



## Joan Elizabeth (Turner) Murphy

December 4, 2017

Joan Elizabeth (Turner) Murphy, of Somerset, MA, passed away on December 4th, 2017, at Brigham and Women's Hospital, in Boston, MA. Joan was the daughter of George Robert Turner, and Ruth Elizabeth Turner.

She was born in Fall River, MA, in 1947, and was the wife of John (Jack) M. Murphy, Jr. She leaves behind a sister, Janice Ruth Engel, of Mattapoisett, MA, and brothers, Andrew John Turner, of North Dartmouth, MA, and the late George Robert Turner, Jr. She was the mother of Kara Anne Murphy-Poulin, and John M. Murphy III. She was the grandmother of Elizabeth Ruth Poulin, and Charles Inigo Poulin. She also leaves behind five nieces and nephews, as well as grand-nieces and grand-nephews. She was sister-in-law to Mary Louise Foley, of Watertown, MA, and the late Joseph F. Foley.

She graduated from BMC Durfee High School, in Fall River, MA, in 1965, and then from Arthur Angelo's School of Cosmetology and Hair Design, in Providence, RI. She and her husband first met in the 8th grade, in North Park, Fall River, MA, and then became high school sweethearts. Soon after high school, her husband joined the service, and she later followed him to Pirmasens, Germany, where they were married in 1967. They remained married for fifty years, until the time of her passing. For many years, she was the proprietor of Fantasia Hair Stylists beauty salon, in Swansea, MA, and worked as a model with Donahue Models, in North Providence, RI. She was an aerobics instructor, and shared her enthusiasm for fitness with family and friends. She became an avid cyclist, and often took long rides, with her husband, by the Taunton River, in Somerset, and over hills and wooded roads, in the nearby towns of Dighton and Swansea. She enjoyed invigorating walks along the ocean in Little Compton, RI, loved her Labrador Retrievers, and often stopped by for coffee and lunch at small cafes in the coastal village of Westport, MA.

She enjoyed arts, crafts, and gardening. She was a talented painter, and decorated her home with oil paintings having a whimsical style that was uniquely hers. She was dedicated to her family, and was a loving wife, mother, and grandmother. She is missed

dearly, and will live on in the hearts of all of those whose lives she touched. We mourn your passing so deeply, it is hard to express with words:

To know one can never hold someone so completely

Is to know life's bittersweet frailty But to have known you at all is life's sweetest reward

After all, we could not hold you forever

My sweetest love, we have lost you My sweetest love, you are gone, but will be forever on my mind Goodbye our love

We will love you always.

#### Funeral Information

Calling Hours will be held on Friday, December 8, 2017, from 4-7pm, in the Hathaway Community Home for Funerals, 900 Buffinton Street, Somerset. Relatives and friends are invited to attend.

Funeral Services and burial will be privately held at the request of the family.

#### Donations Information

Memorial donations in her memory can be made to Saint Jude Children's Research Hospital, P.O. Box 1000, Dept. 142, Memphis, TN 38101.

# Comments

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“ A tribute video has been added.



**Hathaway Family Funeral Homes** - December 20, 2017 at 02:06 PM

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“ Jack, you are in our thoughts and prayers. Our heart goes out to you and your family.

**Deb and al araujo** - December 08, 2017 at 03:33 AM

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“ We are so sorry for your great loss. I hope the Lord brings you and your family much needed peace during this sad time. Our condolences to you and your loved ones

**Scott and Laurie** - December 06, 2017 at 02:53 PM

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**Tammy LaMothe** - December 06, 2017 at 01:45 AM

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**Tammy LaMothe** - December 06, 2017 at 01:39 AM