

Catherine Mary Cree Patrissi - Obituary

Catherine Mary Cree Patrissi, 'Cassie,' passed away suddenly at her home in Moretown, Vermont, on Nov. 30, 2015. She was beloved by her husband of 45 years, Joseph Patrissi, and her sons Jeremy, Justin, and Jason. Her granddaughter, GiGi Cree Patrissi, is her spitting image.



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Cassie grew up in St Johnsbury, Vermont, born on Feb. 1, 1949 to Steve and Joyce Cree. Her heart, however, always stayed at her beloved Willoughby Lake where her family had a camp for many years. In her childhood she loved horses and ice fishing with her dad. She could recite poetry and was a Romantic at heart. She loved all animals and living creatures. She loved our house, which is at the foot of Ward Mountain, where she would feed every animal, large and small, that roamed Vermont. She loved the peace and nature here. She couldn't kill a spider but would catch them and take them outside so they wouldn't come to harm. She had a deep spiritual connection to our Lord Jesus Christ.

One of her favorite jobs was being the last receptionist to Governor Dick Snelling. She was the face of state government at the highest level and she was proud of that. She did a lot of public service in her work during her life including working at Fletcher Allen, serving as an EMT locally, and working and caring for the disabled. She was the changing force in Jason Magoon's life as she became a surrogate mother to him and whom she loved as her own son. Cassie was an advocate of the underdog, the arts, and she loved the deep beauty of this wonderful place we call Vermont. She was an articulate and beautiful girl and a classy lady. She will be missed and leaves a hole in the hearts of those of us who loved her.

Because May was her favorite month and Willoughby Lake her favorite place, there will be a service at the church in Westmore, in May. Cassie will be buried at the north end of the Lake in the cemetery there. Details will be announced to her friends near that time. For those who wish, memorial gifts would be appreciated to Northeast Kingdom Community Action, PO Box 346, Newport VT 05855 (www.nekcavt.org).