



JoAnn M. Kennedy

February 27, 1940 - April 8, 2023

JoAnn M. Kennedy, age 83 of Manteno, sadly left us following a long illness, on Saturday, April 8, 2023, at her home. She was born on February 27, 1940, in Dubuque, Iowa, the daughter of Arthur and Mildred (Meitl) Witherall. JoAnn married Donald Kennedy on June 8, 1963, in Dubuque, Iowa.

JoAnn was a registered nurse and Head Nurse from 1975 through 2000 at St. James Hospital in Chicago Heights, IL. She enjoyed scrapbooking, arts and crafts shopping, and Christmas Time. Most of all, JoAnn enjoyed spending time with her family.

JoAnn was a parishioner at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Manteno.

Surviving is her husband, Donald; one son, Ray Kennedy; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Lisa (Ronald) Fredericks, Julie Kennedy, Colleen (Robert) Truax; four sisters, Mary Jean, Jayne, Ellen, Karen; three brothers, Arthur J., Gary, Mark; eight grandchildren, Victoria, Ryan, Amanda, Erik, Anna, Bethany, Eden, Aiden; and two great grandchildren, Wynter Rose and Alina Elizabeth.

JoAnn is preceded in death by her parents.

Cremation rites have been accorded.

Memorial visitation will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. on Monday, April 17, 2023, at the Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Manteno. A memorial mass will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, April 17, 2023, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Manteno. Reverend Anthony Nugent will celebrate the mass. Inurnment will follow at All Saints Cemetery, Bourbonnais.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association or the Diabetes Foundation.

Cemetery Details

All Saints Cemetery

1839 W. Route 102
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 933-2342

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

APR 17. 9:00 AM - 10:45 AM (CT)

Manteno - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
291 N. Main St.
Manteno, IL 60950
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Memorial Mass

APR 17. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Church
207 S. Main St.
Manteno, IL 60950
(815) 468-3403
<http://www.stjosephmanteno.com>

Tribute Wall



“Dear Mr. Kennedy, Lisa, Julie, Colleen, Ray and all the families, I am saddened to hear about Mrs. Kennedy's passing. I remember her fondly, lovingly always accepting me into her home during our junior high & high school years. Sending my condolences & love to everyone. All my love. Kristin Desnoyers (Peppmuller) and family”

Kristin Desnoyers - April 18, 2023 at 07:43 PM



“[Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was purchased for the family of JoAnn M. Kennedy.

April 17, 2023 at 01:04 AM



“Garden Accent - "My Mother kept a garden..." was purchased for the family of JoAnn M. Kennedy.



April 17, 2023 at 12:59 AM

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“ For so many years we spent Thanksgiving, Christmas and the Fourth of July together as family. Our indoor golf games were very competitive since the award was your name on the wooden turkey on Thanksgiving. Four of our kids loved putting on plays for us at Christmas and made JoAnn and all of us laugh at their antics and jokes. JoAnn fixed the best baked beans at the Fourth of July but don't mess with the bacon that goes with the beans otherwise she will put you down on the floor. After dinner we all enjoyed watching fireworks at the park district. Many evenings we would get together for dinner and a game of eucre. Whoever was JoAnn's partner was fortunate because her competitive spirit gave her an edge. Many Sunday morning we would stop by their home to invite them out for breakfast. As a dedicated manager for the hospital she would be working in her study for some aspect of her position but we could steal her away for a couple hours. Our laughter on our trips to Michigan, the kids sliding down the steps, the decal on her license plate when she couldn't find her car, and so many more. We have so many wonderful memories of JoAnn and will miss her and her wonderful laugh. We love you, JoAnn.

Gary and Jeanette

Jeanette Stephens - April 16, 2023 at 02:33 PM

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“ My memories are the days when Don and Joann begin their life as one.

Don was at butt camp and she was responsible to pack and move all their belongs to their new homes. My car was the one available a chev. Corvair.

her china was placed on the top of the car and told me she was driving to protect her china. Back then highways had curbs. She hit it and we bumped it and the car swerved, but she held it and mom,Joann and I arrived safely.

When I told this story my friends were in shock. They said that car was one the most dangerous car on the road. She did great. Thank you china.

marilyn kolden - April 11, 2023 at 10:15 AM