



Penelope Pappas Mahon

January 31, 1949 - July 4, 2009

Penelope Pappas Mahon, of West Hartford, CT passed away Saturday, July 4, with loving family at her side. Penny graduated from Northfield Mount Hermon School, Bryn Mawr College, and the University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public and International Affairs. Most recently, she was Assistant to the President of the University of Hartford. Penny was an exceptional cook and avid gardener. As a vibrant part of many communities, she was a strong, loyal friend and a mother to many apart from her own children. She loved her family and her friends and laughed with enthusiasm and grace at all. Penny is survived by her children, Adam Mahon of Boulder, Co, Alexis Mahon of Philadelphia, PA, and Andrew Mahon of West Hartford; by her brother VJ Pappas and family of Philadelphia, PA; other relatives and a wide circle of friends.

Visitation will be held at Molloy Funeral Home, 906 Farmington Ave. West Hartford, CT, on Wednesday July 8 from 6-8pm. Friends are invited to join the Mahon family for services at Asylum Hill Congregational Church, 814 Asylum Ave. Hartford, on Thursday July 9 at 12 Noon. Private internment will be in Philadelphia at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Association of University Women at aauw.org or to the Dana Farber Cancer Institute. Online remembrances may be made at www.molloyfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall



“ Dear Mahon family, We were so sorry to hear of Penelope's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.
The West Family,
Ann, Paul, Bruno, Zachary and Samuel.##imported-begin##The West family##imported-end##

July 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Adam, Alexis and Andrew, my deepest sympathies to you over the loss of your mother, a wonderful and caring individual. She was a wonderful colleague and friend. May your many wonderful memories help you through this difficult time. The University community has lost an important figure and friend.##imported-begin##Dr. Catherine Certo##imported-end##

July 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Mahon/Pappas Family,

I just read the announcement online here in Paris and am utterly shocked. Penny recently helped shepherd the search for Dean at The Hartt School which brought my family and I into the University of Hartford community. Her warmth, care, tact, humor, and professionalism had a large impact on us and our decision. She was a treasure and I am crestfallen for her family, longtime friends, and for those of us anxious to really begin working with this incredible human being. Our prayers are with her children Adan, Alexis, and Andrew and brother. God bless you and stay strong.

Aaron Flagg##imported-begin##Aaron Flagg##imported-end##

July 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ To all of the Mahon and Pappas family members, I am shocked and saddened to learn of Penny's death. Like many members of the University of Hartford, I was brought to the institution through her fine work. She took a step beyond her usual search facilitator role for me, though, when she invited me to live with her Monday-Friday each week while my family was in transition. Penny's hospitality brought me through a very trying time of separation from my husband and kids as we waited for our house to sell, and I credit her with my successful start at the institution--I had an insider with great wisdom at the dinner table each night! Who could ask for more than this? She loved her family fiercely, and I was privileged to see this in my three months with her and in my friendship with her since. Knowing her was a gift to me; I will miss her dearly!###imported-begin##Jennifer Sanborn##imported-end##

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“ This is very hard for me. Penny, Morgan, and I go a long way back. My love for them and their children are indescribable. Penny will always hold a warm place in my heart. I saw her last at our class reunion a couple of years ago. She looked great and healthy. That is how I choose to remember her. Linked to her close friend, Sally. I know that she has found a happy place. That is where I will remember her.

Love,
Fred###imported-begin##Fred Patton##imported-end##

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