



## Kathryn M. Fisk

December 10, 1952 - January 25, 2025

Kathryn M. (Waryas) Fisk, 72, of Bonita Springs, FL passed away peacefully at home on January 25, 2025.

She was born Dec. 10, 1952, in Greenfield, MA the daughter of the late Chester and Theresa (Sazama) Waryas. She graduated from Turners Falls High School in 1970 and received her Associate degree from Greenfield Community College in 1972; her Bachelor's degree in Medical Technology from Southeastern Massachusetts University (UMass Dartmouth) in 1974; her Master's degree in Bio-Chemistry from Worcester State College in 1979; and her MBA from Anna Maria College in 1983. Kathryn was crowned Miss Franklin County in 1971.

She leaves her husband, Paul of Bonita Springs, FL, and her loving children Brent Fisk and his wife Jessica of Princeton, MA, Gregory Fisk and his partner Ariel Gullberg of Arvada, CO, and Tyler Fisk and his wife Katerina of San Jose, CA; three grandchildren, Makayla, Brayden, and Lucy Fisk of Princeton, MA; her Sister Marie (Waryas) Weinacker and her daughter Kendra Weinacker of Bonita Springs, FL; and her brother Richard Waryas of Cardiff, CA. She was predeceased by her brothers Robert (Bobby), John (Jackie) and her God Son Brandon Weinacker.

Kathryn was a dedicated Human Resource professional, who worked her way

up the corporate ladder. Her HR career started at Memorial Hospital and continued at UMass Memorial in Worcester MA, University Health in Cleveland OH, Baptist Southern Hospital in Miami, FL, and ended at El Camino Hospital in Mountain View, CA. She was the 2005 President of ASHHRA (American Society of Healthcare Human Resources Administration) and the 2006 recipient of ASHHRA's Outstanding Leadership and Service Award.

When diagnosed with Pancreatic cancer, Kathryn was told she had 90 days to live. She diligently researched pancreatic cancer treatments and identified leading treatments and research centers. As a result of her research, she pursued treatments at MD Anderson, Houston, TX, Moffitt Tampa, FL, Mass General Boston, MA, Fred Hutch Seattle, WA, Florida Cancer Specialist, and MVZ Ambulatory Oncology in Tübingen, Germany. She pursued advice from oncologists and cancer researchers throughout the country including Stanford University, the University of California San Francisco, the Mayo Clinic, the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, and the National Cancer Institute. She understood her treatment options and when a treatment was ineffective, she already had the next treatment planned. Kathryn's three-and-a-half-year battle with Pancreatic cancer exemplifies how she lived: take problems head on, setbacks are challenges to be conquered, and never give up. Her tenacity gave her what she wanted most; more time with her Family.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Thursday, February 20, 2025 at 11:00 AM at St. Leo's Church in Bonita Springs FL and a reception will follow at the Bonita Springs Moose Lodge. A celebration of life will be held at the Prince of Peace Church Princeton, MA on May 7, 2025 at 11:00 AM, details of a reception will be announced. Instead of flowers please consider donations be made in Kathryn's memory to:

Pancreas Cancer Research

c/o Laboratory of Dr. Carlos Fernandez-del Castillo  
Massachusetts General Hospital  
15 Parkman St. Acc/460  
Boston, MA 02114

Donations can also be made to “The Kathryn Fisk Team” walking in the PanCan Purple Stride annual walk on April 26 . Donors may access Kathryn’s team's page by clicking the following link: [PurpleStride Boston 2025: Fisk Family - In Memory and Honor of Kathryn Fisk - Pancreatic Cancer Action Network](#).

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home, Family Owned Since 1978.

# Previous Events

## Mass of Christian Burial

FEB 20. 11:00 AM (ET)

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

## Celebration of Life

MAY 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

Prince of Peace Parish  
1 Worcester Road  
Princeton, MA 01541

# Tribute Wall

AP

“ Aradhna P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kathryn M. Fisk.

Aradhna P. - February 20, 2025 at 12:39 PM

ET

“ El Camino Health Leadership Team purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Kathryn M. Fisk.



El Camino Health Leadership Team - February 19, 2025 at 04:43 PM

ET

“ El Camino Health Leadership Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kathryn M. Fisk.

El Camino Health Leadership Team - February 19, 2025 at 04:43 PM

EW

“ Eddie Watts purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Kathryn M. Fisk.



Eddie Watts - February 17, 2025 at 07:54 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Kathryn M. Fisk.



February 17, 2025 at 01:14 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Kathryn M. Fisk.

February 17, 2025 at 01:14 PM



“ Fly with the angels Kathy. I will hold our memories close in my heart. My condolences to Paul and the whole family. I am deeply saddened by this news. 💔💔💔😭🙏

Sharon Lamonakis - February 02, 2025 at 03:57 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. Kathy was a great comrade in arms in the HR field. She was always willing to provide sound advise to me. She was a fighter in life. God bless.

Joan Bertrand - February 02, 2025 at 10:27 AM

MD

“ I was saddened to learn that Kathy had passed, but reading how she dealt with cancer convinced me she was a tremendously smart and caring woman. I met Kathy at UMass Medical School when she was the Director of Human Resources. She truly kept the word “human” in this position because she was very kind and caring while being so professional with her team. We would do anything for Kathy. May God hold her, bless her family. She was a blessing to all of us.

Michelle Deignan - February 02, 2025 at 06:18 AM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kathryn M. Fisk.



January 31, 2025 at 03:57 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Kathryn M. Fisk.

January 31, 2025 at 03:57 PM

AY

“ Paul, Tyler and family - I am very sad to hear of Kathy’s passing. I think of All the fun times we had together in our hockey years and the beach trips and her wonderful hospitality and help with my son Vinny - I wish we had stayed in closer touch - She will be sadly missed 😭. Vinny and Angela Yacuzzi - Palm Coast, Florida

Angela Yacuzzi - January 31, 2025 at 02:30 PM

NP

“ Dear Paul and family,

*We are deeply saddened to hear of Kathy's passing. We pray she is at peace. May the love and support of your family and friends provide some comfort at this very sad time.*

*With deepest sympathy,*

*Gary and Nadine Premo*

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**Nadine Premo** - January 31, 2025 at 08:13 AM

RP

“ *I am in shock, having just learned of Kathy's passing. I have known her for 30 years or more. She served with me on Princeton's Baseball and Softball Committee and on The Princeton Advisory Committee. She was very smart and a great person to work with. Beyond all that, I always saw her as a good friend. Please accept my sincere condolences. Ron Peterson*

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**Ron Peterson** - January 30, 2025 at 09:10 PM

KK

“ *Despite her battle with cancer she was bubbly, kind and radiated a special light. Her love for her family was ever in the forefront. Blessings.*

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**Karen Krahl** - January 30, 2025 at 03:58 PM

KK

“ Karen K. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Kathryn M. Fisk.



Karen K. - January 30, 2025 at 03:51 PM

MC

“ Feeling sad this morning to hear of Kathy's passing and at the same time feeling blessed to have known her and Paul and their family as their friends and neighbors here in Princeton. Kathy was always a true professional in her involvement in local town committees (little league and others) always interacting with a friendly engaging demeanor with an ability to gain your attention and support to her opinions. We have been aware of Kathy's fight with her illness and am not surprised to her of her valiant fight against it. Knowing her we would expect nothing less. God Bless you Kathy as you now dwell in your heavenly home and God Bless Paul and her entire family as you morn the loss of your dearest wife, mother and sister. Until we meet again, Mark and Sally Charest

Mark and Sally Charest - January 30, 2025 at 10:03 AM

BG

I was terribly sorry to read Kathy's obit in Greenfield paper this morning back in 1972 Kathy and I went to SMU from GCC and started a friendship we traveled home at breaks together for 2 yrs after that life happened we lost touch but I remember the good times from school she lead such a full life God bless her Barb Gochinski Deerfield

Barb Gochinski - February 03, 2025 at 11:52 AM