



M. Colleen Hughes - Driscoll

February 13, 1954 - February 6, 2023

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Colleen Driscoll, 68, passed away in the city and home that she loved so much and joined her father and her sister who she loved far more. Colleen was born and raised in Albany. After moving to E. Greenbush to raise her kids, she couldn't wait to move back. Colleen was the oldest of seven children [Debbie (Mike Smith), Maureen (Fred Wege), Michael (Missy), Patrick (Wendy), John, Steven (Lisa)] and the proud daughter of Robert and Connie Hughes. Colleen was predeceased by her father and her sister, Debbie. Colleen is survived by her two sons, James (Nicoll) and Thomas (Stefanie) Driscoll and her five grandchildren that loved their "Nana" beyond measure (Dylan, Ethan, Lincoln, Elliot, and Austin "A").

Colleen loved so many things; from helping organize grade school reunions (St. Teresa's) and attending high school reunions (Mercy High), she loved to point out that she started working for NYS the very day she graduated high school. Colleen was very proud of her 40+ year career with NYS; beginning as a stenographer and retiring as the Director of OMG (with many DOH stops and commissioners along the way). In addition to her love of work, Colleen was known for her love of Thanksgiving that combined some of her favorite things- good cooking, strong family, and coffee with dessert! Though not a huge fan of retirement, Colleen worked tirelessly to help her Aunt Virginia, and

later her father and mother as they aged. She even began to collect stories and write the early life story of her father- she was so awed by him, as all of us were. Colleen always looked forward to playing cards with Mike and Missy or at Steve's or Mikey's house. Colleen was a supporter of the USO and Blue Star Mothers ever since her sons joined the Army Reserve- another fact that she was very proud of. When her sons started their own families – with women that Colleen loved so much- she became Nana and would drop everything to help out. She was the most supportive, selfless, caring mother and Nana- she was absolutely adored by her close family. Colleen also loved to travel with her kids and grandkids and had been from Maine to Florida to New Orleans, Louisiana (her favorite trip). Lastly Mom, if you're reading this and there are any spelling or grammatical errors, we apologize! We tried.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday February 14, 2023 at 12 pm. Relatives and friends are invited and may call from 10 to 12 pm. at the Magin and Keegan Funeral Home, 891 Madison Ave, Albany, NY 12208.

In lieu of flowers, please consider sending donations to either Lucky Rehabilitation Center at 214 Reed Road, Spencertown, NY or St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, at www.Stjude.org

Tribute Wall

BM

“ I just learned of Colleen's passing. My heart is broken for all of you. I worked with her in DOH way back in the early to mid 90's! She was such an amazing person. I knew her as a loving and selfless person with an incredible sense of humor and as a great friend. She will be very missed.

Beth Maybo - March 03, 2023 at 03:58 PM

KA

“ John and all the Hughes families, I send my heartfelt condolences. I'm very sorry.
-Kathleen Vermette

Kathleen - February 15, 2023 at 07:04 PM

MY

“ It was my privilege to know Colleen as both a friend and colleague.

I greatly admired her. She had a terrific sense of humor and compassion for others. She was a wonderful human being with a kind soul who had a way of making people feel valued.

Colleen also had the rare gift of empathy. Whether you were a coworker or a casual acquaintance, she had the amazing ability to see matters from your perspective, and help you to choose a course of action that would either please you or diminish your discomfort.

Whenever I saw Colleen, she always greeted me with a smile and an upbeat attitude. She will fondly be remembered.

There are people you meet in your life that connect seamlessly with everyone. They leave you feeling happier and stronger. You stand taller and prouder having had them as a friend. That was Colleen. I am better for having known her.

My deepest sympathy to her entire family. L L L L SEP SEP Rest In Peace, Colleen.

Mark Yanulavich - February 13, 2023 at 10:01 PM

MB

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Colleen's passing. We worked together at NYSDOH back in the 1970s and have remained in touch since then. We had many fun times at work and outside of work in Albany. We made each other laugh a lot. I always appreciated that she would stop by and say hi to my Mom on Glynn Street in Albany when she was in the neighborhood. We would try to check in with each other when we visited Albany. We'll miss you and will always love your smiling self. Rest in peace Coll.

Mary Ann Bryant - February 13, 2023 at 02:00 PM



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of M. Colleen Hughes - Driscoll.*



February 12, 2023 at 12:54 PM



“ *To Colleen's boys & families: so sad to read of your mom's passing. I worked with Colleen at NYSDOH and shared many laughs with her. She was always so pleasant and we remember her during the years at EG little league baseball. May she rest in peace & may all your good times be your best memories. Sincerely, Sue & Carmen Ferriero.*

Sue Ferriero - February 11, 2023 at 11:00 AM