



Joanne Marie Wholey

April 30, 2024

Joanne Marie (Ronca) Wholey, 67, of Bloomfield, CT, passed away on Tuesday, April 30, 2024 after a long illness. She was the loving wife of the late Kevin A. Wholey, who passed away unexpectedly last October. Daughter of the late William M. Ronca and the late Marie A. (LaFreniere) Ronca, she was born in Medford, MA on August 13, 1956, and was raised in Medford.

Joanne graduated from Medford High School, class of 1974, where she made several life-long friends. She attended several colleges, graduating from North Adams State College in 1978 and had a diverse career, including waitress, singer, social worker, dog groomer and human resources administrator.

Her life's journey brought her to Florida twice, but she could never tolerate the summers. This was fortunate, or else she would never have met her husband, Kevin. He was the love of her life, and her best friend for over 30 years of marriage. Together, they made their home in Bloomfield CT, where they took joy in the raising of their many springer spaniels, a beagle and a rescue whippet and two rescue horses they had over the past years. Joanne found her true calling as a counselor. With Kevin's support she attained her Master's Degree in Psychology from the University of Saint Joseph in West Hartford. For the past 17 plus years, she had a private practice, where she specialized in mood disorders, trauma, pet loss and bereavement. She also specialized in equine facilitated therapy.

When not working, they enjoyed traveling to far off places like Alaska, Africa, Europe and Iceland. They also enjoyed heading down to New York City to

catch a Broadway show and see the sights or up to the beaches of Maine. Joanne was a rabid UConn women's basketball fan. She and Kevin enjoyed attending games and rooting for "the girls". They travelled to many NCAA tournaments to root for their adopted team.

Joanne is survived by her brother William Ronca and his wife Marybeth (Godfrey) Ronca of Casco, ME, her sister-in-law, Maryellen (Wholey) Halibozek and her husband Stanley Halibozek of West Hartford, CT; brother-in-laws Brien John Wholey and his wife Julia (Herbst) Wholey of Canton, CT; Timothy Gerard Wholey of Boston, MA and Neal Thomas Wholey of Colchester, CT.

Joanne also had several nieces; Alexandra (Ronca) Gunther of Charlestown, MA; Elizabeth Ronca of Newburyport, MA; and Jessica Ronca of Beverly, MA and a nephew: Mark Halibozek of East Hampton, CT; Nina Wholey of Canton, CT and Eryn Wholey of Colchester, CT, as well as great nieces Indigo and Mina Gunther of Charlestown, MA. Joanne also leaves behind her two springer spaniels: Harry and Elsa and her horse Rupert.

A joint celebration of Joanne's and Kevin's lives will be held on Saturday, May 18 at the Molloy Funeral Home, 906 Farmington Ave., West Hartford, CT.

Visiting hours will be from 1:00 – 3:00 PM followed by interment at the Fairview Cemetery, 200 Whitman Ave., West Hartford. Both the Ronca and Wholey families appreciate and thank all the friends and loved ones who have expressed their sympathy and kind words over Joanne and Kevin's passing. They ask that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made in their names to the Connecticut Humane Society. Online expressions of sympathy may be made at www.molloyfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery

200 Whitman Ave.
West Hartford, CT

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAY 18. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Molloy Funeral Home
906 Farmington Ave
West Hartford, CT 06119
(860) 232-1322

Kevin's life will be celebrated as well.

Tribute Wall

CA

“ Joana, you helped me when I came to you regarding the lost my dog. You were there for me every time I called or went to see you. You were a beautiful person and the best therapist ever ❤️ I appreciate you so much. Rest In Peace 🙏

Carmen Arroyo - March 07, 2025 at 03:26 PM

LB

“ Joanne, you were such a comfort to me when I came to you regarding my loss. You were a beautiful person inside and out. I appreciate you so much and I so enjoyed the time we spent walking with your horse. I will remember you always.

Laura Brasile - December 12, 2024 at 03:17 PM

MU

“ Joanne,
You are always in my heart and prayers. I still remember when we met in Catholic school in first grade. You and Judy and I were inseparable always giggling and talking too much in class. But we stayed friends through grade school and high school & singing in choir together with so many dear friends. Later I moved to Oregon and lost touch with everyone. Eventually we reconnected briefly on Face Book for a while, but not long enough. I will always remember your beautiful smile. I know you are up there watching over all of us. Until we meet again in a better place rest in peace.
Love, Carla

Mary Carla Ueki - June 05, 2024 at 11:50 PM

TE

“ Oh Jo, I am feeling so sad for the loss of you and Kev, but I'm glad you are not suffering anymore. I am glad we had the chance to talk about our memories of the "good old days" when we used to party after work in Providence and hang out at each other's apartments. I never laughed so hard and danced so hard. I always told you I will never forget the crazy night at the dance club where we really lived it up and you wound up dancing on top of a table with everyone clapping around you. Oh that still makes me laugh until my stomach hurts. You are a beautiful soul with one of the most gorgeous smiles and sparkling eyes on any human. I probably ate more of your famous poppy seed bread than any other person - and I could never duplicate that recipe. As we said, even after all the years that passed with so much time and distance between us, we still had a strong and special connection - and we always will. Love you always. ~Ter

Terry - May 16, 2024 at 07:58 PM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Joanne Marie Wholey.



May 15, 2024 at 08:25 PM

LB

“ She is now resting in peace



Lorraine Butler - May 09, 2024 at 09:12 PM

RF

“ So sorry for the family's loss of a beautiful person. When i remember Joanne i see her pulling into the farm in her little sports car and with her beautiful smile.

Roxanne and Tony Frisina - May 09, 2024 at 08:14 PM