



## Nancy S. Donovan

September 13, 1940 - September 30, 2017

Nancy S. Donovan (Sheldon), 77, formerly of Milton, MA, passed away on September 30, 2017 in West Palm Beach, FL with her daughters at her bedside. Nancy, aka Nanu, was known for her intelligence, keen attention to detail, sarcastic sense of humor, kindness, and excellent Christmas parties ("yuckies" will be immortalized). She was extremely generous and fiercely loyal to her friends and family.

Nancy was born in 1940 to James Sheldon and Esther Wignall of Whitinsville, MA. Nancy attended UMASS Amherst and graduated with a degree in education. In 1966, she married Edward T. Donovan of Dorchester, MA. She and Ed lived in Milton, MA for over 40 years and created a close knit group of friends who truly embraced life and enjoyed each other and each other's idiosyncrasies. Nancy taught elementary school in downtown Boston, which truly was her passion and joy. She changed her career and went back to school for technical writing. Nancy was employed at Honeywell-Bull of Wellesley and rounded out her career at MassHealth in downtown Boston.

Nancy is survived by her two daughters, Amy Doyle and her husband Tim of Dedham, MA and Melissa Donovan and her wife Sara of Palm Beach Gardens, FL; her four grandchildren Julia Doyle, Nolan Doyle, Trevor Doyle of Dedham, MA and Ziba Donovan of Palm Beach Gardens, FL; and her sister, Jeanne Couillard and her husband Jim of Hobe Sound, FL. Nancy has many

beloved nieces and nephews.

She will be greatly missed.

There will be a memorial service for Nancy for family and friends at Gilman Chapel at Cedar Grove Cemetery, 920 Adams Street, Dorchester, MA on October 28th at 11:30 am. Refreshments to follow at 1:30 pm at Steel and Rye, 95 Eliot Street, Milton, MA.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Nancy S. Donovan*

October 22, 2023 at 10:17 AM



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**A Doyle** - October 25, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *Although no words can take the pain away, I hope the words recorded at Jeremiah 29:11, 12 brings comforts your heart.*

**L. R.** - October 23, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *I'm so sorry to hear of Nancy's paassing. I worked with her in Boston and learned a lot. She was a pleasure to know, fun to work with and always willing to share her knowledge. I will keep her and your family in my thoughts and prayers. God Bless.*

**Donna Peltier - Worcester, MA - Coworker** - October 12, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *I was so sorry to hear of your mother's passing. Both she and your Dad were such great next door neighbors to us. I am so sorry for your loss. She loved you all!Jean*

**Jean Tutfs - Milton, MA - Neighbor** - October 11, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ I was so sorry to hear of Nancy's passing. I worked with her for several years at 600 Washington Street and she was a joy to know. I was always happy to know that she would be on the team for a project. She knew her stuff, kept her sense of humor, and cut to the chase. I hope your memories of her help you get through this sorrowful time.

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**Jean Takesain - Salisbury, MA - Coworker** - October 10, 2017 at 12:00 AM

GN

“ Amy and Melissa we are sorry to hear about the passing of your mother. Your father and mother were good neighbors. We had some good times together with many laughs. She will be in a better place now back with your dad. Our prayers are with her, you and your families. May she RIP with the Lord. George & Florence McHugh

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**George & Florence McHugh - Clearwater, FL - Neighbor** - October 05, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ Sending thoughts and prayers to melissa Sara, Amy, Tim and children. Mrs Donovan will be missed :(

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**Kelly Mchugh Adams - Antigonish, NS** - October 04, 2017 at 12:00 AM