2025 at 11:04 AM

CF

“ *Jimmy I am so sorry for your loss, prayers for you and your family at this time. Kathy will be missed, she was a kind, caring sole, a wonderful host always made you feel welcome. My thoughts are with you.* ”

Christina De Falco - December 06, 2025 at 01:43 AM

MT

“ *What an amazing person Kathy was. We feel so lucky that she was part of us. Mike always loved poking fun with her at gatherings! Sharing in your sorrow with love and memories. Jim, we are here for you.*

Mike and Tammy

Mike and Tammy - December 01, 2025 at 07:36 PM

MB

“ *I Men*

Maria BELL - December 01, 2025 at 03:25 PM

KR

“ *Kathy and I weren't close friends in high school, but we both ended up working for the same company, DataCon. We got closer and she became best friends with my younger sister, Diane. I remember when they traveled cross country in her van modified by her dad. They had the best time and sent me many postcards from the places they visited, which I still have. Kathy was a fun loving free-spirit in my eyes and I know she will be greatly missed by all of those people whose lives she touched. RIP Kathy and keep on rocking! My heart goes out to her sisters and their families. Jim I am so sorry for your loss, and I hope you find peace and comfort in all your memories! 💕💕 Karen (Day) Roberts*

Karen (Day) Roberts - November 30, 2025 at 10:46 PM

WE

“ When I was very little and just learning to read Aunt Kathy would always have me listen to ACDC and ABBA while sitting in her van on 8 trac tapes. Only I would literally read ACDC as a word and not initials she would laugh so hard. We also shared the same favorite color -blue and when I would be made fun of at school because back then girls weren't suppose to like blue she helped me be strong and confident.

Love you, Wendy Weter Burford (niece)

wendy - November 30, 2025 at 06:08 PM

CP



Christine Rickert Puritis - November 30, 2025 at 07:09 PM

CP

I'm the oldest of the three sisters.
Kathy the youngest. As a family of five, our lives were blessed with grandparents, aunts & uncles on both sides, and many cousins!
Our family of Rickets all lived in Sayville. Our Luce family, in West Sayville & Oakdale.
Myself, Dawn & Kathy were raised with love.
My memories of Kathy, are 68 years long ❤️
Kathy adored her nephew, two nieces & their six kids!,
I always admired Kathy's patience & the time she spent picking out the perfect greeting card ❤️

Christine Rickert Puritis - November 30, 2025 at 08:12 PM

KC

Kathy will always have a special place in my heart.

Kathy Cooley - December 01, 2025 at 08:24 AM

DD

Kathy was my Best friend❤️, we worked together by day & played together by night, & our days off in the summer every sunny day we were at the beach & then our evenings were at the drive-in movies or dancing to the local cover bands all over the island. 🧑🏻🧑🏻 We went to every rock n roll concert we could. Rolling Stones, Prince, Rush, Journey, the list goes on & on, ...every song I hear on classic rock station I can recall a memory with Kathy

We wore out her 8 track tape player in her camper Van 🎵🎵 our Epic 6 month long cross country trip Zig zagging all over the USA she was a kind, generous, fun-loving big hearted woman. So grateful & blessed to have Kathy as a BFF 🐱♀️ 2 PEAS IN A POD❤️🙏 I'm sure there was a big celebration at the rainbow bridge upon your arrival with all the animals you loved so very much. And if there is an rock& roll heaven I know you're dancing to an helluva band! Until we meet again.

"be good, if not be careful" lykyk 😊 forever in my heart. ☐📦 my deepest condolences to Jim, and all her family & friends 🙏😔 gone too soon

Diane Day - December 08, 2025 at 10:55 AM