



Kate A. Mahoney

September 16, 1987 - March 16, 2020

Kate A. Mahoney, 32, of Wilmington, Delaware, passed away on Monday, March 16, 2020. Born on September 16, 1987 in Harlow, United Kingdom, she was a daughter of Janet (Beniston) Mahoney, of Phoenixville, Pennsylvania and Alan Mahoney, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

After moving to the United States with her family, Kate attended Spring-Ford High School, where she graduated in 2005 as salutatorian. Kate pursued her passion of rhetoric and international affairs at the University of Pennsylvania, graduating in 2009 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science with minors in Russian and Psychology. After working as a paralegal, Kate continued her education, receiving her Juris Doctorate from Drexel University Law School. She had been employed as an attorney at Pepper Hamilton, in Philadelphia and most recently at Gordon Fournaris and Mammarella, in Wilmington.

Kate had always been an avid writer, completing her first novel while in college and participating in a number of online writing groups. Her bookcase was always full of new finds of every genre from mystery to science fiction, along with some well-worn favorites. In addition, Kate enjoyed cooking, never hesitating to try a new recipe while consistently making her signature roasted potatoes for her family members to enjoy on holidays. She was called a "crazy cat lady" by her friends and family, frequently spoiling her two cats with treats

and toys. She will be remembered for her quick wit, her love of learning, and her prowess during her family's frequent marathon board game days.

In addition to her parents, Kate is survived by her siblings: Elaine J. Mahoney, of Tampa, Florida and Andrew R. Mahoney, of Atlanta, Georgia; aunts and uncles: David Beniston and his wife Phil, of Weedon, England, Susan Bradley and her husband Mike, of Capetown, South Africa and David Mahoney and his wife Lynne, of Dornoch, Scotland; and several cousins.

Memorial services will be announced for a time when family and friends can gather together. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Kate's name to at NaNoWriMo at <https://store.nanowrimo.org/collections/donate>. Arrangements are being handled by the Campbell - Ennis - Klotzbach Funeral Home, Inc., Phoenixville, Pennsylvania Condolences may be offered online at www.PhoenixvilleFuneralHome.com.

Tribute Wall

CK

“ I will not forget Kate’s sharp mind, kind heart, and quirky/dry sense of humor. She always gave 100%, and I am forever grateful for the time and energy she spent helping me and my teammate Connor prepare for a moot court competition. Her efforts, and her vote of confidence, made us better competitors. Kate and I went to lunch on her last day working in Philly, and she was so excited for her new chapter in Delaware and the trial experience she would get. I knew she would be an amazing trial attorney, and was happy to see her pursuing her dream. I’m sorry I did not keep better communication, and I’m incredibly sad to hear of her passing.

Candice Kearney - August 19, 2020 at 09:13 PM

KE

“ Kate and I graduated from law school together, and we had many classes together as well as being on Moor Court. Kate always made me laugh, and I have many fond memories of helping with her confidence in public speaking while she helped me understand difficult concepts of law. She was a brilliant mind that will be missed.

Kelsey - August 18, 2020 at 10:06 AM

AA

“ Kate and I were fellow Dean’s Scholars during our time at Drexel University School of Law. She was by far one of the smartest and hardest working people I had the pleasure of getting to know. There was never a time when she did not go the extra mile to assist fellow students in their law school endeavors. My sincerest condolences to Kate’s family and her loved ones.

Alen Arnautovic - August 17, 2020 at 04:56 PM

CC

“*Kate was my T.A. at Drexel's Kline School of Law; we then stayed in contact after her graduation when she often volunteered to be a guest judge for my students. I am heart-broken to hear of her death. I will miss her wit, her wry humor, and her commitment to excellence.*

Clare Keefe Coleman - August 10, 2020 at 09:26 AM

HM

“*Kate has been a beloved member of the NaNoWriMo community for many years. She played a pivotal role in shaping board culture and tone. She was a positive, joyful presence in the many years I have worked with her. Her presence is definitely missed. My love and condolences to her family. Thank you for sharing her with us for so long.*

Heather Dudley NaNoWriMo Forum Moderator - April 22, 2020 at 03:31 PM

AM

Heartfelt condolences to the family.

Amina - April 23, 2020 at 06:30 AM

SM

“*Everyone on the NaNoWriMo staff is so devastated to hear this news about Kate. She was such a kind and vibrant member of our community for so long, and her presence will be deeply missed. We're all thinking of all of you in her family at this difficult time, and will remember her fondly. Much love to all of her friends and loved ones from all of us.*

Sarah Mackey (NaNoWriMo staff member) - April 22, 2020 at 01:14 PM



“*Kate was passionate, kind, honest and brilliant. She was good-hearted and fun to be around. She was taken from us way too soon and will be missed. I wish I could hear her voice and her wisdom. My heart goes out to the whole family. May her memory be for a blessing.*

Ellen Lightman

Ellen Lightman - March 28, 2020 at 02:39 PM

AH

“*Kate and I became close over the last year. She was a great supporter of my kitten rescue. We talked a lot about life stories and our cats. She's been there for me and helped me through my current pregnancy. I am devastated to hear of her passing and just hope that she is at peace. Thank you Kate, my life was better for having you in it. To her family, please reach out if you feel willed to.*

Amanda

Kittenrescuelife@gmail.com

Amanda Hodder - March 23, 2020 at 04:48 PM

SS

“*I am deeply saddened to hear of Kate's passing, and I am so very sorry to her friends and family for their loss. I knew Kate through social media, we have been talking online for over a year, she'd been a good friend to me in times when I needed someone to talk to and she had a very kind and generous heart, she cared deeply for animals and she helped me with my animal rescue so much which I will be forever grateful for. I am in shock to know she has passed, I am so sorry for your loss.*

Shannon Skinner

Shannonsfosters@gmail.com

Shannon Skinner - March 23, 2020 at 12:55 PM

MG

“ I knew Kate only via her generous heart and contributions to my animal rescue. She was kind, always offering to help, to be an ear. I had no idea she had passed away, but became worried after not hearing from her for over a month and decided to search. To her family: I am so incredibly sorry for your loss. Kate did amazing things, she was so generous, she cared deeply for the animals in my care - animals whose lives she helped save. Please feel free to reach out, marie@charliesarmy.com

Marie Gutshall - March 23, 2020 at 12:43 PM

JK

“ Dear Alan and family,

A person that departs from this earth never truly leaves, for they are still alive in our hearts. My deepest sympathies for your loss.

Jennifer

Jennifer Kenderdine - March 23, 2020 at 09:25 AM

CF

“ Dear Alan and family

May you find comfort in your memories of her together. Bless you all in this difficult time. My heart reaches out to each of you sending love and compassion. God Bless

Cyndi Flaughner

cyndi flaughner - March 20, 2020 at 02:11 PM

JP

“ Dear Alan and family

Susan an I are keeping all of you and Kate in our prayers.

J

joe passante - March 20, 2020 at 11:21 AM

BM

“ Alan,
My thoughts are with you and your family at this very sad time. May your memories of happy times with your daughter sustain you.
Condolences,
Betty Morgan

Betty Morgan - March 20, 2020 at 11:13 AM

SD

“ Alan: *I wish you and your family nothing but peace and I hope you feel surrounded by much love. My deepest condolences.* Sherri Darby

Sherri Darby - March 20, 2020 at 11:12 AM

MF

“ Dear Alan, *I will keep you and your family in my thoughts and prayer thru this difficult time.*

Marie-Luise Faber - March 20, 2020 at 10:45 AM

RD

“ *Rosemarie Dettra lit a candle in memory of
Kate A. Mahoney*



Rosemarie Dettra - March 20, 2020 at 08:56 AM