



Mrs. Rosemary R. Sheldon

March 22, 1937 - April 2, 2023

Rosemary R. Sheldon, 86, of Lee, passed away peacefully on April 2, 2023 at Kimball Farms Nursing Care Center. She was born on March 22, 1937 in Boston, MA., to the late Arthur and Rosemarie (Pelletier) O’Gorman.

As a young lady adventurer, Rosemary traveled extensively throughout the South and never got over her love of travel, often made easier by her fluency in French. After returning to Massachusetts, Rosemary was involved in local theater and television production and was an energizing force in Boston’s Summerthing. She appeared several times in (the then) yearly production of “The Christus,” where she met her husband, the first Poet Laureate of Massachusetts, Timothy Sheldon (now deceased).

After moving to the Berkshires with Timothy in 1981, she worked as a bookkeeper for the Red Lion Inn and then as theater manager for the Berkshire Theater Group and later, the Chester Theater. There was nothing Rosemary loved more than live theater and usually saw every local production and scores of Broadway plays. She was delighted that her memorial will be at the Unicorn Theater in Stockbridge, an institution near and dear to her heart. An avid reader, Rosemary was also a devotee of opera and all things Frank Sinatra, though she loved many types of music, from jazz to Celtic.

Rosemary struggled mightily with cancer four times in her life, finally

succumbing to small cell lung cancer. However, she was feisty right up until the end, doing crossword puzzles and following politics for long as possible, never losing her sharp wit or sense of humor.

Rosemary is survived by her children; Rochelle O’Gorman of Lee and Mark Caruso of Jacksonville, FL.; grandchildren Keely O’Gorman of Lee, Jessica Caruso of Troy, New York, and Angela and Jay Caruso of Jacksonville, Florida; beloved cousin, Deborah Turner; and many, many dear friends. She was predeceased by her brother, Arthur O’Gorman.

A celebration of Rosemary’s life will be held at the Unicorn Theater, 6 East Street, Stockbridge at 11 o’clock on September 16. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the nursing care facility at Kimball Farms in Lenox, where Rosemary was shown great kindness and given exceptional care.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

SEP **16.** 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Unicorn Theater
6 East Street
Stockbridge, MA 01262

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