



## Mrs. Eileen M. Clark

April 2, 1960 - April 27, 2021

Eileen M. Clark, age 61, of Adams, MA passed away peacefully on Tuesday, April 27th at Williamstown Commons surrounded by her family and a very special nurse after a 7-year battle with early onset Alzheimer's disease. Eileen was born on April 2, 1960 in North Adams, MA to Helen R. Dempsey and the late John M. (Jack) Dempsey. Eileen attended schools in Adams and graduated from Hoosac Valley High School with the Class of 1978. She went on to attend North Adams State College and graduated Summa Cum Laude in 1982 with a degree in Sociology. At the age of 16, Eileen began working at her family business, Martin's Shoe Store, where she continued to work until 2001. Eileen went on to become the Executive Director at Berkshire Dance Theatre for several years while her daughter danced there and was best known as a "BDT Betty." Eileen most recently worked at MCLA as an Administrative Assistant in the Admissions Office until August 2014. Eileen was a voracious reader and enjoyed collecting books. She also loved to challenge herself with a good crossword puzzle. Eileen could always be found at a sports field, a dance studio, or volunteering at her children's schools in their younger years. If Eileen were asked what her perfect day would look like, it would be spent on the beach in Wells, Maine with her family. Eileen leaves behind her high school sweetheart and loving husband of 35 years, Roni Clark and her daughter, Kara Clark (Chris Coons). She is also survived by her mother, Helen Dempsey; a sister, Carrie Alibozek (Douglas); a brother, John Dempsey (Deborah); a brother in law, David Clark (Stefanie);

her grandson, Braydin Clark; her granddaughter, Gabriella Clark; and several aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews. Eileen also leaves behind a close friend and former caregiver, Sandra Overlock, and an extended family at 25 Adams Rd in Williamstown. In addition to her father, Eileen was predeceased by her beloved son, Derek J. Clark, and her stepfather Sydney F. Ayres.

The Clark family would like to extend their gratitude to the staff at Williamstown Commons, as well as Hospice Care in the Berkshires, for their extraordinary care and compassion. Calling hours for Eileen will be held on Saturday, May 8th, from 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM in the PACIOREK FUNERAL HOME, 13 Hoosac St. Adams. Due to current regulations, use of face masks and social distancing will be strictly enforced. Funeral services and burial will be private. Memorial donations may be made to the Derek Clark Educational Fund, for the benefit of Eileen's grandchildren, through the funeral home. To leave a message of condolence, please go online to [www.paciorekfuneral.com](http://www.paciorekfuneral.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 8. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

RN

“ *Roni and family, you have my deepest sympathy for the loss of Eileen and your son. I was so sad to hear this news. You're all in my thoughts and prayers. I have wonderful memories of Eileen since kindergarten and high school with you both. Know my thoughts are with you at this difficult time. Sincerely,  
Robin Corbiere Nally*



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**Robin Nally** - May 14, 2021 at 11:08 PM

KO

“ *Eileen was a special person who gave of herself whole-heartedly to the community in which she lived. I knew her best through her involvement with Berkshire Dance Theatre, both as a volunteer and as its Executive Director. In both of these capacities, she used her experience as a mother, a business woman, and a sociologist to handle the day to day concerns of dancers and staff alike. With a sense of calm, she helped each individual to find their way, whether it be through a quick costume change or a career transition. Eileen understood how people felt and was compassionate in her response. Those of us who worked with her can only be grateful for the time spent together, recognizing that perhaps we are a bit kinder and more patient having followed her example. While her life was cut short and her final years a struggle, Eileen will remain in all of our hearts as a shining star who made a difference in ways we may not fully realize as yet.*

*With prayers, sympathy, and fond remembrance.  
Karyn O'Toole*

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**Karyn E O'Toole** - May 07, 2021 at 08:59 PM

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“ Karyn O'Toole, Artistic Director (2005-2010) purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Mrs. Eileen M. Clark.



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**Karyn O'Toole, Artistic Director (2005-2010)** - May 07, 2021 at 03:48 PM

MC

“ Roni and family, please accept my sincere condolences. Such a tragic year for you all. While it's been a long time, I will always remember what a cute high school couple you both were and what a sweet and kind person Eileen was--always smiling. She and Derek were taken from you too soon. You are in my prayers.

*Michele Pitoniak Crawford*

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**Michele Crawford** - May 05, 2021 at 04:04 PM

JA

“ Sending my deepest sympathy to all of you. While it's been a very long time, I hold a lot of young childhood memories of the Friend Street gang near to my heart.

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**Jodi (Lominski) Astore-Davine** - May 04, 2021 at 06:32 PM

PS

“ You were the light of your family . They will miss you greatly but know you are peace now . I will remember you fondly and smile when someone mentions your name . Fly high angel you will be missed .



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**penny shedrick** - May 04, 2021 at 11:02 AM

TK

“ *Roni and family,  
My deepest sympathy to you and family. I am so sorry for your loss and my thoughts and prayers are with you all. I remember Eileen as a most kind, smart, and wonderful person, even though it has been 40+ years. She will be missed by many, I am sure. Take care of each other.*

*Tom Kochanski*

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**Tom Kochanski** - May 04, 2021 at 09:52 AM

LV

“ *I am so sad to learn of Eileen's too soon passing. I knew her at Berkshire Dance Theater as both one of the "Bettys", the devoted stage moms, and as the executive director of BDT, where I believe she stepped in to a bit of a breach because the need was great.. Always kind, and eager to help out. I am sure she will be greatly missed, and I send my sincere condolences.*

*Lee Venolia (mother of Celeste)*

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**Lee Venolia** - May 04, 2021 at 08:28 AM



“ *I remember Eileen from Martin's shoe store - my shoe club as a high school student and then a short period of time more closely involved with the Dempsey family. She was always so cheerful, vibrant and full of life. I pray you are at peace. For Dempsey and Clark family, I hope you find peace as you move through the coming days.*

*Sarah Tilton*

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**Sarah Tilton** - May 04, 2021 at 07:55 AM