



## Kate Noonan

June 1, 1989 - May 7, 2024

Kate Noonan, our beloved sister, daughter, family member, and friend, embarked on her final adventure on May 7th, 2024.

Katherine Marie Noonan came roaring into this world on June 1st, 1989 and never slowed down for a minute. She brightened all our lives with her effusive energy, vibrant personality, and sincere kindness. Kate was passionate about many things, including animals, the natural world, music, and community. She was both a brilliant scholar and a fearless adventurer, equally at home in academia as in the wilderness.

After studying Biology at Ithaca College in New York, Kate ventured west and settled in Flagstaff, Arizona, where her love for community and connection led her to a lucrative career in the hospitality industry. Kate's success and flexible schedule as a bartender allowed her to pursue her outdoor passions: she worked as a guide for various outfitters on the Colorado River in the Grand Canyon; would often enjoy rafting trips on the San Juan or Verde Rivers; went hiking, kayaking, canyoneering, rock climbing, and was generally out of cell service (or following Dead & Company on tour).

When Kate was in town, she poured herself into her friendships and her work, cultivating a mass network of friends and acquaintances across all walks of life. Her sense of humor and conviviality lent themselves well to the service

industry, but it was her luminosity that made her memorable. Kate truly shone from the inside out. Never was there such a beautiful spirit.

In early 2023, Kate moved back to her hometown of Canton, CT, where she found work at the Grindstone Tavern in Collinsville and The Brass Horse in New Hartford. She quickly became a staple at the Grindstone and was beloved by all who encountered her.

Kate is survived by her parents, Tom Noonan of Collinsville, CT and Susan Noonan and Ron Drachenberg of Prescott Valley, AZ; her sister, Amy Noonan of Phoenix, AZ; and extended family and friends around the world. We are all so lucky to have known her, and our lives will never be the same without her. We love you, Kate.

A memorial visitation will be held at Molloy Funeral Home in West Hartford from 9-11am on Saturday, June 1st, 2024, with a celebration of life to follow at the Grindstone Tavern in Collinsville from 4-10pm.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the charity of your choice.

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

JUN 1. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall

WD

“ We miss Kate & will never forget her. So very sorry for your loss. Sincerely, Cindy, Linda , James & David planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kate Noonan.

We miss Kate & will never forget her. So very sorry for your loss. Sincerely, Cindy, Linda , James & David - June 02, 2024 at 11:08 AM

EE

“ Always the best first mate. Will always love you dearly, Kate 💜



Emily Engan - May 30, 2024 at 04:02 PM

SF

“ Sincerely, The Jingst Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kate Noonan.

Sincerely, The Jingst Family - May 29, 2024 at 12:20 PM

SF

“ Sincerely, The Jingst Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Kate Noonan.



Sincerely, The Jingst Family - May 29, 2024 at 12:20 PM

JN

“*Kate and I met in Collinsville, CT through a mutual love of music and the outdoors. Kate brought the people of a quaint drinking town with an art problem closer together with her genuine soul and ability to brighten anyone’s day. It was not unusual to find Kate & Co dancing, laughing, and paddling the Farmington River. When Kate started working at the Grindstone, It quickly became the place to be. Losing Kate is a major loss in the community.*”

Jeremy Nightingale - May 28, 2024 at 05:12 PM

TF

“*Trionfini-Gunsallus Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kate Noonan.*”

Trionfini-Gunsallus Family - May 28, 2024 at 04:16 PM



“*Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Kate Noonan.*”



May 28, 2024 at 04:16 PM

JJ

“*1 file added to the album Kate gettin after it*”



John W. Yurcik Jr. - May 27, 2024 at 10:29 PM

WW

“ William W. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kate Noonan.

William W. - May 27, 2024 at 03:52 PM

CS

“ As one of the owners of the Orpheum theater in Flagstaff, I first knew Kate as a patron and a prom queen. Overtime we ended up becoming friends and neighbors on Leroux Street As well as occasional work associates. We both shared a love for the music of the dead and we would run into each other at various Dead and Company or W.S.Panic shows. She was a wonderful warm and vibrant person and was well loved in our community. I attended the first night of Dead and Company at the sphere and held my hands high and danced for Kate.  
I'm so sorry for the family and our communities loss.  
“May the four winds blow her safely home” 🥹🙏🏻✌️❤️☀️

chris scully - May 27, 2024 at 02:13 PM

EN

“ I have no adequate words but the Noonan family and all friends have my deepest sympathy. I send you strength and support. I am grateful I knew her at all. □

Elizabeth Van Ness - May 27, 2024 at 01:45 PM

BH

“ Barbara Hampton lit a candle in memory of Kate Noonan



Barbara Hampton - May 24, 2024 at 10:39 PM



*I've seen your light in your father' eyes.*

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**Barbara Hampton** - May 24, 2024 at 10:39 PM