



Kathleen Ann Sampson

August 5, 1943 - April 2, 2022

Kathleen Ann Sampson, 78, of St. Augustine, passed away on April 2, 2022 at Bailey Family Center for Caring. She was born in Rockford and grew up in Glenview, Illinois. Kathleen attended Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Grade School and Marywood High School. After high school she graduated from Clarke College in Dubuque, Iowa where she received her Bachelor of Arts degree. In 1966 she married Dennis Sampson and they raised 2 children together. Kathleen started her teaching career at Holy Cross Catholic School in Deerfield, Illinois. She taught there for 10 years before moving to Longwood, Florida and taught at Sweetwater Episcopal Academy and Church of Annunciation Catholic School for 15 years. After 25 plus years of teaching, she retired and moved to St. Augustine, where she enjoyed going to the beach and was a member of St. Anastasia Catholic Church. She was also an active in the Marsh Creek Country Club and a member of the Niners Ladies Golf Club.

She is survived by her son, Quinn Sampson (Amy); grandchildren, Bailey, Riley, Ashley, Alex and Aidan and a brother, Michael Griffin (Jacque). She was preceded in death by her husband, Dennis Sampson and daughter, Moira Niewolak.

A funeral mass will be held at 9:00 am on Thursday, April 7, 2022 at the Cathedral Basilica with interment to follow at Evergreen Cemetery in St.

Augustine.

St. Johns Family Funeral Home of St Augustine, Florida is in charge of arrangements.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or Community Hospice of Northeast Florida.

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Cemetery

505 N Rodriquez Street
St. Augustine, FL 32084

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

APR 7. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Cathedral Basilica of St. Augustin
38 Cathedral Pl
St. Augustine, FL 32084

Interment Following Services

APR 7. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Evergreen Cemetery
505 N Rodriquez Street
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Tribute Wall

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“Someone who knows how highly I think of Kathleen and how grateful I'll remain to her always sent me the newspaper obituary. Kathleen has not left my thoughts all day.

Many years ago I left St. Augustine. I didn't even know Dennis passed away. I am deeply saddened that Kathleen and I never reconnected after one final telephone conversation - albeit for good reason at the time our paths diverged.

No doubt Kathleen's family realizes what a capable and generous person she was. A role-model and memories to always cherish. What her brother, son, and grandchildren may not know is the extent of her generosity.

Besides being one of two of my most capable, flexible and reliable St. Augustine Lighthouse & Museum Archives and Exhibits Volunteers, and extremely good company, the reason I'll always remain grateful to Kathleen is because she stood up for me, when no one else would or could for valid reasons. She did this after careful consideration because she concluded that it was the right thing to do, in spite of a great cost for herself, risking to lose something very dear to her. Selfless generosity that not only protected me from unexpected possible homelessness, or at best having to impose suddenly on family and friends, but made it possible for me to pause, regroup and move on. Kathleen made a huge, positive impact during a very difficult period in my life.

However, her generosity extended way beyond me. One year she gifted all Lighthouse Museum employees fancy long-sleeved jean shirts embroidered with the lighthouse image and personalized with our initials. A show of genuine appreciation for each one of us, and to boost museum store sales; such a unique and generous donation.

To this day, I only wear this shirt on special occasions and take extreme care of it. Recently when substitute teaching, middle schoolers inquired why I had such a shirt.

I shared Kathleen's story to illustrate the value of volunteers like her. By now the shirt is nearing the end of presentability. However, I'd already planned to add a square containing the breast pocket to my next "Memory Quilt" because Kathleen is so very special.

May this story relieve a tiny bit of sorrow for Kathleen's family and friends, and add to her many lasting positive and impactful memories.

All the way from the Equator, in a Catholic country where my friends who did not have the privilege to know you will pray for you, RIP Kathleen!

(Annemarie van Hemmen, former St. Augustine Lighthouse & Museum Archivist)

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