



Kathleen Dehler

August 19, 1944 - November 22, 2024

Kathleen Nora Dehler, 80

Kathleen Nora Dehler was picked up by her huckleberry friend on November 22, 2024.

Kathleen was born to the late Marian and Joseph Dickson on August 19, 1944. She was a proud alumni of St. Francis Xavier Academy and cheerleader for St. John's University and hailed being a Brooklyn gal.

Kathleen met her huckleberry, William, as a teenager in Breezy Point, NY. They soon married and went on to grow her dream of a large family with seven children and fifteen grandchildren. Kathleen and William embraced life together in Brooklyn, NY, Lynbrook, NY, and Westport, CT, only to return full circle to where they fell in love when they retired in Breezy Point.

Kathleen loved creating a warm home, always ready to welcome family and friends for the spontaneous pop-in or a grand party. Kathleen's parties abounded with good food, great drinks, lots of laughter, definitely singing and tap dancing, and usually ended with a hat party and a rendition of "When Irish Eyes are Smiling" and "Second Hand Rose."

The true artist she was, Kathleen could turn anything into a masterpiece. She loved working with pens, paint, crafts, furniture, wallpaper, anything she could

get her hands on. She loved decorating her home, especially when her husband would go on business trips, which is when she would wallpaper an entire room and put it back together in 36 hours. Holiday decorations for every single holiday greeted visitors at the kitchen door. She lovingly hung her grown children's kindergarten artwork throughout and decorated every nook and cranny with beautifully festive decorations and illuminated Orchard Hill at Christmastime with candles in every window.

Kathleen is predeceased by her husband of 59 years, William, and is survived by seven grateful children: Nora Stuart (Matt) of Lexington, SC; William Dehler, Jr. (Ingrid) of Fairfield, CT; John Dehler of Fairfield, CT; Andrew Dehler (Tracey) of Westport, CT; Kate Stewart (Mark) of Simsbury, CT; Elizabeth Morrall (Mitch) of Davie, FL; and Matthew Dehler of Santa Barbara, CA. Kathleen is blessed with fifteen adoring grandchildren: Matthew, Claire, Sarah Kate, Riley, Charlie, Harry, Beau, Jack, Elizabeth, Grace, Mary Kate, Ella, William, Regan, and Annabell.

We offer our profound gratitude to the most compassionate and skilled staff at Calvary Hospital in the Bronx. In Lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Calvary Hospital through www.calvaryhospital.org so that they may continue the incredible mission of palliative care. Contributions will go toward a plaque on the Tree of Life in Kathleen's name, where there happens to be an empty space next to her husband's leaf!

Friends and family are invited to the Celebration of Life on December 20, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. at Saint Thomas More Church, 204-25 Rockaway Point Boulevard, Breezy Point, NY. Reception to follow across the street at The Breezy Point Catholic Club. Welcomed attire: Christmas plaids, of course!

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

DEC **20**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Saint Thomas More Church
204-25 Rockaway Point Blvd
Breezy Point, NY

Gathering of Family and Friends

DEC **20**. 12:30 PM (ET)

The Breezy Point Catholic Club
204-10 Rockaway Point Blvd
Breezy Point, NY 11697

Welcomed attire: Christmas plaids, of course!

Tribute Wall

JS

“ Kathy, will and my family were neighbors in Westport, connecticut. Her large family was a joy for mine and our 3 children, we now live in Maine where we retired. Mark passed 4 yrs ago. I have VERY fond memories of them. Life has to go on. Hugs to the Dehler kids and love . Judy Smith, brunswick, Maine

Judy Smith - June 14, 2025 at 02:53 PM

SD

“ Thoughts to the entire extended families.
“Mrs D” was truly one of a kind.....

Scott Downs - December 20, 2024 at 08:37 AM

LK

“ My condolences to Kathleen's big, beautiful family. She and I shared lots of laughs back in the day. She had a big heart and always had a kind word to say. I so regret that Doris Rowe and I never made our way over to Breezy Point for a visit with our dear friend. Sending love to all of you.

Lori Keiser - December 20, 2024 at 07:35 AM

MP

“ Maryann P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kathleen Dehler.

Maryann P. - December 19, 2024 at 06:06 PM

RI

“ Rose I. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kathleen Dehler.

Rose I. - December 19, 2024 at 01:25 PM

FD

“ From the Donahoes purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Kathleen Dehler.



From the Donahoes - December 18, 2024 at 11:27 PM

FD

“ From the Donahoes planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kathleen Dehler.

From the Donahoes - December 18, 2024 at 11:27 PM

GG

“ Georgette G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kathleen Dehler.

Georgette G. - December 17, 2024 at 11:11 AM



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

December 17, 2024 at 07:38 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kathleen Dehler.



December 17, 2024 at 07:38 AM



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

December 16, 2024 at 04:08 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Kathleen Dehler.



December 16, 2024 at 04:08 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Kathleen Dehler.



December 16, 2024 at 01:01 PM



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

December 16, 2024 at 01:01 PM

RZ

“ *Ralphie boy, Lisa, Carol, Jack, and Zane purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Kathleen Dehler.*



Ralphie boy, Lisa, Carol, Jack, and Zane - December 14, 2024
at 02:28 PM



“ *Kathleen had something within her that could always bring a smile to your face. I remember best walking into Newmans and seeing her share a quip that would always bring a laugh to those around her...Sadden to hear of her passing. But will always be warmed when remembering her smile. A school chum...Elinor Palma D'andrea*

Elinor Palma-Dandrea - November 26, 2024 at 10:11 AM



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

November 25, 2024 at 09:17 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kathleen Dehler.*



November 25, 2024 at 09:17 PM