



## Mary Kate Faloon

April 3, 1943 - September 26, 2024

Mary Kate Faloon, 81, passed away Thursday, September 26, with family by her side, after a long battle with congestive heart failure.

Mary Kate had a deep love for family and friends. She especially relished time with her grandchildren. She remembered everyone's birthdays and mailed cards for all sorts of occasions. She even mailed cards for Halloween. Through thick and thin, she had an unwavering sense of humor and while small in stature, her indomitable spirit ensured she was always a presence and stayed connected with those she loved.

Mary Catherine Foote was born April 3, 1943, the youngest of three children born to Dr. Catherine and Lucius Foote. She grew up on Hurlburt Road on the east side of Syracuse and was a lifelong resident of Central New York. She spoke fondly of childhood memories with her siblings, Knowlton and Lucy, and going to summer camp at nearby Camp Talooli.

After graduating from Nottingham High School in 1961, Mary Kate attended the University of Maine Orono. Many members of Mary Kate's family attended Syracuse University over the years, but she wanted to venture out on her own. She earned her teaching degree at UMO where she also met her future husband, Richard Faloon. After moving back to CNY, Mary Kate taught middle school science before changing gears to stay at home with her three sons.

Later she worked for West Genesee Schools, which led to several subsequent positions for Onondaga County. She was always studying for and taking civil service tests to earn promotions. Mary Kate didn't talk about work often, but at her retirement party in 2006 it was very evident how much her co-workers loved and respected her.

Mary Kate was active in the community in many different ways. She was involved with dinner clubs, played soccer, and was a member of Onondaga Hill Players, a local theater group, for many years. This led to her being on the set of Paul Newman's "Slapshot." She instilled in her family a passion for gardening, good food, and travel. She was especially fond of trips to Cape Cod and several years ago, after extensive preparation, she enjoyed a dream vacation in Tuscany, Italy.

And no telling of Mary Kate's life would be complete without mentioning how much she loved SU sports. She followed the football and basketball teams regardless of how well they were playing, and like a lot of people in CNY, she owned a lot of orange clothing. She was a dedicated fan whose enthusiasm led her to yelling at the TV when watching games—"Get him! Get him!"—often startling her grandchildren in the process. She kept up with baseball, too, because she knew her sons rooted for the Red Sox and Mets.

Mary Kate is survived by her three sons; Mike (Johanna) Faloon, Patrick Faloon, and Casey (Becky) Faloon; grandchildren Maggie, Sean, Liam, and Olivia; step-grandchild Shep, and, of course, her cat Squeakers.

Calling hours will be Wednesday, Oct. 2 from 4 to 6 pm at B.L. Bush & Sons Funeral Home, 10 Genesee St., Camillus. Funeral services are Thursday at 11 am at the funeral home. Burial will be held in North Syracuse Cemetery.

Contributions in lieu of flowers may be made to Arthritis Foundation at [www.ar](http://www.ar)

thritis.org

Please sign the guestbook at [www.BLBUSH.com](http://www.BLBUSH.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **2**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

B.L. Bush & Sons Funeral Home  
10 W. Genesee Street  
Camillus, NY 13031  
(315) 672-3400  
info@bushfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.bushfuneralhome.com/>

## Service

OCT **3**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *B.L. Bush & Sons Funeral Home / Monuments created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary Kate Faloon*



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**B.L. Bush & Sons Funeral Home / Monuments** - October 02, 2024 at 08:09 PM

SL

“ *I just now learned of Mary Kate's death. She and I were college roommates and we had a wonderful time! We stayed in touch for quite a while; her sons and my sons having been born close the same times. Her third was born, but my third boy was a miscarriage. I last saw Mary Kate in the early 2000's when I had a business meeting in Syracuse. I was saddened by her advanced rheumatoid arthritis, but we had a lovely visit and dinner and caught up on each other's lives. I will always remember our good times at UMaine. Sandy Moores Leonard*

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**sandra leonard** - March 10, 2025 at 08:19 AM

CH

“ *I have fond memories of Mary Kate. Remember laughing as we sat around picnic table at Vandercamp playing solitaire and yelling and screaming! Fun times back then*

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**Carolyn Hall** - September 29, 2024 at 10:02 AM

JH

“ My heartfelt condolences to all of Mary Kate's wonderful family. Her humor, her laughter, her strong work ethic, her smile, her never ending support of SU Sports, but mostly her kindness shall be what I always remember about my dear friend. I thank God for the joy she put into my life and countless others lives. May she rest in the peace of God's loving arms. Let's Go Orange!!

Jim Hoppe - September 28, 2024 at 04:52 PM

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Mary Kate was a phenomenal worker and dedicated to her work. As one of her supervisors I admired her ability to work conscientiously. My deepest condolences to her family. She was rooting on her Orangemen today. May her memory be a blessing. Ira Dubnoff

Ira Dubnoff - September 28, 2024 at 07:00 PM

ES

I will never forget all the good times we had together. You introduced me to all your friends and I became part of that group that you hung around with for many years. I will miss you terribly. You also let me take part in many family events. You have 3 wonderful sons. I will always think of you when I watch SU play basketball and football. You were one of their greatest fans. Much love and sorrow for your loss - Eileen

Eileen Sheehan - September 29, 2024 at 06:20 AM

DD

My Sincere condolences 🌸 on the passing of Mary Kate!! She was my supervisor when we had worked together in the Cashiers office for the Dept. of Social Services Accounting Division. Mary Kate was a very good supervisor and was fair to everyone. She was always honest and forthright in her work ethics which I highly respected her for. It was a pleasure to work with her and know her for many years!! May she rest in eternal peace. 🕊️

Sincerely, David DeRegis

David DeRegis - September 29, 2024 at 07:49 PM

RP

*We will always have memories of the friendship and good times we shared for over forty years. Rest in peace, Mary Kate. You will be missed.*

*Our sincere condolences, Fred and Rose Anne Pushlar*

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**Rose Anne Pushlar** - October 02, 2024 at 03:01 PM