



Kathy Anne Quick

March 29, 2026

Kathy Anne Quick died on Sunday, March 29, at the age of 59. Her passing was sudden and unexpected. Mother, partner, daughter, sister, friend, and educator—Kathy was a force in the lives and hearts of everyone she encountered. Her vigor, steadfastness, and reliability imbued her work, relationships, and engagement with the world.

Kathy taught art and art history for over three decades at several New England universities, including: Brown University (her alma mater), Clark University, Quinnipiac University, the Rhode Island School of Design and the University of Rhode Island (URI), where she was on the full-time faculty for the last fifteen years. Her dissertation, examining the development of Lewis Hine's documentary photography of immigrants to the U.S. in the early twentieth century, was later published in the respected international journal "Visual Studies". At URI, her expertise and experience enabled her to regularly teach large cohorts of hundreds of students.

But Kathy's life was more than just her work. She was a woman of strong convictions and often spoke and marched for issues that she believed would improve our society. She ran three days a week with a religious zeal (once completing the NYC marathon), traveled the globe in search of adventure, art, and personal enrichment, and always found time for her family.

Kathy cherished those who filled her life: Her son, Bryan (and his partner, Andrea), who carries her strength of conviction for justice in his legal practice and commitment to the arts in his writing; her life partner, Rafi Mohammed, with whom she shared more than ten beautiful years in Cambridge, Massachusetts, when they weren't traveling, savoring fine cuisine, and dancing to classic rock and jazz; her proud, loving parents Edward and Dolores Quick; her confidante and devoted sister, Mary-Grace Shifrin (and her predeceased husband, Jim); (predeceased) niece Bailey; nephew Cooper; niece Nevaeh; caring brother, Edward J. Quick (and his wife, Kelly); niece Ariana; nephew Eli; sister-in-law Selina (and her husband, Dan Kim); niece Sachi; and nephew Sam; along with two special aunts, countless cousins and cherished friends near and far. She also leaves behind her young protégé, Bigsby the cat.

All are invited to celebrate her life Saturday, April 4th, visitation from 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM with a memorial service at 11:00 AM in the Winfield & Sons Funeral Home, 571 West Greenville Road, Scituate, RI. Burial will be respectfully private.

Please consider making a donation in Kathy's honor to the ACLU.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 4. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Kathy was truly one of those rare people who could light up an entire room. From the moment she said hello, you felt an immediate warmth that was impossible to put into words. She had a way of making everyone feel seen, valued, and cared for. Her heart was genuinely kind and pure, and she carried that kindness into every interaction.

The world feels a little dimmer without her presence, and she will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing her. Though she is no longer with us, her spirit, her laughter, and the love she shared will continue to live on in the hearts of so many.

May she rest in peace, and may her memory always be a blessing.

Suruchi Bhatia - April 04 at 01:09 PM

JO

“ I was so sad when, I heard about the passing of our beloved friend Kathy, she was lovely and loved her when every weekend she will say hey Janeth, and easily be talking about everything and for very long minutes, making me feel like we got along great connected with her! I can still see her, and hopefully she will be in a better place RIP, my very deep condolences 🌸 to Al her beautiful family, she always be in my heart 💜!!!!

Janeth Ouannas - April 04 at 09:45 AM

GF

“ Dear Ed and family. I'm so sorry to hear about your sister's passing. My sincere condolences to you and your family. My thoughts and prayers are with you

Gerry Fradianni - April 03 at 01:59 PM

AM

“ I was so saddened to see that Kathy passed away - I knew her for many years - she was a beautiful woman, inside and out - my condolences to her family, especially to her mother and her son Bryan.....

Anne Massucco - April 03 at 10:29 AM

KW

“ Thank you for the light you shared with us, my thoughts and prayers are with your family



Karolina Wojcik - April 03 at 10:28 AM

KA

“ Kathi lit a candle in memory of Kathy Anne Quick



Kathi - April 03 at 08:41 AM

KL

“ I must say you were a beautiful bride & some of my best photography. One photographer to another. Godspeed. I will miss you. Cousin Kimmy

Kim Libera - April 02 at 04:22 PM

LB

“ Lisa Bell lit a candle in memory of Kathy Anne Quick



Lisa Bell - April 02 at 02:25 PM

LF

“ In memory of an exceptional educator. I was in Dr. Quick's class this semester and was so inspired by her teaching and her passionate desire to share her knowledge and love of art with us as students. She was an outstanding teacher. She will be very missed and my thoughts are with all those in her family, her friends, and colleagues.
Lisa Frakes

Lisa Frakes - April 02 at 01:33 PM

MS

“ You are beautifully woven into the fabric of my life, sister! We will need to chat from afar.
Mary-Grace



Mary-Grace Shifrin - April 02 at 05:56 AM

LB



Lisa Bell - April 02 at 10:20 AM

JA

Ang and I are truly sorry for your loss.

Joann Alleano - April 03 at 09:23 PM