



Kevin A. Wholey

October 24, 2023

Kevin Arthur Wholey, 62, of Bloomfield, CT, passed away suddenly at home on Tuesday October 24, 2023. Son of the late Gerard T. Wholey and late Leah (Oakley) Wholey, he was born in Hartford, CT on November 28, 1960, and was raised in the Town of West Hartford.

Kevin attended Saint Thomas the Apostle School and graduated from Northwest Catholic High School, class of 1978. He earned his Bachelor of Science Degree, in Marketing, from Fairfield University in 1982. He later began his successful 40+ year career in the insurance field and recently retired as Senior National Account Manager for The Hartford Insurance Company. He was previously employed by the Travelers Insurance Company, Metrahealth and United Healthcare Insurance Companies.

His life's journey brought him to the love of his life, friend and partner, his wife Joanne (Ronca) Wholey. Together, they made their home in Bloomfield, where they took joy in the raising of their many springer spaniels and two rescue horses they had over the past years. They also enjoyed traveling to far off places like Europe and Iceland, or just heading down to New York City to catch a Broadway show and see the sights. Kevin was an avid sports fan and, together, he and Joanne enjoyed attending games and rooting for UConn women's basketball, especially.

In addition to his wife Joanne, Kevin is survived by: his sister, Maryellen (Wholey) Halibozek and her husband Stanley Halibozek of West Hartford, CT; brothers, Brien John Wholey and his wife Julia (Herbst) Wholey of Canton,

CT; Timothy Gerard Wholey of Boston, MA; Neal Thomas Wholey of Colchester, CT; and a brother-in-law, William Ronca and his wife Marybeth Ronca of Casco, ME.

Kevin also had several nieces and a nephew: Mark Halibozek of East Hampton, CT; Nina Wholey of Canton, CT; Eryn Wholey of Colchester, CT; Alexandra Gunther of Charlestown, MA; Elizabeth Ronca of Newburyport, MA; and Jessica Ronca of Beverly, MA.

A celebration of Kevin's life is being deferred to a future date and an announcement will be made at that time. The family appreciates and thanks all the friends and loved ones who have expressed their sympathy and kind words over Kevin's passing. They ask that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made in Kevin's name to the Connecticut Humane Society. Online expressions of sympathy may be made at www.molloyfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall

EK

“ My friendship with Kevin goes back to our earliest school days at St. Thomas the Apostle, through Northwest and starting work on the same day in the same job at Travelers. Born one week apart, I always felt that we led parallel lives. He was a kind and true friend and I am blessed to have known him for so long. May he rest in peace and watch over you now.

Ellen McGuire Kelly - November 01, 2023 at 02:34 PM

PP

“ I remember so well taking care of Kevin and Joanne's springer spaniels. Kevin was always so kind and caring and loved those dogs. Just a beautiful couple. My thoughts are with you Joanne. I am also a widow. Stay strong.

Pat Power - October 31, 2023 at 12:21 PM

TH

“ Our friendship began on the 2nd floor of Southeast Hall on the Fairfield University campus. For many years after we all graduated, the Core Four – Kevin, his college roommate John “JP” Puleo, and fellow alumni Chris O’Connor and I got together during March Madness to watch basketball, drink a few cold ones, make merciless fun of each other, and then fall asleep on couches or floors, just to wake up the next day and start again. Over the years, life took over. We all moved and saw each other in person much less frequently, but those days of camaraderie and laughter are as fresh today as they were in the mid-1980s. Kevin was a kind, funny man. JP texted Chris and me tonight, “Every time I think of him, he’s smiling.” So true. He will missed by many, including us, his college buddies.



Thomas Hayowyk - October 30, 2023 at 07:05 PM

JR

“ I will never forget coming to stay with you and the puppies, visiting over holidays and coming down this past Spring. I am so sorry for everyone who has lost a husband, brother, son, friend, and co worker. You were such a kind- hearted person and I will never forget your your intelligent but gentle voice and words. You are greatly missed by everyone who was fortunate enough to have you in their lives <3

Jessica Ronca - October 30, 2023 at 12:18 PM

JC

“ Dear Wholey Family - I am deeply saddened by this loss and send my most sincere condolences to you all. Kevin and I worked together for all of his time at The Hartford. He was always so kind, compassionate, generous and funny when we needed to laugh. I was so happy for him to be able to retire. He will live on in our hearts. Prayers to you all.

Julie Crawford - October 30, 2023 at 11:15 AM

KD

“*Joanne + Family, My deepest condolences for your loss. Kevin was so kind, genuine, and had the biggest heart! I've been so blessed to have worked with him over the last 15+ years. I can remember sitting next to him in our Simsbury office, talking about life and he would smile so bright when talking about his wife. I have so many fond memories, I am so heart broken for you all.*

My thoughts and prayers are with you all, Kristy Dalene.

He's Only Gone on Ahead

By Kelly Roper

*He's only gone on ahead of you,
Not just left you behind.
Although you can't be with him right now,
He lives on in your heart and mind.*

*The day will come when you'll meet again
On Heaven's distant shore,
And the two of you will walk hand in hand
Together forever more.*

Their Memory Stays

By Casey Gamble

*Although they have passed on,
Their memory forever stays.
Remember how they smiled,
And the joy they always gave.
We'll miss them all the time,
And think of them every day.
Their love filled the world -
A love that will never fade.*

Kristy Dalene - October 30, 2023 at 09:59 AM

AB

“*Joanne, my sincere condolences on the loss of Kevin. I've had the pleasure of working with Kevin since 2004 when he interviewed me for my role in Simsbury. He was always such a caring and kind person, willing to help in any way. We were very excited for his retirement as he talked so happily about his plans with you. We hope you find peace in knowing that he was truly one of a kind and he will be missed. Prayers and thoughts are with you during this very difficult time. Anne Brogan.*

Anne Brogan - October 30, 2023 at 09:28 AM

DS

“*Joanne - so very sorry for your loss. May his memory be a blessing to you and may Kevin rest in peace and love! With deepest sympathy, Diane Scholnick*

Diane Scholnick - October 29, 2023 at 09:49 PM

MB

“ Kevin was the nicest guy, *EVER!* I was Kevin’s neighbor 23 years ago!! But we both moved away, yet, we always managed to stay in touch with him and Joanne. I am shocked!! And sad and surprised.

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I keep hearing a voice that says,

“Grieve not for me.

Remember the best times,

the laughter, the song.

The good life I lived

while I was strong.

Continue my heritage,

I’m counting on you.

Keep smiling and surely

the sun will shine through.

My mind is at ease,

my soul is at rest.

Remembering all,

How I was truly blessed.

Continue traditions,

No matter how small.

Go on with your life,

don’t worry about falls.

I miss you all dearly,

So keep up your chin.

Until the day comes

And we’re together again.

Unknown

Meredith Brown - October 29, 2023 at 07:11 PM

AW

“ Kevin was just the nicest guy at Northwest Catholic. We had fun chatting in Latin class. I’m glad he had a happy, successful life. My condolences to his wife and family and furry friends.

Ann Williams - October 29, 2023 at 02:42 PM

KG

“ To Joanne and all of Kevin’s family - I had the pleasure of working with Kevin for the last 17 years. I’ll always remember our talks and his warm demeanor. He was quick with a smile and seemed to know at least something about everything! I feel lucky to have known him. My heart goes out to all of you.

- Kevin Goff

Kevin Goff - October 29, 2023 at 11:05 AM