

A LEADER. A LEGEND. A LEGACY.

From the time we first knew her, she stood out from the rest. Not only was she taller than most of us in the class of '65, her smile was somehow brighter, her liveliness, laughter and love of life especially infectious. We voted her president of the class our junior year, cast her as Captain Billy in the senior class play, even formed an unlikely, solid minority of students to join her in supporting Goldwater for president. In short, we simply loved her.

BARBARA KELLEHER HYLAND

October 17, 1943 — November 1, 2007

In her 64 years of life, this dynamo of warmth, energy, brilliance, and humility left her mark and made a lasting difference in the lives of many. Among them: her family (husband George, son Kevin and daughter Dana), friends, members of her town's school committee, and constituents in the Massachusetts state legislature, to which she was elected four times. A grassroots activist who majored in government at Regis College, Barbara advocated for women in politics and brought greater accessibility to the political process. Fighting lymphoma for seven years, she never asked "Why me?" or used her cancer as an excuse for missing a vote. Her many accomplishments include supporting the passage of the seat belt law, keeping the Patriots in Foxboro, and coming together across the aisle to elect a moderate Democrat for Speaker of the House.



ELECTED OFFICES From 1977-1986, Barbara served three terms on the Foxboro School Committee. In April of 1992, Barbara won election to the state legislature as the State Representative of the First Bristol District, serving five terms until her retirement in 2001. Majority Whip and fellow Regis alum Lida McMahon Harkin worked side by side with Barbara on Beacon Hill. She recalls that "reluctant Republicans, who had supported other candidates in the primary, came to love and respect Barbara. And Democrats, especially the women, enjoyed the camaraderie, good legislative proposals,

and institutional loyalty that she displayed. Her boundless energy and goodwill were contagious. She was a credit to her district and a great public servant."

CONTINUING INSPIRATION Today, Barbara's life and legacy continue to inspire. As a tribute to her, the Regis College Class of 1965 seeks to raise \$50,000 to create an endowed, annual *internship scholarship*. It will be offered each year to a Regis student

who meets the following criteria: 1) full-time, female student in her junior or senior year; 2) overall academic standing of B or better; 3) confirmed internship at the national, state or local level of a government or NGO office involved in influencing and/or setting public policy; and 4) internship of at least 14 weeks, with a minimum of 12 hours per week, for a total of 168 internship hours. In addition, the Class of 1965 intends to create an *annual lecture*, bringing to Regis an exemplar of women making a difference in the public policy arena. Plans call for the first internship and lecture to coincide with our 45th reunion year in 2010.

Your contribution to establish the *Barbara Kelleher Hyland Internship and Lecture* will demonstrate your conviction that women must play a central role in our nation's public policy and governance. We ask that you reach out with a leadership gift to ensure that the legacy of this extraordinary woman continues to bear fruit for future generations.

Please make your tax-deductible contribution payable to REGIS COLLEGE/HYLAND FUND and mail to: Regis College, Box 30, 235 Wellesley Street, Weston, MA 02493 or donate online

"Mom showed a vast scope of knowledge, easily referencing bills in the House that gave support for the question at hand. She worked collaboratively and spoke inclusively, always bringing a complex piece of legislation back to the constituent, to the people, to what and whom it all was for." —Dana Hyland