



Kathleen M. Reilly

November 9, 1930 - November 1, 2019

Kathleen Margaret Reilly, aged 88, passed peacefully on November 1, 2019. Kay was born on November 9, 1930, in Astoria, New York. She attended a Catholic high school at St. Vincent Ferrer, and graduated in 1948. On August 8, 1953, Kathleen married the love of her life, the late John Reilly, and together raised eight children. She worked as a secretary for the medicare department of Empire Blue Cross Blue Shield for twenty years, retiring in 1992.

Kathleen is survived by her sister Rose Prager of Astoria, New York, as well as her children, daughter Sheila Reilly, son John Reilly, daughter Suzy Staub and her husband Michael, son James Reilly and his wife Vera, daughter Delia Caslin and her husband Brian, daughter Loretta Reilly, son Owen Reilly and his fiancée Lucy Galicia, and son Thomas Reilly and his wife Edie. She is also survived by her fifteen grandchildren, Jeremy Reilly, Jennifer Jobses and her husband Karl, Andrew Reilly, Megan Lesnicki and her husband Rafal, Michael Staub and his wife Amanda, Amanda Kluxen and her husband Baines, Brynna Reilly, James Reilly, Craig Staub, Shawnie Caslin, John Reilly, Gavin Reilly, Dylan Reilly, Alexander Reilly, and Maximillian Reilly, as well as nine great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband John, Kathleen was predeceased by her brothers James and Edward Ronaghan.

Friends may call Wednesday, November 6, 2019, from 2:00 - 4:00 P.M. and 7:00 - 9:00 P.M. at Bongarzone Funeral Home, 2400 Shafto Road, Tinton Falls, New Jersey. The funeral Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, November 7, 2019, at 9:00 A.M. at St. Anslem Church, 1028 Wayside Road, Tinton Falls, New Jersey. Interment will follow in Calverton National Cemetery in Suffolk County, Long Island, New York.

In lieu of flowers, the family is asking for a donation to be made to Kathleen's two favorite and long supported charities: St. Jude's Children's Hospital at www.stjude.org and The Disabled Veterans at www.dav.org

Cemetery Details

Calverton National Cemetery

210 Princeton Blvd.
Calverton, NY

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 6. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Bongarzone Funeral Home
2400 Shafto Road
Tinton Falls, NJ

Visitation

NOV 6. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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Tinton Falls, NJ

Funeral Mass

NOV 7. 9:00 AM (ET)

Church of Saint Anselm
1028 Wayside Road
Tinton Falls, NJ

Tribute Wall



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Kathleen M. Reilly.* ”



November 06, 2019 at 11:08 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kathleen M. Reilly.* ”



November 06, 2019 at 10:06 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Kathleen M. Reilly.* ”



November 05, 2019 at 10:44 PM



“ *Bongarzone Funeral Home lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. Reilly* ”



bongarzone funeral home - November 05, 2019 at 09:50 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Kathleen M. Reilly.*



November 05, 2019 at 07:25 PM



“ *Your daughter, Loretta and Prissy purchased the Rose Garden Heart for the family of Kathleen M. Reilly.*



Your daughter, Loretta and Prissy - November 05, 2019 at 12:26 PM

“ Kathleen Reilly influenced my life tremendously- it is her I call Mom. I met Jim 42 years ago and this is when I was introduced to the Reilly's. Kay Reilly has a heart and compassion for all who needed a helping hand. She was generous with whatever she could offer but for me it was her listening ear. Mom was a devout Catholic and morals was her platform. I remember sitting watching the TV show “Dallas” with her and she said “Look at those two swapping spit” Oh dear Lord - someone turn the channel now!!!

Due to circumstances in 1978 Jim said to Mom that I needed to get out of my house and stay with him - Mom had 8 kids, 5 dogs and a ailing husband and to not even bat a eye she said yes. I am forever indebted to her.

Mom was a strict lady and one to be reckoned with - she patrolled the hallways all hours of the night - she was a master at sweeping the staircase going up!!

Kay Reilly always made you feel it was going to be OK - her listening ear and enduring descriptions of situations will be with us all forever. May we never forget all of mom's quotes - to name a few .. “Horses' ass” “slappie neck” “put it in your pocket” “put me there” “if you take it - take it some more” “this to will pass” “when they are little it's little problems, when they are big it's big problems”

I feel so loved by her when she calls me “Vee” I was in and I would never dream of disappointing Mom - I love her that much.

Thank you Mom for all the life lessons, for all the great conversations.

We all are contenting ourselves with the image that Mom and Pop are back together and holding hands - now it's forever.

I recently heard a answer that is totally ringing true right now - the question was what do you think happens when we die and the answer given was “I do know that when we die the ones that love us will miss us” I miss you Mom already.

May we all say a bittersweet “God Bless All Here”

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“ *Chrissi & Erol Ozsenogullari lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. Reilly*



Chrissi & Erol Ozsenogullari - November 04, 2019 at 11:27 AM



“ *Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Kathleen M. Reilly.*



November 04, 2019 at 09:08 AM

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“ *Kay was a beautiful person and was my good friend for over 35 years. We laughed together and we cried together but it is the laughter that I remember most. As a wife, mother and friend there was no better person. I will never forget her. I hope she is the first person I see when I get to the other side. Goodby good friend! Love, Tommy Darcy*

Tom Darcy - November 04, 2019 at 08:32 AM

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“ *Ed & Barbara Prager lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. Reilly*



Ed & Barbara Prager - November 03, 2019 at 07:12 AM