



Kathleen M. O'Brien

July 20, 1955 - February 13, 2012

Kathleen M. O'Brien, age 56, of New Hartford, passed away prematurely after a brief illness on Monday, February 13, 2012 with the support and the devotion of her family by her side.

Kathleen was born in Boston, Massachusetts on July 20, 1955, the daughter of Kathleen M. (Murphy) O'Brien and the late Thomas F. O'Brien. She attended The Ohio State University where she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Child Life Psychology. She pursued post-graduate studies at Utica College where she received her Masters Degree in Childhood Education, graduating with the class of 2003.

Kathleen began her teaching career with the Utica City School District at John F. Hughes Elementary School where she spent most of her tenure. She subsequently taught at Watson-Williams Elementary, and currently was a 6th grade teacher at Columbus Elementary. In her classroom, her students knew her boundaries and expectations, and the key to her happiness and success was that she worked adaptively and personally with her students, holding them to high expectations. Kathleen embraced science, technology, and math in her curriculum and extended her expertise to colleagues via instructional workshops. She was site manager for E-Chalk, Team Leader for STEM Grant, and an Educator of the Month. She taught various grade levels, and served as a mentor and tutor. She was passionate about quilting. She made quilts for family and cherished friends. She also enjoyed biking, and supporting the New England Patriots and the Boston Red Sox.

Family relationships were paramount to Kathleen. She deeply cared for her mother and actively participated in her mother's care. She was the only and "favorite" sister. An awesome aunt, she loved beyond expectations. There was a bond of absolute trust and adventure between her and her nephews. She was a daily presence in their lives, and she was there for all their "firsts".

Kathleen is survived by her mother, Kathleen; and her brothers and sister-in-law, Bill O'Brien of Boston, and Thomas F. and Lori E. O'Brien of Clinton.

Always close to her heart was the memory of her brother, Robert T. O'Brien, who preceded her on April 9, 2004. Also left to celebrate her memory are her beloved nephews, Thomas F. O'Brien III, and Allan S. O'Brien; her aunt, Ann Kirby of Brookline, MA, and many cousins. She was also blessed with many wonderful, meaningful, and important friendships, especially Michal Hovak, who she loved and admired as if a daughter, as well as Michal's husband Adam and their children who were her extended family.

The family wishes to acknowledge Dr. Will Hall and his wife, Jan, for their friendship and support. A noteworthy thank you is offered to the physicians, nurses and caregivers of the Faxon-St. Luke's Healthcare Center, especially those of the CCU whose care was exemplary.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend a Memorial Gathering in honor of Kathleen which will be held on Saturday afternoon from 2:00-4:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South Street, corner of Hammond Ave. As Kathleen believed in helping others in their time of need, those wishing to express an act of kindness in lieu of flowers may make a donation to the Abraham House, 1203 Kemble Street, Utica, NY 13501; envelopes will also be available at the funeral home.

Perhaps, Kathleen's legacy can be found in her own words:

"I believe that education is a lifetime pursuit designed to provide the foundation necessary for a productive life. I believe that every teacher should ignite the spark that allows people to enjoy learning".

Tribute Wall

D<

“ Dear Miss.O'Brien ,
So Today Last Year Is The Day You Died And
We All dressed Up in Hughes Hawk Shorts &
Wore Sparkles In Your Honor <3 I Miss You & ' I
love You <3 You Were The best Teacher Ever
;;) You Understood Me And Helped Ma With
Everything :) R.I.P Miss.O'Brien <3 <3



Desire Mercer <3 - February 13, 2013 at 06:32 AM



“ you were a great teacher, i loved you as a
mother,i'll see you when we meet again



ronald mack - June 04, 2012 at 05:38 PM

RJ

“ Ms. O'Brien, you were the best teacher ever! I
love how you always say "Do I look like a
supply store?" I miss you!!!! R.I.P. <3



Rachael Joseph - February 29, 2012 at 02:47 PM

DJ

“ *Dezahria Jones sent a virtual gift in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien*



dezahria jones - February 27, 2012 at 03:43 PM

JO

“ *Kathleen,
Reading all of the tributes to you and thinking about how seldom we really know what we mean to people and the difference we've made in our time here on earth. You are a force to be reckoned with and a smile on the move, and that won't change no matter where you are. You are deeply missed, and the world may go on, but it won't be the same. Love from Brian and Judy Manley*



Judith Owens-Manley - February 24, 2012 at 12:02 AM

AA

“ *Ammar Arnautovic lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien*



Ammar Arnautovic - February 20, 2012 at 09:00 PM

JM

“ I DID NOT HAD A CHANCE TO MEET YOU...BUT MY SON JARED ,TOLD ME WHAT A GREAT PERSON YOU WERE...WE ARE SORRY WE CAN'T TELL YOU NOW...HOW WE FEEL. R.I.P. KATHLEEN



JANET (JARED ELMER'S MOM) - February 19, 2012 at 11:49 AM

JE

“ FROM:JARED (HR STUDENT) YOU LEFT SO SOON...BUT I UNDERSTAND... YOU'RE IN A BETTER PLACE NOW,WITHOUT PAIN OR WORRIES...I WILL ALWAYS MISS YOU... YOU WERE A GREAT TEACHER AND AWESOME FRIEND :) LOVE YOU ALWAYS...



JARED ELMER - February 19, 2012 at 11:06 AM

AA

“ Mrs. O'Brien, I will miss you so much and will always remember you. I always loved to go to science and learn new things because you made it fun. I mostly loved your comebacks like "im not wikipedia or your school supply store." I love you.

Alexza Alequin - February 19, 2012 at 10:45 AM

KM

“ Kimberly A. Montanarelli lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien



Kimberly A. Montanarelli - February 19, 2012 at 07:42 AM

KM

“ Kathleen,
You and I started teaching 10 years ago at Watson Williams. It was both of our first years as Elementary Education Teachers. We taught 1st grade together. I can still hear your voice in my head when you came into my classroom and asked me, "What do we do with this form?" As first year teachers we laughed because we both had no idea! As a matter of fact, we always laughed together! I will miss your grand hugs whenever you saw me. I will miss your HUGE heart. But most of all, I will miss my friend Kathleen!
Love forever,
Kim Montanarelli

Kimberly A. Montanarelli - February 19, 2012 at 07:41 AM

MN

“ Mary Ann Nobile lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien



Mary Ann Nobile - February 18, 2012 at 09:07 PM

LC

“ Kathleen, you were one of the funniest and kindest people I have ever known. I am so sorry that I couldn't make it today, I really wanted to be there. I will never forget all of the dinners and delicious desserts or the trips to the syracuse mall. I will always cherish the beautiful basketball blanket that you made for me. You were an amazing person and you will always be in my heart. Rest in peace? My deepest sympathy to all of the O'Brien family. Love, Lauren

Lauren Conway - February 18, 2012 at 08:37 PM

LC

“ *Lil Cranston lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien*



Lil Cranston - February 18, 2012 at 06:58 PM

LM

“ *I am so sorry to hear of Kathleen's passing. She was a wonderful person, and she will be missed by many. Please accept my deepest condolences on your loss.*

Lori McGee - February 18, 2012 at 03:59 PM

YL

“ *Yunhe Lawruk lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien*



Yunhe Lawruk - February 18, 2012 at 11:53 AM

MW

“ We have many fond memories of all of our adventures with Kathleen; Pig Roasts, Cookie Exchanges, and Volleyball games; long bike rides and shopping trips; trips to Nantucket and France to see Le Tour; and as recipients of ,and partners in sharing, wonderful garden treats (Drive- by Zucchini drops)! The quilt she made for us as a wedding gift is still on our bed and we cherish the ones she made for Justyna and Alex when they were born. It was an honor to have known her, to be part of her circle, and to be considered a friend. RIP, Kathleen, you will be missed.



To Kathleen's family, take comfort in knowing that many people were recipients of, and will continue to be comforted by, her generosity and kindnesses. I cannot imagine the number of quilts and other wonderful things she made for so many people. They are not only in many rooms of my house, but in my memory as well.
MaryAnn, Larry, Justyna and Alex Wilkinson

MaryAnn Wilkinson - February 18, 2012 at 11:50 AM

BJ

“ Brajonna Jones sent a virtual gift in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien



Brajonna Jones - February 18, 2012 at 08:36 AM

LF

“ *Kathleen was a beloved teacher and my children spoke in glowing terms about her. I am so sorry for your loss and pray for the family, especially Tom and Laurie. God Bless you all.* ”



Linda Sullivan Fatata - February 17, 2012 at 11:22 PM

AC

“ *Amy Conte lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien* ”



Amy Conte - February 17, 2012 at 11:01 PM

BF

“ *Kathleen, you will always be in my thoughts and prayers.* ”



Bonnie Fazio - February 17, 2012 at 08:32 PM

AC

“ *Audra Colucci sent a virtual gift in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien* ”



Audra Colucci - February 17, 2012 at 07:44 PM

AC

Kathleen- I will always remember your bright, beautiful smile and sense of humor. You were such a wonderful friend and a truly remarkable teacher. You always made the time to show others how much you cared. You are forever in my heart.

My deepest condolences to the O'Brien family.

Audra Colucci

Audra Colucci - February 17, 2012 at 07:56 PM

MD

“ *My deepest sympathy to all of Kathleen's family and friends. It is so hard to believe that she is gone, when it seems like not too long ago she was fine. It's hard to understand why life can be so cruel. Kathleen touched so many hearts and her spirit will live on in all the people who loved her. Rest in peace Kathleen. You will be truly missed.*

Michele Diliberto - February 17, 2012 at 07:39 PM

KS

“ *Khawleh Saleh sent a virtual gift in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien*



khawleh saleh - February 17, 2012 at 05:18 PM

KS

I will miss you so much, And I WILL NEVER FORGET YOU. Rest in peace.

khawleh saleh - February 17, 2012 at 05:21 PM

KS

“ *Khawleh Saleh sent a virtual gift in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien*



khawleh saleh - February 17, 2012 at 05:18 PM

AG

“ *I miss you. :(I wish I can give you a hug right now. <3 You were a great woman and teacher!*



Anela Galijasevic - February 17, 2012 at 04:47 PM

MM

“ *Maura Murphy lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien*



Maura Murphy - February 17, 2012 at 03:33 PM

MM

“ *Maura Murphy sent a virtual gift in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien*



Maura Murphy - February 17, 2012 at 03:33 PM

JB

“ Joe Berry sent a virtual gift in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien



joe berry - February 17, 2012 at 01:46 PM

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joe berry - February 17, 2012 at 01:46 PM

JB

“ we will all miss you.

joe berry - February 17, 2012 at 01:44 PM

BJ

“ Brajonna Jones lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien



Brajonna Jones - February 17, 2012 at 01:42 PM

BJ

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Brajonna Jones - February 17, 2012 at 01:42 PM

JB

“ *Joe Berry lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien*



joe berry - February 17, 2012 at 01:40 PM

S!

“ *Sixth Grade Students At J.F Hughes ! lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien*



Sixth grade students at J.F Hughes ! - February 17, 2012 at 12:44 PM

DM

“ I would like to extend my deepest condolences to the O'Brien family. As you can see, Kathleen has touched so many lives. Those of her family, her friends, co-workers, and students. She had a wonderful sense of humor, a tough exterior, but a soft inside, she knew how to make you feel comfortable as a new teacher, and an instant friendship as if you had known her forever. Her spirit will always live on through the lives she touched. We will all have a piece of Kathleen in our hearts always. And can only hope to be half the teacher and friend she was. God bless..

Danielle McEwen - February 17, 2012 at 12:06 PM

DM

“ Danielle McEwen lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien



Danielle McEwen - February 17, 2012 at 11:57 AM

AH

“ April Catapano Higgins lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien



April Catapano Higgins - February 17, 2012 at 11:36 AM

RZ

“ Rhonda Zangrilli-Russell lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien



Rhonda Zangrilli-Russell - February 17, 2012 at 08:38 AM



“ Kathleen-
Even though we lost touch over the years, I know the world is a much sadder place today. As I read all the tributes I can see that you never changed...always strong, supportive and a sense of humor. You were with me in some of my happiest times of life and stood by me as my matron of honor and I am sorry that I was not there to support you in your difficult times. Like your nephew said, I am better for having known you but I am also diminished for having lost you. God bless you and your family.

Carol Gowans - February 17, 2012 at 07:33 AM



“ Carol Gowans sent a virtual gift in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien



Carol Gowans - February 17, 2012 at 07:26 AM

KH

“ *Kathleen Herzig lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien*



Kathleen Herzig - February 17, 2012 at 04:59 AM

KH

“ *Kassidy Hebert lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien*



Kassidy Hebert - February 16, 2012 at 10:09 PM



“ *lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien*



February 16, 2012 at 09:23 PM

TO

“ Aunt Kathleen-- it has been really hard for me knowing that I can't come see you whenever I feel like it or talk to you when I need to. I think of all of the things that I've learned from you and I want you to know that you've made me a better person because of the lessons you've taught me. I will continue to use all of the lessons that you taught me. I just want you to know that you've had a positive impact on both my brothers life and mine. Neither of us would be where we are without you. I thought the world of you and thank you for everything. You'll always be in my heart.

Tommy - February 16, 2012 at 08:05 PM

NB

“ Novab Brown lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien



novab brown - February 16, 2012 at 07:59 PM

NB

*I know that we all are gonna miss her and thats a fact :`(
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novab brown - February 16, 2012 at 08:00 PM



“ I am thankful to have been blessed to have known such a kind hearted, vibrantly fun, steadfastly witty, and genuinely true friend like Kathleen. If you knew Kathleen then you were blessed from the heavens above. She was an angel that walked amongst us who is now an angelic spirit of cherished memories within our hearts, My sincere sympathy to the O'Brien family.

Sincerely,,
Gina Marie Seelmann & Family

Gina Marie Seelmann - February 16, 2012 at 06:32 PM

RE

“ Kathleen was one amazingly strong woman. I first met her in 1995 at The Fitness Mill where she came to workout and shine her bright blue eyes everyday. Over the years we were friends through simalar interests- like cycling, walking and outdoor activities as well as mutual friends in the community. What I remember the most about her was the way she could hold her truth in every situation- not backing down to anything less than her gut feelings and beliefs. I was and will continue to be in awe of the way that she could be authentic, kind, joyful and beautiful. May God open his Kingdom to you- Kathleen. You will be deeply missed and forever cherished.
Regina Epp

regina epp - February 16, 2012 at 06:30 PM

RE

“ Regina Epp lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien



regina epp - February 16, 2012 at 06:23 PM

NE

“ Nancy And Jim Eichler sent a virtual gift in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien



Nancy and Jim eichler - February 16, 2012 at 06:20 PM

GF

“ *Gina Marie Seelmann & Family lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien*



Gina Marie Seelmann & Family - February 16, 2012 at 06:11 PM

MS

“ *Mary Schecter lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien*



Mary Schecter - February 16, 2012 at 06:10 PM

SE

“ *Sharon Eghigian lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien*



Sharon Eghigian - February 16, 2012 at 05:59 PM

AJ

“ *i'll miss you ms.O'brien. you were the best teacher ever
Desire Mercer*

ajamilligan - February 16, 2012 at 05:55 PM

LC

“ To Kathleen's family my love and prayers are with you. I met Kathleen at my daughter Michal's and came to appreciate and love her. She was truly a member of our family and I always loved when she came over to Michal and Adam's to visit. The children, to say the least, glowed when she came over. There was always laughter, lots of good times and, oh, those goodies...fancy gooey cupcakes, lollipops, fun toys and on and on. More than that It was Kathleen herself who will always fill my heart with wonderful memories! Linda Cross

Linda Cross - February 16, 2012 at 05:11 PM

VM

“ Victoria Moore lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien



Victoria Moore - February 16, 2012 at 04:49 PM

VS

“ Kathleen: I will miss your smiling face in the hall and chatting with you in the teacher's room. Rest In peace--no more suffering. To the O'Brien Family--sorry for your loss. Vicky David (Columbus School)



Vicky David (Columbus School) - February 16, 2012 at 04:37 PM

VS

“ *Vicky David (Columbus School) lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien*



Vicky David (Columbus School) - February 16, 2012 at 04:27 PM

MD

“ *To the entire O'Brien Family: Kathleen was one of a kind. She was strong willed, generous, extremely creative and always willing to lend a hand. There was no middle ground with Kathleen...everything was all black or all white and you couldn't budge her once her mind was made up. I think that's why so many people loved her; one always knew where they stood with her. I know Kathleen will remain by our sides as we move ahead in this unfair world. My condolences go out to ALL of you. May Kathleen rest in peace. I will never forget her. ?*

Mary DePalma - February 16, 2012 at 04:13 PM

EL

“ *R.I.P the best 6Th grade teacher ever we will miss you. you were one of my favorite teachers*



Elvis - February 16, 2012 at 03:55 PM

AG

“ You were one of my favorite teachers! Science class was always fun with you. I remember your comebacks and jokes! You used to quietly talk if you had trouble with something in the classroom and then you would make me laugh. I wish you didn't leave this Earth but at least you don't have to suffer anymore! :(You'll be dearly missed by everyone!



Anela Galijasevic - February 16, 2012 at 02:55 PM

KE

“ Kristen Edic lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien



Kristen Edic - February 16, 2012 at 02:28 PM

CW

“ Chris Winfield lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien



Chris Winfield - February 16, 2012 at 01:45 PM

CW

So sorry for your loss, You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Joan and Chris (Tom's office)

Chris Winfield - February 16, 2012 at 01:48 PM

EM

“ *Elvin Mirvic lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien*



Elvin Mirvic - February 16, 2012 at 01:45 PM

DT

“ *Dylan Troung lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien*



Dylan Troung - February 16, 2012 at 01:40 PM

JC

“ *Joe Berry(Christopher Columbus) lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien*



Joe Berry(Christopher Columbus) - February 16, 2012 at 01:38 PM

TV

“ I was so excited to find out that you would be the teacher across the hall from me this year. Every morning I looked forward to hear your voice saying "Good morning Mrs. Valentine." I can still feel your hug when I came to school after you found out about my family crisis. Your embrace and kind words are still with me. I will always cherish the great memories that were created in my classroom when you would come and sit next to me for our chats. I will also cherish the heart pendant that you took off around your neck and put around mine. It was indeed a tender moment. I will dearly miss you.



Tamara Valentine - February 16, 2012 at 01:32 PM

NC

“ Najeeb Gilmore (Christopher Columbus) lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien



Najeeb Gilmore (Christopher Columbus) - February 16, 2012 at 01:31 PM

NC

I enjoyed her as a teacher. She was funny, cool, and smart. I liked Earth Science when she taught minerals and rocks.

Najeeb Gilmore (Christopher Columbus) - February 16, 2012 at 01:37 PM

JM

“ It was nice meeting you this year in school. I am sorry for all you went through during these past few months. Now you suffer no more. We will miss you Kathleen. May God bless your family.



jill mccarthy - February 16, 2012 at 10:55 AM

AR

“ Audrea Rinaldo lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien



Audrea Rinaldo - February 16, 2012 at 10:29 AM

JH

“ Jackie Hobaica sent a virtual gift in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien



Jackie Hobaica - February 16, 2012 at 10:22 AM

JH

You are going to be missed Kathleen. May you rest in peace.

Jackie Hobaica - February 16, 2012 at 10:26 AM

JH

“ Jackie Hobaica lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien



Jackie Hobaica - February 16, 2012 at 10:19 AM

PT

“ Patti Terry lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien



Patti Terry - February 16, 2012 at 10:04 AM

TF

“ The Solano Family lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien



The Solano Family - February 16, 2012 at 09:30 AM

DB

“ Dorene Brescia sent a virtual gift in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien



Dorene Brescia - February 16, 2012 at 09:29 AM

DB

Kathleen. I am a better person because of you. I will miss you.

Dorene Brescia - February 16, 2012 at 09:31 AM

TS

“ Tammy DiMezzo Columbus School lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien



Tammy DiMezzo Columbus School - February 16, 2012 at 08:27 AM

TS

It was a pleasure getting to know you this year. I will miss our morning break chats. Rest in Peace....

Tammy DiMezzo Columbus School - February 16, 2012 at 08:28 AM

NW

“ Nicole Wong sent a virtual gift in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien



Nicole Wong - February 16, 2012 at 08:22 AM

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Nicole Wong - February 16, 2012 at 08:21 AM

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Nicole Wong - February 16, 2012 at 08:21 AM

NW

“ You are going to be missed so much it is a sad loss you were a great teacher and you are the best when someone was sad you would cheer them up and that is what I love about you



Nicole Wong - February 16, 2012 at 08:20 AM

KP

“ *Karla Pedulla sent a virtual gift in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien*



Karla Pedulla - February 16, 2012 at 08:19 AM

LN

“ *Lianne Nimey sent a virtual gift in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien*



Lianne Nimey - February 16, 2012 at 08:17 AM

LN

May your memory be eternal Kathleen!!!

Lianne Nimey - February 16, 2012 at 08:18 AM

BW

“ *Brenda Weller lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien*



Brenda Weller - February 16, 2012 at 08:01 AM

DH

“ *Deb Hagstrom lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien*



Deb Hagstrom - February 16, 2012 at 08:00 AM

DH

We will all miss your smile and laughter, Kathleen. Be at peace.

Deb Hagstrom - February 16, 2012 at 08:01 AM

NR

“ *Nancy Rand lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien*



Nancy Rand - February 16, 2012 at 07:59 AM

AS

“ *Ann Spina lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien*



Ann Spina - February 16, 2012 at 07:42 AM

AS

I met Kathleen when she student taught at Watson Williams and will truly miss her wonderful spirit! My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Ann Spina - February 16, 2012 at 07:45 AM

JD

“ *Joanne DiNardo lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien*



Joanne DiNardo - February 16, 2012 at 07:27 AM

SG

“ *Sara Griffiths lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien*



Sara Griffiths - February 16, 2012 at 07:20 AM

GM

“ *Gina Martello lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien*



Gina Martello - February 16, 2012 at 07:13 AM

PC

“ *Kathleen's passing is heart-wrenching. She was a consummate professional. I will miss our talks about education and teaching experiences. I truly feel for her students. She had so much to give, in every possible way.*

Patty Cecilia - February 16, 2012 at 06:39 AM

DB

“ *Debbie Bilodeau lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien*



Debbie Bilodeau - February 16, 2012 at 06:22 AM

KS

“ *I loved the time spent with Kathleen at our STEM workshops over the summer. She brought laughter, smiles, & wisdom to our group. She always talked about how special her family was & her "little neighbors" that would visit her:) Kathleen touched a lot of us in many ways. Rest in peace honey.*
-Kristen



Kristen Scalise - February 16, 2012 at 06:20 AM

KW

“ *Kathy White lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien*



Kathy White - February 16, 2012 at 05:41 AM

KW

I will miss Kathleen terribly. Kathleen was a beautiful soul. Her passing was a very sad day.

Kathy White - February 16, 2012 at 05:43 AM



“ *Nicole Elliott lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien*



Nicole Elliott - February 16, 2012 at 05:25 AM



“ *Carolyn Alesia lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien*



Carolyn Alesia - February 16, 2012 at 05:11 AM



“ *Carolyn A lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien*



Carolyn A - February 16, 2012 at 05:09 AM



“ *Melody McCoy lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien*



Melody McCoy - February 15, 2012 at 10:52 PM

CA

“ *Carissa Asaro lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien*



Carissa Asaro - February 15, 2012 at 08:15 PM

PS

“ *Paulette Salamy lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien*



Paulette Salamy - February 15, 2012 at 08:07 PM

CP

“ *Carol Pumilio lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien*



Carol Pumilio - February 15, 2012 at 08:00 PM

CP

Kathleen, I am very blessed to have known you. You were a wonderful, giving, and generous person. You have touched my life and the lives of others and especially your students. You will deeply be missed. Love ya, Carol

Carol Pumilio - February 15, 2012 at 08:16 PM

MD

“ I love and miss Ms.O'brien she was the best science teacher i ever had but at least her suffering is over<3



Melita Dzelilovic - February 15, 2012 at 07:58 PM

LV

“ Kathleen was one of those people who warmed to you instantly but left a lasting impression. Heaven is richer and earth poorer with her passing. You are greatly missed and loved.



Linda Ventura - February 15, 2012 at 07:44 PM

KH

“ The world has lost a very special person. Kathleen could always be counted on to lend a helping hand. Her smile and Irish flair will stay in my heart forever.

Kim Hubbard - February 15, 2012 at 07:32 PM

PB

“ Pearl Bowker lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien



Pearl Bowker - February 15, 2012 at 07:13 PM

PB

You will be remembered and the time spent with you cherished.

Pearl Bowker - February 15, 2012 at 07:16 PM

AB

“ *Andrea Palmieri Bansner lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien*



Andrea Palmieri Bansner - February 15, 2012 at 07:10 PM

KR

“ *Kim Race lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien*



Kim Race - February 15, 2012 at 07:02 PM

JA

“ *Jason Anguish lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien*



Jason Anguish - February 15, 2012 at 06:58 PM

MP

“ *Michael Pagliaro lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien*



Michael Pagliaro - February 15, 2012 at 06:52 PM

DG

“ *Denise Pristera Giruzzi lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien*



Denise Pristera Giruzzi - February 15, 2012 at 06:47 PM

LM

“ *Laura McCabe lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien*



Laura McCabe - February 15, 2012 at 06:44 PM

DC

“ *Kathleen - I'm so saddened to hear that you're gone. I will miss your wisdom, generous spirit and your beautiful smile. I am thankful that you are not suffering anymore. My thoughts and prayers are with your family. Rest in peace, my friend.*
- *Debbe Clark*



Debbe Clark - February 15, 2012 at 06:23 PM

AY

“ *Amanda & Patrick Young lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien*



Amanda & Patrick Young - February 15, 2012 at 06:12 PM

SP

“ *Stephanie Payne lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien*



Stephanie Payne - February 15, 2012 at 05:53 PM

JB

“ *Jina Balandis sent a virtual gift in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien*



Jina Balandis - February 15, 2012 at 05:33 PM

JB

“ *Jina Balandis lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien*



Jina Balandis - February 15, 2012 at 05:32 PM

IP

“ *The last time I saw Kathleen she stopped to pick up school supplies that I no longer needed. She was most enthusiastic and told me that she as many other educators were spending their own money to insure their students had what was needed to make their school experience as rich as possible. May her family find comfort in their memories of Kathleen.*

Irv Perlman

Irv Perlman - February 15, 2012 at 05:21 PM

EM

“ *Erin Morris lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien*



Erin Morris - February 15, 2012 at 05:02 PM

AW

“ *Amy Winter sent a virtual gift in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien*



Amy Winter - February 15, 2012 at 04:35 PM

AW

“ This is all so hard to believe. Kathleen made a job that could be stressful and difficult much more enjoyable with her wit and humor. She was strong, vibrant, and thoughtful. She was a tough nut that would give you the shirt off her back if you needed it. I will pray for her guidance from above on how to raise my own "spitfire" of a daughter whom she claimed was "just like her". I will hold you to your promise Kathleen that she will turn out as wonderfully as you did! I will miss you dearly my friend and neighbor but will carry many wonderful memories with me.

Amy Winter - February 15, 2012 at 04:33 PM

BM

“ Barb Monroe lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien



barb monroe - February 15, 2012 at 04:31 PM

SC

“ I will miss you my friend. What a great loss for all of us here on earth. I feel so blessed to have called you my friend and so sad that our time together has ended so soon. Thank you for all the beautiful memories and the great times we shared. The world has lost a talented, beautiful, strong, funny, wise, giving, loving, woman. I will never forget you or the fun we had. Love you and miss you already!



My thoughts and prayers go out to Kathleen's family.

Sue Cruger - February 15, 2012 at 04:19 PM

JR

“ *Kathleen you will always be my ray of sunshine.*

Jo Ann M. Russo



Jo Ann M. Russo - February 15, 2012 at 04:16 PM

LG

“ *Liz Graziano lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien*



Liz Graziano - February 15, 2012 at 03:59 PM

LG

Kathleen I will miss you. It is hard to believe this has happened. You are a very talented and giving person. I will miss quilting with you and will never forget your friendship.

Liz

Liz Graziano - February 15, 2012 at 04:02 PM

RF

“ *Ronald And Ronald's Family lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien*



ronald and ronald's family - February 15, 2012 at 03:53 PM

RF

i was one of Ms.O'Brien student although she was strict she was a great person and a funny person. I will miss her but all love and support to my teacher's family. God bless Ms.O'Brien and her family too.

ronald mack and ronald's family - February 15, 2012 at 06:00 PM

SF

“ Sarah Fagan lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien



Sarah Fagan - February 15, 2012 at 03:34 PM

MC

“ MaryRose Carroll lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien



MaryRose Carroll - February 15, 2012 at 03:06 PM

SR

“ Susan J. Roberts lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien



Susan J. Roberts - February 15, 2012 at 02:46 PM

DB

“ *Debbie Blando lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien*



Debbie Blando - February 15, 2012 at 02:45 PM

JB

“ *Thank you for passing down all of your teaching wisdom to me, always telling it like it is, helping in any way that you could, and being so giving! You helped me so much as you have many... "One hundred years from now, it will not matter what my bank account was, how big my house was, or what kind of car I drove. But the world may be a little better, because I was important in the life of a child."—Forest E. Witcraft*



Jessica Manganelli Barth - February 15, 2012 at 02:19 PM

JT

“ *Jen, Mike, Brian & Elizabeth Tillotson lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien*



Jen, Mike, Brian & Elizabeth Tillotson - February 15, 2012 at 01:54 PM

JT

“ Jennifer Tillotson lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien



Jennifer Tillotson - February 15, 2012 at 01:52 PM

KT

“ Katrina Tran lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien



Katrina Tran - February 15, 2012 at 01:27 PM

JB

“ Jahari Brown lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien



jahari brown - February 15, 2012 at 01:25 PM

JA

“ Jahmair lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien



Jahmair - February 15, 2012 at 01:23 PM

CW

“ R.I.P Ms.O'Brien I love You .



cyara washington - February 15, 2012 at 01:22 PM

RF

“ Rimsha Farooq lit a candle in memory of
Kathleen M. O'Brien



Rimsha Farooq - February 15, 2012 at 01:18 PM

SS

“ I love and miss her. She was the best science
teacher I've ever had.



Serafina Sortino - February 15, 2012 at 01:17 PM

AD

“ Adita Dzelilovic lit a candle in memory of
Kathleen M. O'Brien



Adita Dzelilovic - February 15, 2012 at 01:16 PM

IM

“ *I miss her and it's not the same without her.*



Irna Mujakic - February 15, 2012 at 01:16 PM

YL

“ *R.I.P. We will always remember you. We are sad that your gone but at least we know that you are at a better place.*



Yupha Lwin - February 15, 2012 at 01:13 PM

IZ

“ *Izaiah lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien*



izaiah - February 15, 2012 at 01:10 PM

IZ

R.I.P forever Ms.O`Brien

izaiah - February 15, 2012 at 01:11 PM

EB

“ *Even Begic lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien*



Even Begic - February 15, 2012 at 01:08 PM

EB

R.I.P Ms.O'brien <3

Even Begic - February 15, 2012 at 01:09 PM

TV

“ *Tina Vo lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien*



Tina Vo - February 15, 2012 at 01:05 PM

TV

Ms. O'Brien made me stronger and I'll remember you forever

Tina Vo - February 15, 2012 at 01:07 PM

LT

“ *I will always miss you.*



Lewis Taylor - February 15, 2012 at 01:05 PM

H3

“ Harry Sykes 3 lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien



harry sykes 3 - February 15, 2012 at 01:04 PM

JA

“ I will always remember you. I love you.



Jomaira Astacio - February 15, 2012 at 01:04 PM

AJ

“ Ataallah Johnson lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien



ataallah johnson - February 15, 2012 at 01:03 PM

KP

“ Kyanna Pham lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien



Kyanna Pham - February 15, 2012 at 01:03 PM

LG

“ *Luis Garcia lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien*



Luis Garcia - February 15, 2012 at 01:02 PM

LG

rip ms.Obrien

Luis Garcia - February 15, 2012 at 01:03 PM

JB

“ *John Boyd lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien*



John Boyd - February 15, 2012 at 01:02 PM

AH

“ *I will always love you and cherish you. Rest in peace Ms. O'Brien.*



Adnan Hadjer - February 15, 2012 at 01:01 PM

TG

“ *Treijen Garrett lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien*



treijen garrett - February 15, 2012 at 01:01 PM

HW

“ *Hunter Whitehurst lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien*



hunter whitehurst - February 15, 2012 at 01:00 PM

IA

“ *Ibraheem Alharbi lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien*



ibraheem alharbi - February 15, 2012 at 01:00 PM

AC

“ *Anthony Camp lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien*



Anthony camp - February 15, 2012 at 01:00 PM

AS

“ *Rest in peace and I miss you very much.*



Abdi Somow - February 15, 2012 at 01:00 PM

KM

“ *Keyzziaha Murray lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien*



keyzziaha murray - February 15, 2012 at 12:59 PM

RJ

“ *Rachael Joseph lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien*



Rachael Joseph - February 15, 2012 at 12:59 PM

AA

“ *Happy love and rest in peace.*



Ali Ali - February 15, 2012 at 12:58 PM

AD

“ Alan Dzinic lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien



alan dzinic - February 15, 2012 at 12:58 PM

MK

“ Muradif Krekic lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien



Muradif Krekic - February 15, 2012 at 12:58 PM

EM

“ Enrique Martinez lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien



enrique martinez - February 15, 2012 at 12:58 PM

BF

“ Bryan Fam lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien



Bryan Fam - February 15, 2012 at 12:57 PM

AD

“ *Anquan Dyer lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien*



anquan dyer - February 15, 2012 at 12:57 PM

RM

“ *Ronald Mack lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien*



ronald mack - February 15, 2012 at 12:57 PM

NB

“ *You will always hold a special place in my heart. I miss you. You're favorite student with the best hair- Nick*



Nicholas Barbero - February 15, 2012 at 12:57 PM

JM

“ *Jose Armando Melendez lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien*



Jose Armando Melendez - February 15, 2012 at 12:56 PM

GW

“ *Giavanna Walker lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien*



giavanna walker - February 15, 2012 at 12:55 PM

FB

“ *Felecity Bishop lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien*



felecity bishop - February 15, 2012 at 12:55 PM

MJ

“ *We all miss you. Rest in Peace.*



Mercedes Jackson - February 15, 2012 at 12:55 PM

CF

“ *Christopher Fagan lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien*



Christopher Fagan - February 15, 2012 at 12:54 PM

AA

“ *I'll always remember you.* ”



Alexza Alequin - February 15, 2012 at 12:54 PM

CR

“ *Crystal Rodriguez lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien* ”



crystal rodriguez - February 15, 2012 at 12:54 PM

DS

“ *Destiny Sherman lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien* ”



destiny sherman - February 15, 2012 at 12:53 PM

SA

“ *You'll always be in my heart forever until the day I die. I love you.* ”



Selma Ahmetasevic - February 15, 2012 at 12:52 PM

SR

“ Susan Roach lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien



Susan Roach - February 15, 2012 at 12:47 PM

DR

“ You are the best teacher ever. We're sad that you had to leave. But, we're all glad that you didn't have to suffer anymore.



Deanna Rosato - February 15, 2012 at 12:47 PM

SS

“ It was a pleasure meeting and working with you, Kathleen. The 6th grade wing misses you dearly. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family.



Stephanie Scott - February 15, 2012 at 12:45 PM

LS

“ Leslie Spina sent a virtual gift in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien



Leslie Spina - February 15, 2012 at 12:44 PM



“ *Theresa Carmen Tripolone lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien*



Theresa Carmen Tripolone - February 15, 2012 at 12:32 PM



“ *Heather Galinski lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien*



Heather Galinski - February 15, 2012 at 12:25 PM



“ *Nancy And Jim Eichler lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien*



Nancy and Jim Eichler - February 15, 2012 at 12:14 PM



“ *Melissa Sturr lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien*



Melissa Sturr - February 15, 2012 at 12:09 PM

AL

“ I will always remember and cherish your daily morning visits to my classroom. We could always chat about anything and see eye to eye on almost everything. Our ice cream runs were a good time as well. Everything was a good time if you were involved. I can't get over the fact that this has happened. The world will not be the same without you. I will miss you greatly my dear friend. Love you-Andrea

Andrea Lewis - February 15, 2012 at 12:08 PM

BC

“ Barbara Clark lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien



Barbara Clark - February 15, 2012 at 12:07 PM

AL

“ Andrea Lewis lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien



Andrea Lewis - February 15, 2012 at 12:04 PM

DC

“ Debra Cordero lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien



Debra Cordero - February 15, 2012 at 11:54 AM

HH

“ *Helen F. Hecken lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien*



Helen F. Hecken - February 15, 2012 at 11:50 AM

LB

“ *Linda Lee Buck sent a virtual gift in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien*



Linda Lee Buck - February 15, 2012 at 11:37 AM

SW

“ *Sherry Wong lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien*



sherry wong - February 15, 2012 at 11:26 AM

SW

“ *Sherry Wong lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien*



sherry wong - February 15, 2012 at 11:24 AM

LB

“ Louise Alteri Bonacci lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien



Louise Alteri Bonacci - February 15, 2012 at 11:21 AM

DW

“ Debbie Warmuth lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien



Debbie Warmuth - February 15, 2012 at 11:16 AM

SM

“ Sharon Mazza lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien



Sharon Mazza - February 15, 2012 at 10:48 AM

AC

“ Audra And Mark Colucci lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien



Audra and Mark Colucci - February 15, 2012 at 10:26 AM

CC

“ *Carl Ciccarelli lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien*



Carl Ciccarelli - February 15, 2012 at 09:56 AM

GG

“ *Gail Grimaldi lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien*



Gail Grimaldi - February 15, 2012 at 09:51 AM

MC

“ *Margaret Capalupo lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien*



Margaret Capalupo - February 15, 2012 at 09:48 AM

MS

“ *Miss Capalupo, Ms. Frisillo And Students lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien*



Miss Capalupo, Ms. Frisillo and students - February 15, 2012 at 09:47 AM

ML

“ *Mary Ann Looney lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien*



Mary Ann Looney - February 15, 2012 at 09:44 AM

LS

“ *Lynda Mazzara Savage lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien*



Lynda Mazzara Savage - February 15, 2012 at 08:59 AM

ND

“ *Nicole Dzedzic lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien*



Nicole Dzedzic - February 15, 2012 at 08:01 AM

JR

“ *Jill Reynolds lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien*



Jill Reynolds - February 15, 2012 at 07:54 AM

CE

“ *Christine Edic lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien*



Christine Edic - February 15, 2012 at 07:40 AM

MB

“ *Michelle Brown lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien*



Michelle Brown - February 15, 2012 at 07:38 AM

PB

“ *Paul, Michelle And Catherine Brown lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien*



Paul, Michelle and Catherine Brown - February 15, 2012 at 07:37 AM

RR

“*Kathleen, you were an amazingly strong and independent woman, and you will never know just how much you were loved. It's hard to believe that you gone. Your friendly face, kind words, and infectious laughter will remain close to my heart and the hearts of all of those who you have touched and inspired. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Kathleen's family.*



Rachael, Manny, and Isabella Rivera

Rachael Rivera - February 15, 2012 at 06:29 AM



“*Cathy DiBernardo lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien*



Cathy DiBernardo - February 15, 2012 at 06:15 AM

AM

“*Antoniette Manino lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien*



Antoniette Manino - February 15, 2012 at 06:02 AM

MW

“ *Mandie Warmuth lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien*



Mandie Warmuth - February 14, 2012 at 09:53 PM

MP

“ *Words cannot express how sad I am to know that you are gone. You have been such a good friend through out the years I will always remember you as the fun, outgoing, and helpful person you were. You will be missed by all who knew you.*



My deepest sypathies to Kathleen's family, you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Maria Post - February 14, 2012 at 07:55 PM

KF

“ *Kristin (Custodero) Speciale & Family lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien*



Kristin (Custodero) Speciale & Family - February 14, 2012 at 07:35 PM

CB

“ *Cheri Bateman lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien*



Cheri Bateman - February 14, 2012 at 07:05 PM

KC

“ *Katie Custodero lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. O'Brien*



Katie Custodero - February 14, 2012 at 06:43 PM