



## Rachael C. (Cahoon) Jorgensen

February 23, 2018

Rachael C. (Cahoon) Jorgensen, 77, of Assonet, Massachusetts, passed away on February 23, 2018, wrapped in the love of her family, completing a life of love and purpose.

She was born into the warm and loving Cahoon family, in Barnstable, MA, and was raised in West Harwich, MA. She graduated from Harwich High School, in 1958, as Class Valedictorian, and achieved the highest level of First Class Girl Scout. She graduated from Bridgewater State Teachers College, in 1962, and began her teaching career in the English Department at Apponequet Regional High School. Rachael took time off to raise her family, but over the years she had a distinguished career, educating students of all ages. She ran a local nursery school, worked as a reading specialist, taught 4th grade at Freetown Elementary School, and finally settled into the English Language Arts Department at the George R. Austin Middle School until she retired, in 2004. She was a beloved and respected teacher who had high expectations for all of her students. She held each one accountable with kindness, fairness, and the motto, "Be the best at whatever you are!"

Rachael was predeceased by her loving husband Eric K. Jorgensen, her cherished sister, Frances Belliveau, and her most wonderful parents, Roger and Mildred Cahoon. She leaves behind two devoted children, daughter Juliene Mills and her husband, James of Berkley, MA, and son Derron Jorgensen and his partner, Lisa of Attleboro, MA. The light of Rachael's life, her pride and joy, were her two doting granddaughters, Kaylyn and Kelsey Mills of Berkley, MA. She also leaves behind two beloved sisters in law, Karen Dumas and her husband, Leo of Foxboro, MA and Kristine Dery and her husband, Paul of Harwichport, MA, as well as, many caring nieces and nephews. In addition to her family, she leaves behind a cherished friend of nearly sixty years, Paula Lester, her college roommate, of Marshfield, MA.

Rae was married to her childhood sweetheart and best friend, Eric, immediately after her college graduation and they enjoyed 51 years of marriage together. They shared their first

dance at a sixth grade social. After raising their two children, they established The Memory Shoppe, traveling the antique show circuit through New England and New York, selling vintage comic and character collectibles. They also enjoyed playing the slot machines at Foxwoods together in their retirement years.

Rachael enjoyed her life and had many loves and passions. In her younger years she loved to garden, sew, do arts and crafts, and tackle all kinds of do-it-yourself improvement projects to maintain her beautiful home. As a native of Cape Cod, she loved the beach and seafood. She was an avid reader, loved a good legal or medical drama on TV, and was an expert at word games. She collected ink wells and Santas. Anyone who entered her home at Christmas time would marvel at her impressive Santa Claus collection. She was also a diehard Boston sports fan. Once the computer age hit, Rae jumped right on board and became very tech savvy. She was always online or on her iPad emailing, texting, and sending funny stories and pictures to keep in close contact with her loved ones. She had a great sense of humor and loved a good belly laugh! She also had the most kind and generous heart, always thinking of others and finding personal ways to show she cared.

Above all, Rae cherished her family, and her most special moments were spent with them. Many family holiday traditions and the informal conversations in her bright and inviting living room were what filled her heart with the most joy. Her patience, love, light, wisdom, and strength will be dearly missed. She was the best mom, grandmother, and role model of love and devotion, and she will live in our hearts forever.

Her Family will receive relatives and friends on Thursday, March 1, 2018, from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM, with a Memorial Celebration following at 11:00 AM in the Hathaway Home for Funerals, 1813 Robeson Street, in Fall River, MA.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Rachael's memory to Southcoast VNA Hospice and Palliative Care, Attn: Community Affairs, 200 Mill Road, Fairhaven, MA 02719.

# Events

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**MAR** **Calling Hours** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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Hathaway Home For Funerals

1813 Robeson Street, Fall River, MA, US, 02720

**MAR** **Memorial Celebration** 11:00AM

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# Comments

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“ A tribute video has been added.



**Hathaway Family Funeral Homes** - February 26, 2018 at 11:53 AM

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“ I was so sorry to hear of Mrs. Jorgensen's death and extend my sympathy to the Jorgensen family. Mrs. Jorgensen was my tenth-grade English teacher at Apponequet and I have fond memories of her. It was only when I read her obituary that I realized that my sophomore year, 1962-63, must have been Mrs. Jorgensen's first year teaching. In spite of that, I don't remember that she was ever anything but confident and poised, as well as extremely nice.

Jane Brightman  
East Freetown

**Jane Brightman** - March 04, 2018 at 11:13 AM

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“ I am sorry for your loss. I had the pleasure of working with Rae when she taught at GRAMS. I remember her as always being very classy, professional, and kind. She was well loved by her family and her colleagues.

Zoraida Bohn

**Zoraida Bohn** - February 28, 2018 at 06:59 PM

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“ On some anniversaries of JFK's assassination, I would call Mr. Jorgensen. I was in his class on that terrible day as a 7th-grade student. I called him on that day (11/22) in 2013. To my dismay, I read on-line that he passed a mere month later. I was so upset that I called Mrs. Jorgensen. I expressed my condolences, shock, and concern. I was concerned that my call might have upset him. She assured me that he enjoyed hearing from me. But for Rae that was not good enough. She followed up with a note. It was warm and caring. She had just lost her husband and she took the time to send to me such thoughtful words. I do not think that there is a word in the dictionary that compiles all of the numerous adjectives that would describe Rae. She was a gift to humankind. I believe that she has been reunited in eternity with the love of her life.

My sincerest condolences to her family.

Janice Grandfield

Janice Grandfield - February 27, 2018 at 12:26 PM

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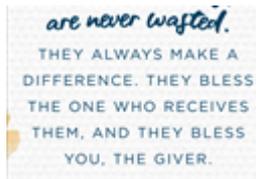
“ She was classy in 1958 when she mentored me at the Chase House in West Harwich where she waitressed and I was just starting out. She was always kind and everyone knew she and Eric would go far. Obviously, she did. My condolences to her family. She was one of the "good" people. Jane Donnelly Buck

Jane Buck - February 27, 2018 at 09:01 AM

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Heidi - February 26, 2018 at 08:57 PM

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“ Auntie Rachel was always so loving and kind to Me Kurt, Karl and my Mother. We will remember her fondly. Juline and family and Derron; May you treasure and keep your memories of her close to your heart always and and may they heal and not hurt. Rest In Peace Auntie Rachel. I love you, Heidi Jorgensen

Heidi - February 26, 2018 at 08:39 PM

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“ 30 files added to the album LifeTributes



Hathaway Family Funeral Homes - February 26, 2018 at 10:46 AM