



Kathleen Mary Bean

December 8, 2024

Beloved mother, Goma, and Grandma Kathy, Kathleen Mary Bean (Sines), passed away peacefully in the glow of the afternoon sun, surrounded by her loving family, on December 8, 2024. She was 79 years old.

Born with a fierce and determined spirit on March 15, 1945, in Philadelphia, PA, Kathleen was the third of four children born to Francis Xavier and Augusta “Gussie” Sines. Her lively personality shined from the very beginning—even arriving with a tooth ready to bite. She graduated from Cardinal Dougherty High School in 1963 and cherished her childhood summers in Cape May, NJ, a place that held a special place in her heart throughout her life.

In 1962, Kathleen met her future husband, Michael James Bean, on the sunny shores of Cape May. They married on May 8, 1965. They raised three sons, splitting their time between Philadelphia and their cherished beach house. Kathleen reveled in hosting family gatherings at the shore, creating lifelong memories filled with laughter and love.

After their marriage ended in 1981, Kathleen embraced a new chapter, moving with her children to Berkeley, CA. She built a remarkable career with the federal government, serving with dedication at the Alameda and Concord Naval Weapons Stations, the Oakland Army Base, and the Food Safety Inspection Service.

In her retirement, Kathleen found joy and purpose working with the Jeff Long lab in the College of Chemistry at UC Berkeley, where she welcomed and supported visiting scholars and graduate students from around the globe. She had a gift for connection and made everyone she encountered feel at home.

Kathleen's passions were as vibrant and eclectic as her personality. She found joy in cooking, reading, gardening, astrology, and her favorite time of year, Christmas. Her unique flair was evident in everything she touched—her bold fashion sense, her thoughtfully curated home, and her legendary Christmas bows, which adorned every gift with creativity and care. But her greatest delight came from her grandchildren, Aidan, Eva, and Vivienne, who were the light of her life.

Kathleen's warmth, elegance, and sense of humor left an indelible mark on all who knew her. She is preceded in death by her parents and her brother Frank (Audrey). She is survived by her sons Michael Timothy, Scott, and Jeff (Laura), her beloved grandchildren, her brother Ed (Pat), her sister Maryann (Frank), and a host of nieces, nephews, and dear friends who will forever cherish her memory.

To honor Kathleen's remarkable life, a virtual celebration will be held on what would have been her 80th birthday, March 15, 2025. For more information, please visit her Facebook page or contact the family directly at timbean66@gmail.com.

Kathleen's legacy of love, kindness, and style will live on in the hearts of all who knew her.

Previous Events

Interment

DEC 12. 1:00 PM (PT)

Cypress Lawn Cemetery
Colma, CA