
JOANNE M. CONENNA KENNEDY (1955-2017)
LdM Class of 1973



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Glenbrook South High School library instructional assistant Joanne Kennedy died May 2 after experiencing a "medical emergency" at the school before the school day started, according to district officials.

Kennedy, who worked at GBS for 11 years, was in the library when she became ill, and someone called 911 at 7:30 a.m., according to district spokeswoman Tarah Thorne. Kennedy was taken to NorthShore University HealthSystem Glenbrook Hospital, where she died, Thorne said.

Kennedy was "beloved by our students and staff" and she "cared for the students who visited the library as if they were her own," GBS Principal Lauren Fagel said in an email to reporters.

"Her humor, warmth and compassion touched all those who were fortunate enough to know her," Fagel said.

In 2010, Kennedy took a long-term substitute position in the library, and in 2014 she was hired as a full-time library instructional assistant, she said.

Joanne was the daughter of Grace and the late Peter Conenna; mother of Daniel and Peter Kennedy; sister of Marie and the late Xavier Conenna.