



Kathy Brode

October 6, 1961 - February 10, 2026

Kathy Mottolese Brode passed away peacefully on the evening of Tuesday, February 10 at her family home in Edinboro Pennsylvania with her family at her side.

Kathy was born on October 6, 1961 in Greenwich, Connecticut to Lynn and Bill Mottolese. Predeceased by her sister who died in infancy, Kathy was the oldest of four children, having three younger brothers. She graduated from St. Mary's High School in Greenwich in 1979 and Boston College with a double major in business and psychology in 1984. Kathy had a long and successful career in sales, primarily for Prentice Hall Books and Glaxo Smithkline and Johnson & Johnson in the pharmaceutical industry. She and Mark settled in East Setauket, Long Island with their two sons, Mark and Ryan, and later in life, they moved to western Pennsylvania, where Kathy drove a school bus for a few years in her early retirement. Kathy lived her life for others, especially her children and her two grandsons, Owen and Brooks. Lovingly called "chatty Kathy" by her father, she loved to sit and talk for hours with her friends and family in her home, especially in her back yard where she hosted many cookouts and parties, and on the phone. She and Mark especially enjoyed watching Ryan and Mark, both NCAA division one athletes, play competitive soccer.

Kathy's soul place was Montauk, New York. She loved to spend time with her

family at the Mottolese home near the beach and met her husband Mark there. She grew up at this home away from home at the “end of the world,” from her early childhood days when the family spent a couple of weeks each summer at the East Deck in Ditch Plains to her teenage and adult years at the family home in Hither Hills. Kathy had a way of making every person she met feel special and loved, and had an endless flow of kind words for her family, friends, and the kids who rode the bus with her in Conneaut Lake, Pennsylvania. A lifelong Catholic, Kathy was active in her Church and brought God’s love into the lives of everyone she met.

She is survived by her husband Mark Brode, her two sons and their wives, Ryan and Courtney Brode of Pittsburgh and Mark and Alexa Brode of East Northport and her two grandchildren, Owen Brode and Brooks Brode, as well as her parents, Lynn and Bill Mottolese of Stamford Connecticut, her three brothers and wives, Peter and Nina Mottolese of Stamford, Bill and Jennifer Mottolese of Trumbull, and Michael and Maura Mottolese of New Canaan, and her mother-in-law, Marjorie V. Brode of East Northport. She also leaves behind a large and loving extended family of in-laws and numerous nieces and nephews. She is predeceased by her sister Lori Mottolese.

Visitation will be from 1:00PM to 3:00PM and 5:00PM to 8:00PM on Thursday, February 19th at Bosak Funeral Home & Cremation, 453 Shippan Avenue, Stamford, CT. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Friday, February 20th at 10:30 AM at the Church of St. Cecilia, 1184 Newfield Avenue, Stamford, CT. Burial will follow at St. Mary’s Cemetery in Greenwich.

If you wish to make a remembrance for the family, you may sign the family guestbook at www.bosakfuneralhome.com or www.facebook.com/bosakfuneralhome.

Cemetery Details

St. Mary/Putnam Cemetery (Greenwich)

35 Parsonage Road
Greenwich, CT 06830

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 19. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Bosak Funeral Home & Cremation
453 Shippan Avenue
Stamford, CT 06902

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FEB 19. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Mass

FEB 20. 10:30 AM (ET)

Church of Saint Cecilia
1184 Newfield Ave
Stamford, CT 06905

Tribute Wall

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“ *My deepest condolences to the Mottolese and Brode family. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.*

Megan McCaffrey

Megan McCaffrey - March 04 at 03:36 PM

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“ *Our deepest condolences to the Mottolese family on the passing of sweet Kathy. The Jensens go way back and it is hard to put into words the closeness of my mother Rachel Jensen to Lynn and Bill Mottolese. My mom knew Kathy and all of her siblings since birth. Aunt Rachel talks so much about what a loving and kind person she was! Always so proud of her boys and the recent addition of the grand babies. What a legacy she leaves. The Brode/Motts are all blessed to have had a daughter, sister, wife, mom and Gammy like Kathy. In the words of Billy Joel, "only the good die young" Rest in peace Kathy*

Kathleen Bellissimo - February 20 at 10:35 PM

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“ *Terryville soccer brought Kathy and I together. Cheering our boys on while they played, yelling at referees, traveling to tournaments all over and being their biggest cheerleaders. That's where it began but with Kathy it never ended. If Kathy knew anything it was how to be a good friend so our friendship continued over almost 30 years and I am so thankful for it. Too many memories to even name but know I will always love you my friend and be grateful to you!*

Laura Laza - February 18 at 09:57 PM

MJ

“ I remember meeting Mark's girlfriend, soon to be wife, Kathy back in the day (80's) out in Montauk. It was at a dive bar on the old highway called the Surfside. It had a huge fireplace, pool table, dart board and they rented out rooms upstairs. The walls were covered with graffiti, claiming who had been there and when.

It was a long time ago and much has changed over the many years. But what never changed was the love Mark and Kathy shared and the great, big, wonderful family that followed. This photo was 1 that I found from Mark and Kathy's wedding. A beautiful bride, a wonderful kind person. Her smile and kindness she shared with all those she met.

I am so sorry for the loss of Kathy from her family & this world, but take peace in knowing she is in good hands in heaven.

-with love cousin Mia (Maude)



Mia (Maude) James - February 18 at 04:53 PM