

Catherine Buck Damon

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Catherine Buck Damon, 74, died at her home in Barnstable, MA on June 26, 2017 following a long illness. She was surrounded by her close family and was in the loving thoughts and prayers of friends near and far.

Cathy Damon was born in Buffalo, NY to Sally Smith Buck and Roswell Seymour Buck. With her younger brother W. Lawrence "Larry" Buck, she grew up in Buffalo. Together with her family, she spent summers in Point Abino, Ontario sailing and swimming along the shores of Lake Erie.

Cathy graduated from the Buffalo Seminary in 1960 and went on to Elmira College, where she graduated in 1964 with an Associate of Arts in nursing degree. Following college, she enrolled in Columbia University's nursing program and earned her Bachelor of Science in Nursing, graduating in 1965.

After receiving her BSN degree, Cathy worked as a Registered Nurse for the Visiting Nurse Association in Buffalo and then also in San Francisco after moving there. While on a visit home, her good friend and Seminary classmate Patty Marcy introduced her to John L. Damon II. John was also living in San Francisco at the time, working for Pan American World Airways. The couple became engaged while in San Francisco and married in Buffalo, NY in June of 1968. They settled in Needham MA, near John's hometown in Chestnut Hill (Newton), during which time John attended graduate school and Cathy worked as a clinical instructor in Newton-Wellesley Hospital's nursing program.

Cathy had their first child, Benjamin, in 1973, followed by their daughter Marion "Molly" the next year. Just before Molly was born, Cathy and John moved with Ben to Cape Cod to raise their family in Barnstable. Cathy and John returned to Buffalo many Christmases to spend time with her family and she continued to enjoy Point Abino during the summer with her children. Cathy returned to her career in 1985 when she began working for Robert P. Yoo, M.D. and ran the operating room for his private plastic surgery practice in Hyannis, MA. As a skilled and caring Certified Plastic Surgical Nurse, Cathy enjoyed meeting patients and advancing her knowledge within a continually evolving field. Cathy worked with Bob Yoo for 26 years until retiring in November 2011.

Deeply committed to her community, Cathy served for 47 years on the Board of Directors at Carleton-Willard Village, a continuing care retirement community in Bedford, MA. She was also a long-standing Trustee of the Peabody Foundation, Inc., a grant-making organization whose mission is the eradication of crippling diseases in children. Cathy's professional insight and compassionate heart made her a valuable voice on this board as well.

Outside of her work, Cathy loved to play tennis, a passion that she shared with her brother and father. She loved games and played bridge regularly for many years with a circle of close friends. She also learned mahjong later in life and became an avid player. She was a voracious reader with a particular love of mysteries. Cathy showed her children from a young age the wonder of Barnstable's Sturgis Library with regular visits that concluded almost every daily swing of errands.

Cathy is survived by her husband of 49 years, John L. Damon II; daughter Molly (Joshua) Frederickson of Tiverton, RI; son Benjamin (Erika) Damon of Hollis, NH, two grandchildren, Owen and Oliver Damon; and brother W. Lawrence Buck of Buffalo, NY. Cathy's family and dear friends will miss her energy, patience, loyalty, dignity, strength, courage and her warm hugs.

A memorial service in celebration of Cathy's life will be held at 2:00 PM on Thursday, July 27, 2017 at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 3055 Main Street, Barnstable MA 02630. A prior private interment service for Cathy's family is scheduled to be held at the Cummaquid Cemetery in Barnstable, located nearby her home of more than 40 years.

Cathy had a particular love of the local cardinals, goldfinches and chickadees that visited her backyard birdfeeder. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in her name may be made online or by mail to the nearby Massachusetts Audubon Long Pasture Wildlife Sanctuary via <http://www.massaudubon.org/honorary-memorial-gifts>, or by mail to Mass Audubon, Attn: Sarah Arsenault, 208 South.Great Road, Lincoln, MA 01773.

Obituary provided by Chapman, Cole & Gleason, Funeral Homes & Cremation Services,
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