

IN MEMORIAM

Mary K. Shea, 58

October 27, 2017

WILLIAMSTOWN, Mass. — Mary Kathryn 'Kate' Shea, 58, of Williamstown died on Friday, October 27, 2017, at her home.

She was born in New Milford, Conn., on May 7, 1959, a daughter of the late James & Patricia (Tobin) Shea. Mary Kate graduated from Canterbury School in 1977. She then attended Williams College and received her bachelor's degree in 1981. She was employed as a Bursar at Williams College Office of the controller.



Mary Kate was a deeply compassionate person; she balanced her hard work for Williams College with love for her family, especially by caring for her mother, Pat, and father, Jim. Mary Kate often devoted her vacations to family trips to Cape Cod with her three brothers and sister and her beloved niece and nephews. Her home and screensaver was full of family photos. Before coming to the college she worked for NBC on the 1996 Olympic Games; for the NBA and the Massachusetts Sports & Entertainment Commission, including as a manager of the 2006 NCAA Women's Final Four; and as a marketing manager for the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City.

She was an avid Red Sox fan, too. Her career also included events planning positions at Dartmouth, Connecticut College and the Children's Miracle Network. It was that skill in events planning that originally brought Mary Kate to Williams College in 2009, as director of the college's Conferences Office. She later brought the same focus and commitment to her work as bursar.

Mary Kate's was a member of the Village Ambulance Service board.

Mary Kate leaves her brother James Shea and his wife Alissa of Gill, Mass. She also leaves a sister, Megan Shea and her husband Cyrus Cook of Wallingford, Conn. Mary Kate also leaves her brothers, Toby Shea of Pittsfield and Tim Shea and his wife Jenni of San Marcos, Calif. She also leaves her niece and nephews, Liam, Aidan, Emma, Eben, Riley and Carter.

Funeral notice: A funeral to celebrate the life of Mary Kate Shea will be held on Thursday, November 2, 2017, at 4 p.m. at the Thompson Memorial Chapel on the campus of Williams College. A reception at the Faculty House will follow.

Burial will take place Saturday, November 4, 2017, at 10 a.m. in St. Francis Cemetery in New Milford, Conn. Because of Mary Kate's love for children and the Boston Red Sox, donations are suggested for the Jimmy Fund, 10 Brookline Pl, Brookline, MA 02445.

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