



Bernadette Grogan

September 28, 1925 - August 15, 2014

Tinton Falls, NJ - Bernadette Grogan, 88, died peacefully Friday morning, Aug. 15 at home where her children and grandchildren had kept a nearly two-week, round-the-clock vigil .

Bernadette was born Sept. 28, 1925, the third of six children born to Agnes and John Moran in Carrick-on-Shannon in County Roscommon, Ireland. She would regale her children with tales of attending the regatta on the Shannon River; attending a one-room schoolhouse and working the family farm.

When an older sister declined an American aunt's offer to bring her to "the states," Bernadette seized the opportunity. She landed in New York City in November 1951. Attending night classes, she obtained her general equivalency diploma.

She met Patrick Grogan while attending a Gaelic football game in the Bronx. They married on Sept. 6, 1953, raising four children during a 46-year marriage that ended in his death on April 13, 2000. They built their family in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn. Devout Catholics, the couple regularly attended daily Mass.

Bernadette became an accomplished amateur painter, capturing scenes from throughout her life. Her paintings include the Verrazano Bridge, Irish farm life and religious figures. The paintings now proudly hang in the homes of her children.

Bernadette celebrated her 80th birthday by throwing a party at a hotel in Carrick-on-Shannon, attended by her American family, Irish siblings and their families and her childhood friends. She treated her four children, their spouses

and seven grandchildren to the trip that included a stay in Ennis, Ireland where her husband was born.

Since May 10, 2003, Bernadette resided at Seabrook Village where she “went to everything.” She enjoyed the movies and performances in the auditorium, made trips to plays and beaches and other outings and participated in various workshops.

She is survived by her children, Maureen Stout (Buddy Anckner), Kathy (Bill Winn), Michael (Patti) and Patrick (Karen); and seven grandchildren, Christopher (Rachael) and Jaclyn Stout; Kristy and Nikki Winn; Matt and Sean Grogan and Caitlin Grogan.

She is survived by one sister, Kathleen McDermott and a brother, Vincy Moran, both of Roscommon, Ireland. Called to Heaven before Bernadette were her sisters, Chrissy, Joey and Ethna as well as son-in-law, John Stout. Calling hours are from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday at Bongarzone Funeral Home (www.bongarzonefuneralhome.com) in Tinton Falls NJ on Sunday, Aug 24. A funeral Mass will be held at 11 a.m., Monday, Aug 25 at Seabrook Village, 3000 Essex Road, Tinton Falls, N.J. A private burial will be held at a later date.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **24**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Bongarzone Funeral Home
2400 Shafto Road
Tinton Falls, NJ 07712
(732) 918-6200

Visitation

AUG **24**. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

AUG **25**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Seabrook Village Auditorium
Essex Road
Tinton Falls, NJ 07753

Tribute Wall



“Garden Accent Stone - *"Wherever a Beautiful Soul..."* was purchased for the family of Bernadette Grogan.



August 26, 2014 at 04:04 AM



“Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Bernadette Grogan.



August 22, 2014 at 03:51 PM



“Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Bernadette Grogan.



August 22, 2014 at 01:55 PM



“Elizabeth and Warren Heck purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Bernadette Grogan.



Elizabeth and Warren Heck - August 22, 2014 at 01:22 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Bernadette Grogan.*



August 21, 2014 at 06:58 PM



“ *Bongarzone Funeral Home lit a candle in memory of Bernadette Grogan*



Bongarzone Funeral Home - August 19, 2014 at 12:01 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bernadette Grogan.*



August 18, 2014 at 03:33 PM