



Nora Saunders (Kenney)

August 17, 1959 - December 29, 2019

Nora Saunders (Kenney), 60, wife of the late David A. Saunders, passed away on December 29, 2019, in North Port, Florida.

Nora was born on August 17, 1959 in Bridgeport, Connecticut to Robert E. and Kathryn (Mertsock) Kenney. She grew up in Oakville and Woodbury, CT, and graduated from Nonnewaug High School in Woodbury. She received a degree in cosmetology from Sampieri School of Hair Design in Waterbury in 1978.

Nora moved to Newport, Rhode Island in 1983 where she met her husband David, an award-winning chef in Newport.

Nora and David were married at the historic St. Mary's Church in Newport on September 28, 1991.

Nora and David have a daughter, Brooke, who resides in Bristol, Rhode Island. Newport locals may remember Nora from the many years she and her husband owned and operated the Nutcracker Suite Christmas Shop on Mill Street, and especially Nora's special way of personalizing ornaments for their customers.

Nora was also a licensed barber and worked for several years as a barber at

George's Barber Shop on Broadway.

In 2009, Nora moved with her family to North Port, Florida, joining other family members who lived in the area, including her mother Kathryn of Nokomis.

Nora worked as a barber at Razor's Edge Salon in Venice for many years where she gained a large and loyal following for her skill as well as her kind and easy-going personality. Also a talented artist, Nora ran her own business, Seascapes Sand Dollars and Shells, creating and selling her hand-painted seashell Christmas ornaments, greeting cards, and other beach inspired crafts.

Nora's favorite things were spending time with her daughter and going to the beach on Sundays with her mother.

Nora was best known and will be most remembered for her beautiful smile, generosity, thoughtfulness, and her kind, gentle, and selfless spirit.

Nora was predeceased by her husband David and her father, Robert E. Kenney.

She is survived by her daughter Brooke of Bristol, RI, her mother Kathryn of Nokomis, FL, her brother Robert F. "Bobby" Kenney of Bridgewater, CT, her brother William "Billy" Kenney of Blandford, MA, and her sister Mary Kenney of Newport, RI. She is also survived by numerous extended family members including two aunts and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

A Mass of Christian burial will take place on Friday, January 10th at 10:00am in the chapel at Epiphany Cathedral, 310 Sarasota Street, Venice, Florida.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the National Alliance of

Mental Illness (NAMI) at 3803 N. Fairfax Drive, Suite 100, Arlington, VA 22203
or online www.nami.org.

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 10. 10:00 AM (ET)

Epiphany Cathedral Catholic Church
310 Sarasota Street
Venice, FL 34285
(941) 484-3505

Tribute Wall



“ Although Nora cut my hair for so many years, she was more than just a hairdresser, she was a friend. We shared stories and laughs and she always had a smile. The world is a less of a place without Nora, but she will always live on in my heart and every Christmas when I put her Sandollar’s on the tree, fond memories of her shall return.

Scott - January 10, 2020 at 03:59 PM



“ Nora has always had a large spot in my heart, and she always will. Such a beautiful person and smile. She had graced everyone who knew her..The world is a lesser place without her. I will continue to cherish our friendship.

Bob DeLuca - January 09, 2020 at 06:19 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Nora Saunders (Kenney).



January 09, 2020 at 05:11 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Nora Saunders (Kenney).



January 09, 2020 at 02:07 PM

JF

“ We will miss Nora and Dave so much. Her passing and Dave’s passing leaves a hole in our hearts and in our neighborhood. I will think of Nora every Christmas when I put her sand dollar ornaments on our tree. Jan & Carl

janice foreman - January 09, 2020 at 08:56 AM

JC

I remember the holidays when the family would get together her smile lit up the room. She was definitely the kindest most easy to get along with person you could ever meet in your life. She will be forever missed we have lost a lot of members in this family and it's hard everytime! See you later cuzz. 🍊🍊🍊🍊🍊🍊🍊🍊🍊🍊🍊🍊🍊🍊🍊🍊

Joey capp - January 11, 2020 at 05:49 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Nora Saunders (Kenney).



January 09, 2020 at 08:17 AM

GD

“ Gayle Murphy and Bob DeLuca purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Nora Saunders (Kenney).



Gayle Murphy and Bob DeLuca - January 09, 2020 at 07:29 AM

GM

“ I am deeply saddened by this tragic event of Nora's passing. We have kept in contact for over 40 years, remembering each other on birthdays and holidays. I am blessed that we were able to see each other last February on my visit to Florida. I will cherish that time together. Rest in Peace my dear friend.
My deepest sympathies to Brooke, Mrs. Kenney, Mary, Bobby, Billy and the Saunders family.

Gayle Murphy - January 09, 2020 at 07:16 AM

KG

“ I worked for Nora at The Nutcracker in Newport. I will always remember her and Dave as kind, funny people. I loved her name so much I named my daughter Nora. I have many fond memories of my time spent with both of them. I am so sorry for your loss. Kim Geoghegan Tiverton, RI

Kim Geoghegan - January 09, 2020 at 06:16 AM



“ So sorry to hear this sad news today at the barber shop. Nora was my barber for the last 9 years. She was always kind and considerate and her smile was beautiful. RIP dear Nora. My deepest sympathy to her family and friends. She will be missed by all of us.

Jay Uler - January 08, 2020 at 09:22 PM

RM

“ So many memories of Nora: riding bikes at her house, spending the night at her house and mine, trying to dodge those pesky little brothers, just goofing off, I could go on and on. Amazing person. You will be missed.

Rayette Boulanger Montgomery - January 08, 2020 at 08:49 PM



“ I will always remember the fun times and visits we had as teenagers in CT and NJ. Nora was beautiful both inside and out. You will not be forgotten. Rest in peace dear, sweet Cousin.

Terry Jessup (Mertsock)

Terry Jessup (Mertsock) - January 08, 2020 at 08:21 AM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Nora Saunders (Kenney).



January 07, 2020 at 09:49 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray* was purchased for the family of Nora Saunders (Kenney).



January 07, 2020 at 09:38 PM

SS

“ *Nora will be greatly missed by those that knew and loved her, our deepest condolences to the Kenney family and her daughter Brooke, whom she loved dearly.*

Jeff & Sandy Saunders



Sandra Saunders - January 07, 2020 at 09:31 PM

MR

“ *Mary so sorry to read this thoughts and prayers are with you at this sad time*

Mary Lou riedel - January 07, 2020 at 09:28 PM

JC

“ *So sorry for your loss may she rest in peace*

June coon - January 07, 2020 at 08:48 PM

SE

“ *I will always remember Noras beautiful smile, her hospitality and kind demeanor on my trips to Newport. She was sweet, kind and welcoming. Waking up at the Nutcracker felt like Christmas in the Summertime. Nora would always give me a beautiful ornament before I left. I know she will be missed by all who knew her.💕💕*



Sandi Eustace - January 07, 2020 at 07:56 PM

LC

I worked with Nora at my first job at the woodbury pizza castle.that was 45 yrs ago.She was a sweetheart.Rip Nora.

Lori carroll - January 08, 2020 at 09:35 PM