

Obituary

Holly Mae Dow

October 23, 1941 ~ January 10, 2022



Holly Mae Dow (formally of Medford, MA) was born on October 23, 1941, in New Bedford, Massachusetts. She was the eldest of two children born to the late Edward B. and June Powell Dow.

Holly grew up in Milton, Massachusetts and graduated from Milton High School. Shortly thereafter, she attended business school and began working for the State of Massachusetts. In 1966, after the birth of her daughter, Holly began working at Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH) and worked at MGH for the next 30 years until challenged by a long-term illness. She officially retired in 2008, ending a 42-year career.

Holly lived life to the fullest and never let her health challenges deter her from what she loved doing. Holly loved the island of Bermuda and made over seventy trips in her lifetime. Her friends in Bermuda referred to her as an honorary Bermudian, and she carried this honor with pride. She gladly returned the favor and hosted many friends in Boston and this too made her happy. Holly was a wonderful cook and baker – which she learned from her mother. Many of her friends and family members raved about her pound cake, carrot cake and cornbread. She took great pride in cooking and loved watching folks enjoy every savory morsel.

Holly loved live music and from her early days, she was front and center at many shows. In her later years, she never missed a local show when her daughter, and/or other Boston-based musicians, were performing. When the pandemic forced music to go virtual, Holly would tune in on her iPad. She also enjoyed watching old movies, her beloved Celtics and spending time with close friends.

In August 2021, health challenges plagued her once again. For the next five months, she resided at Life Care Center of Raynham, until her passing. On the evening of January 10, 2022, she received God's gift of eternal life and transitioned peacefully. Holly's faith in God never wavered. Her faith helped her to garner the strength that she needed to get through this difficult period. Holly faced her recent illness with her characteristic strength and grace. Her courage serves as a legacy to all who know and love her.



Celebrating Holly's life and cherishing her memories are her daughter, Lori Dow, of South Easton, MA, Sister, Crystal (James) Moore of Brockton, MA, Goddaughter, Bethyl Rose of Roxbury, MA, and a host of loving relatives and friends.

A memorial service, celebrating Holly's life will be held at Twelfth Baptist Church, 160 Warren Street, Roxbury, MA on Saturday, March 26th at noon.