



## Anne Elizabeth Mullin

January 29, 1937 - July 4, 2020

Anne Elizabeth (Johnson) Mullin of New Harbor, ME and Bonita Springs, FL died Saturday, July 4th, 2020 of a sudden heart malfunction. She was 83 years old.

Born in Boston, MA to Marion Agnes (McGrath) and Victor Thomas Johnson, she grew up in Brighton, MA and attended local schools, graduating from Girls' Latin School in 1954 and Tufts University in 1958. She taught English at Andrew Warde High School in 1959 before marrying Charles Kevin Mullin of Milton, MA and moving with him to Westwood, MA, where she was an award-winning columnist for the Transcript Press, and a trustee of the Westwood Public Library. The couple's four children - Peter, Andrew, Kathryn, and Matthew - were born there. They spent 61 joyous years together.

In 1971, when the family moved to Farmington, ME, Mullin joined to Public Relations and Alumni Office at the University of Maine at Farmington, eventually becoming Alumni Director. She was also a weekly columnist for the Franklin Journal and continued to write a woman's feature for the Harvard University Football News for 20 years.

In 1985, she earned her M.A. from the University of Maine, where she taught English composition, and in 1991 received her Ph.D. in English at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. For ten years, she taught composition to undergraduates and graduate students as a tenured faculty member at Idaho State University in Pocatello, also serving as Writing Center Director and Director of Composition. She retired as Associate Professor Emerita in 2000, returning to New Harbor, where she was a part time employee at the Weatherbird store in Damariscotta for a number of years. She also served as a seasonal employee of the Town of Bristol, hostessing at the Fisherman's Museum at Pemaquid Point. She was a founding member of the Pemaquid Poets, and a member of the Friends of Colonial Pemaquid, Round Top Center for the Arts, and the Willing Workers.

Mullin's poetry has been published in numerous journals including College English, Black Fly Review, Off the Coast, Common Ground Review, Animus, Northern New England

Review, Kalliope, Sow's Ear Review, and Goose River Anthology. She also published chapbooks: Women Who Know Too Much, Women Who Know More Than Enough, Surface Tension, Sometimes a Sonnet, and her latest – Home Front, a collection of remembrances of wartime childhood. Her academic essays appeared in the Journal of the Assembly for Advanced Perspectives on Learning, Journal of College Reading and Learning, Writing Center Resource Manual, and in writing resource collections including The Journal Book and Nothing Begins with N. Lighter essays appeared in Rendezvous at Idaho State University. In Pocatello, her work was honored with an inscribed poetry stone in 2003.

Mullin enjoyed many hobbies, including painting, gardening, knitting, and sewing. She loved to travel with her husband. Together they visited national parks in the continental U.S., Hawaii, and Alaska. They also enjoyed trips to Britain, France, Italy, Greece, Egypt, and Peru.

She is survived by her husband Kevin; sons Peter Gregory and family of Lincoln, NE, Andrew Thomas and family of Bristol, ME, and Matthew Johnson and family of South Hadley, MA, and daughter Kathryn Mullin Shin and family of Charlottesville, VA; and ten grandchildren.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Thursday, July 9th, 2020 at 2:00 PM at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church, 28300 Beaumont Road, Bonita Springs, FL 34134. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to charity of the donor's choice.

To sign her guest register or to leave online condolences please visit  
[www.shikanyfuneralhome.com](http://www.shikanyfuneralhome.com)

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# Events

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**JUL** **Mass of Christian Burial** 02:00PM

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St. Leo the Great Catholic Church  
28300 Beaumont Road, Bonita Springs, FL, US, 34134

# Comments

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“ Oh, Anne, I will miss you! We started as new faculty at the same time in 1990. I knew right away how lucky I was in that timing. She was a bright spirit, uncomplaining, warm, and witty. I was amazed at her many talents. Enjoyed a book club with her and loved her taste in her home here. Anne was so professional, such a grown up. I looked up to her. My condolences to her family and friends.

**Tracy Montgomery** - August 28 at 09:53 AM



“ Thank you Tracy for your thoughts! Yes, bright, warm, witty, talented, professional - all so true. Anne loved her time at Pocatello and all the wonderful people she worked with - very much a family. Thank you so very much for sharing with us and for being a part of her life!  
Katy (daughter)

**katy mullin** - October 07 at 07:54 PM

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“ It is very sad to hear of Anne's passing. I knew Anne through the latter half of the 1990s, when she was a senior faculty member at Idaho State University and I was a new and very junior faculty member. We served on at least a couple of university committees together, and she was notable as one of those people who set a high standard for university faculty, while being very welcoming to and interested in young faculty. It didn't matter a bit that we were in very different fields or separated in age by decades. I am reminded of her whenever I walk past her poetry stone in Pocatello, as I did yesterday.



**Glenn Thackray** - August 14 at 07:05 PM



“ Dear Glenn - thank you so much for sharing your remembrances of Anne. She loved here time at Pocatello and the family she had there. As well, thank you so very much for posting the photograph of the Wool Gathering rock. Her husband Charles Kevin is so grateful to have this captured, as are all of the family. Thank you for sharing this with us. Katy (daughter)

**katy mullin** - October 07 at 07:48 PM

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“ I only met Anne briefly at ISU in 2000 the year I was hired in the English department, but she made such a positive impression, and later she contributed to a special issue of Rendezvous I edited; her essay on a Edward Hopper painting featuring a New England landscape was my favorite in the collection. Part of one of her poems is engraved on a boulder near the Portneuf River on the Greenway, and I enjoy reading it every time I go by. I'm sorry to hear of her passing--my very best to her family.

**Thomas Klein** - August 03 at 06:51 PM



“ Thank you so much Thomas for sharing - Anne had a wonderful way of building connections. I love that her poem stone is there as a permanent tribute! - Katy (daughter)

**katy mullin** - August 04 at 10:53 AM



“ Katy, my very best wishes to you and your family. I always imagined that I would meet Anne again in Maine, which I visit frequently, and I'm sorry I never got to.

**Thomas Klein** - August 06 at 08:01 PM

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“ Anne was my professor at Idaho State University 30 years ago, but I feel her influence every day. She inspired me to teach writing and pursue work in writing centers. I am now a professor of writing and director of my own center. I aspire to possess even half of her grace, intelligence, and wit. My deepest sympathy to her family.

**Kelli Custer** - August 03 at 03:12 PM



“ Kelli - what a wonderful tribute and thank you so much for sharing. I am sure Anne is so proud of you and may you continue to inspire others as she did you - that is her true legacy! Katy (daughter)

**katy mullin** - August 04 at 11:00 AM

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“ I met Anne during her years at ISU in Pocatello. We shared a mutual affection for Maine and I was lucky enough to visit her at her family home there. She was always gracious, generous, witty and wise. She will always be a foundation stone in my life.

Lynne Pickens

**Lynne Pickens** - July 24 at 11:53 AM

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“ I was much saddened to learn of Anne's sudden passing. We first met at Tufts in 1954. and it's been a delight over the years to be in occasional contact. I will sorely miss Anne's wit and wisdom, her quiet ways and kind nature, her abundant creative talent. My heartfelt condolences to Kevin and family.  
Ilse Fersing

**Ilse Fersing** - July 12 at 01:38 PM



“ Thank you so much Ilse for your wonderful remembrances of Mom - all so true. We so appreciate your kindness! (daughter) Katy

**katy mullin** - July 13 at 10:16 PM

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“ As a GLS grad, I share common experiences with Anne and know that all her many Girls Latin School sisters send their condolences to Anne's family & friends. Her amazing accomplishments are no surprise!  
God bless Anne & all who grieve her loss.  
Linda Coffey  
GLS '69



**Linda Coffey** - July 12 at 12:27 PM



“ Thank you so much Linda for your words and kindness - they mean a great deal!  
(daughter) Katy

**katy mullin** - July 13 at 10:15 PM

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“ We are so sorry to learn of Anne's passing. We shared Thursday mornings for the past 5 years chatting while waiting for our food to be delivered from Meals on Wheels. Anne was truly a warm and charming lady and after reading about her life we are more than amazed at all her accomplishments. We will miss her easy going self and her sage advice on many topics.

In sympathy,  
Cindy and Dave McDonald

**Cindy McDonald** - July 10 at 08:43 AM



“ Thank you so much Cindy. Meals on Wheels was a wonderful part of Anne and Kevin's life and routine. She was in her element when she was helping others meaningfully. She loved her MOW crew!

**katy mullin** - July 11 at 12:07 AM



“ Enjoyed working with Both Anne and Kevin Saturday's at the thrift store. She made attractive name tags for us all and painted birds on each one. A very special person

**barbara johnson** - July 23 at 07:44 PM

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“ My grandmother was an amazingly kind and wonderful person, mother, grandmother, and artist. The memories I have of her will always be cherished, as will the love she showed all of us.

**Asa** - July 09 at 11:46 AM

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**Peter Mullin** - July 07 at 09:35 PM

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“ Sally Woolf-Wade purchased the Anything for You for the family of Anne Elizabeth Mullin.



Sally Woolf-Wade - July 07 at 11:56 AM

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“ Anne and I were classmates at Tufts and then renewed our friendship when she and Kevin moved to New Harbor, Maine around the year 2000. We were close fellow poets, co-founding the Pemaquid Poets group, and enjoyed what we called "many adventures" together. We spent years giving poetry readings, participating in poetic events, attending a memorable college reunion, visiting art galleries, attending a memorable college reunion, and walking with friends around Pemaquid Point, in winters and summers.

After she and Kevin moved to Florida, we kept up a lively correspondence via the wonders of the internet, up until a few days ago. I can't tell you what a gaping absence her passing has meant in my life..

My deepest condolences to her family.  
Love,  
Sally Woolf-Wade

Sarah Jane Woolf-Wade - July 07 at 11:43 AM



“ Thank you so much Sally - she cherished you and all her poetry connections. If you ever want to reach out, I am klmull5@gmail.com - again, thank you for being such a wonderful part of Anne's life! daughter Katy

katy mullin - July 11 at 12:03 AM

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“ My grandmother was an amazing woman. Im so grateful for her presence in my life and the lives of her 9 other grandchildren



**Kai** - July 07 at 09:28 AM

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**katy mullin** - July 06 at 06:24 PM

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**Matt Mullin** - July 06 at 05:18 PM