

Suellen J. MacLaughlin (nee Pancallo), 62, died Thursday (April 16, 2009) at the Gosnell Memorial Hospice House, in Scarborough, ME, after a long battle with neurological complications from brain cancer she was treated for in 1989. Born on August 20, 1946 in Meriden, Suellen was the daughter of the late Hattie and Ralph Pancallo. She graduated from St. Thomas Aquinas High School in 1964, and from Emmanuel College in 1968. She received her Master's degree with honors in Education at American International College and worked as an enthusiastic teacher at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart School where she was well loved by her students. She was a long time volunteer for the American Red Cross and enjoyed quilting and rug hooking in her spare time. She was married to the late Richard MacLaughlin for 36 years. Suellen was a resident of Longmeadow, MA from 1974 until she moved to Maine in 2005. She was a member of St. Mary's Church, Longmeadow. She is survived by her daughters Alison and Jennifer and her husband, Alan, and her son Rich and his wife, Sarah. She also leaves behind three grandsons, Jack, Ethan and Joshua; three sisters, Kathleen, Mary Gail and Lori; and many nieces and nephews. Her friends and family will miss her lively spirit and quick sense of humor. Suellen lived the last few years of her life in the graceful care of the staff at Springbrook Nursing Care Center in Westbrook, ME, where she was well liked and loved to play bingo. She was the Red Sox number one fan. Her funeral will be held on Monday, April 20, beginning at 8:45 a.m. from the Forastiere-Smith Funeral Home, 220 North Main St., East Longmeadow, followed by a liturgy of Christian Burial, celebrated at 10 a.m. in St. Mary's Church, Longmeadow. Her burial will follow in the Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Springfield. Her family will receive friends at the funeral home on Sunday, April 19, from 2-5 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Suellen's name to the Gosnell Memorial Hospice House, 180 US Rt. 1, Scarborough, MA 04074. -