



## Kathleen Thibodeau

January 17, 1948 - October 5, 2025

Kathleen (Kiburz) Thibodeau

Kathleen (Kiburz) Thibodeau, age 77, passed away at home in Carrollton, Texas on October 5, 2025. Kathy was born on January 17, 1948 in Albany, New York to the late Mildred (Schanz) Kiburz and Ernest Kiburz, the fourth of their six children.

Kathy grew up in Middleburgh, New York, and graduated from Middleburgh High School, Class of 1966. After attending Chamberlayne Junior College in Boston, Massachusetts, she continued to live in Boston where she met her future husband Alfred (Al) at the brownstone where they each had apartments. The two wed in July 1971 at a lovely chapel in Hudson, New Hampshire and were married for 53 years.

The first years of their marriage were spent in Nashua, NH where Kathy worked as a tailor for Carter's Men's Shop. In 1979, they moved to Carrollton, Texas, a suburb of Dallas, and continued to live there until their deaths.

Kathy found the greatest enjoyment in two main activities: cooking (which she and Al often did together), and quilting. Anyone who knew her knows that she excelled at both. Kathy was a member of the Quilter's Guild of Dallas, as well as the West Side Quilters (formerly Lone Star Quilters). Her stunning, hand-

stitched quilts won many ribbons at quilt shows, often in the Master Division. She was an avid reader, she walked most mornings before the sun got too hot, and both she and Al loved to travel. Favorite destinations included Europe, Maine, and Boston, as well as New York and New Hampshire to visit with family.

Kathy was predeceased by her beloved husband Al (by less than a year); her parents; sister, Leona Slater and her husband Paul, Jr.; and brother-in-law Charlie Blenis.

Surviving her are her siblings and spouses: Ed Kiburz (Ruthie), Barbara Blenis, Linda Wilsey (Gene), and George Kiburz; as well as many nieces and nephews.

At Kathy's request, there will be no public services. Those wishing to honor Kathy's life may make memorial contributions to Metrocrest Services ([metrocrestservices.org](http://metrocrestservices.org)) or KERA North Texas Public Broadcasting ([KERA.org](http://KERA.org)).