

Hello everyone! This is Alyssa, Barbara O'Brien's (VonPhilp) daughter. I wanted to reach out and thank everyone for their kind thoughts after Mom passed away. Receiving cards from Jeanne Langlois Kull and Marianne Downey (Lamitola) was greatly appreciated. Even though Mom's email account was taken off the email list I am lucky enough to have heard the posts that were shared after she passed, thanks to Phil Christensen from the class of 1962. I used to work with his wife Carol and they both became close friends with myself and Mom: So close, in fact, that they came up from NY when it became clear Mom only had a few days left. I must say that Peter Altschuler's post made my day and I have shared the Tuesday Weld comparison many times.

Wheatley meant a lot to Mom. I remember distinctly going with her to the 25th reunion and smiled when I recently came across photos from that weekend. I had fun getting to know Carol Reese, joking with Rick Berman and dancing with Jon Bindman. The class of 1963 is a special class. We remained close with Michael and Susan Sullivan, visiting with them here in Maine and in New Hampshire, and during their time in England. At the gathering when Susan passed we sat with Dory Fliegel, who shared great stories. Mom also enjoyed reconnecting with Jeff Jacobs.

We are having a Celebration of Life for Mom on Saturday, October 9th at 10:00.
I know it isn't likely feasible, but if you would like to come please reach out to me at

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Also, if you have a story or thoughts about Mom you'd like me to share on your behalf, please get in touch. If you can't make it that weekend but will be in the Maine area in the future, you are welcome to come by to visit and see her legacy of pottery and our shop. I would enjoy seeing any of you,

Alyssa O'Brien