



## Catherine "Katey" E. Holmes

September 15, 1951 - January 13, 2023

Loudonville, NY-Catherine Elizabeth Freeman Holmes, Katey, passed into eternal life on January 13, 2023 at home with her family at her side. For over two years, she fought the good fight against ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease). No matter the struggle, she maintained a positive attitude, a smile on her face, a good sense of humor...and a love of God.

Katey was born on September 15, 1951 in Albany, NY. She spent her childhood in Deerland on Long Lake in the Central Adirondacks. She was the daughter of the late Fred and Marian Freeman.

Katey attended and graduated from Long Lake Central School and was the salutatorian of the Long Lake High School Class of 1969. Katey then attended and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree from The College of St. Rose, Class of 1973, in Albany, NY. She did post graduate studies at The College of St. Rose, Russell Sage College in Troy and the State University of Albany.

Joining the teaching staff, Katey began a long and successful thirty year career as an Art Teacher at Watervliet Junior-Senior High School where she excelled in the front of the classroom. Katey was well recognized as a teacher who could motivate the most disenchanted student and was often called upon by the school administration to 'save' a faltering student and she never failed

at that. Beyond the classroom, Katey continued to work with students as faculty advisor to the Class of 1979, the Art Club, the Photography Club, the Ski Club, the school newspaper and, particularly, to the Watervliet High School Student Negotiating Team.

Coming from a small country Roman Catholic Church in Long Lake, St. Henry's, Katey was almost overwhelmed by the grandeur of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Albany, NY. But she quickly became active for many years as a member of the Cathedral Choir under the direction of J. Robert Sheehan. She was a member of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception Parish Council and served on the altar as a Eucharistic Minister.

In addition to being predeceased by her parents, she was predeceased by her brother Richard Lee Freeman. She is survived by her brother, Frederick Daniel Freeman of New Scotland, NY.

Katey is survived by her husband of forty-four years, Richard M. Holmes, Sr. of Loudonville, NY. The two were married in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception by Monsignor Jack Jones.

Katey is survived by her son, Michael (Kate) of Myrtle Beach, SC, her stepchildren, Marianne Mckenna of Indian Land, SC, Richard Holmes Jr (Kelly) of Niskayuna, NY, Thomas Holmes (Lorene) of Amsterdam, NY and Daniel Holmes (Stafany) of Charlotte, NC.

Katey is also survived by her grandchildren, Kenneth, Emily, Kasey, Brian, Kyle, Candice, Lexie, Macie, Cameron, Skylar, Luciana, Luca, and Marlena. She is also survived by her two great grandchildren, Alani and Colette.

Katey's family gives a special "Thank You" to The Community Hospice of Albany, NY and to St. Peter's Hospital ALS Regional Center.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Katey's family Thursday, January 19, 2023 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm in McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany, NY 12206. Please enter the funeral home from the rear parking lot entrance only.

Funeral services Friday, January 20, 2023 at 10:00 am at Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, corner of Eagle St. and Madison Ave., Albany, NY 12202 where her Funeral Mass will be celebrated.

Those wishing to remember Katey in a special way may send a contribution to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception Restoration Fund, 125 Eagle Street, Albany, NY 12202.

To leave a message for the family please visit [www.McveighFuneralHome.com](http://www.McveighFuneralHome.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **19**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.  
208 N Allen St  
Albany, NY 12206  
(518) 489-0188  
info@mcveighfuneralhome.com  
<http://www.McveighFuneralHome.com>

## Service

JAN **20**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception  
Corner of Eagle Street and Madison Avenue  
Albany, NY 12202  
(518) 463-4447

# Tribute Wall



“ Catherine "Katey" E. Holmes

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ Dear Dick and family

*Please accept our condolences for your loss. We met you and Kathy when we moved to Triano. I will always remember her smile and her warm welcome.*

*Scribes was a wonderful social evening where Kathy opened your home to its members and was always a gracious hostess. We will never forget those wonderful evenings. I know how difficult it is to lose her. She is finally at peace. Our love to you and family.*

*Rosalie and Frank Kunsman  
Venice, Fl*

Rosalie & Frank Kunsman - January 29, 2023 at 11:35 PM



“ I met Katie s few years ago through our mutual friend Marion. She was a sweet woman who enjoyed photography. She adored her grandchildren and would often share stories of them.  
I'm so very sorry to hear of her passing.

Kimberly Dey - January 20, 2023 at 09:22 PM



“ Dick & Family, my thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

Kristine Maxwell - January 17, 2023 at 09:59 AM

DP

“ Dear Mr. Holmes and Family,  
I am so very sorry for your profound loss. Kathy was a lovely soul  
and blessed so many people. She's singing with the angels now. I  
pray for your comfort and peace.  
Fondly,  
Donna Wolfe Padula

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**Donna Padula** - January 16, 2023 at 09:09 PM

JD

“ Janet DeBiasio sent a virtual gift in memory of  
Catherine "Katey" E. Holmes



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**Janet DeBiasio** - January 16, 2023 at 08:23 PM

JD

*Katie and I have been friends since childhood and I love that she had  
moved to Florida for a few years and I got to spend more time with her.  
She will be missed. She was full of many talents and passion about a  
lot of things. And she loved her family the best.*

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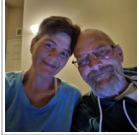
**Janet DeBiasio** - January 16, 2023 at 08:25 PM

MS

“ Dick and family, so sorry to hear of Katey's passing. I hope she is at  
peace and just know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers.  
May her memory be eternal. My sincere sympathy.

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**Mary Severance** - January 16, 2023 at 07:20 PM



“ Words cannot express the loss I felt the minute I read of Mrs. Holmes' passing. I had the honor of being her student for 2.5 years at Watervliet High. She was not only a teacher to me but a true confidant. When one of my brothers left for the service she was my shoulder to lean on. When my grandmother passed my senior year she was once again a shoulder to lean on. I'll never forget how excited she was that I lied to her about not being able to attend an art show she had a few years ago...it was a little white lie. Mrs. Holmes (and I never could bring myself to call her Katey though I had her permission ) will forever live on in my heart and will forever be my absolute favorite teacher of all time. God Bless!



*Kim Broderick Reynolds Class of '97*

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**Kim Reynolds** - January 16, 2023 at 05:56 PM

LS

“ Mrs. Holmes taught art class in Watervliet High. She believed in us and in our free artistic expression, even when we were stretching that expression to absurdity. When I graduated, she gave me \$50 for art supplies and a reference that got me a creative writing scholarship to Hartwick College. I am currently a graphic designer and have written 12 books, and Mrs. Holmes was a big part of that.

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**Liam Sweeny** - January 16, 2023 at 02:29 PM