



## Maureen Lorraine Cotugno

May 11, 1940 - March 27, 2019

Maureen Lorraine “Mo” Cotugno, age 78, of Manteno, passed away Wednesday, March 27, 2019 at her home.

She was born May 11, 1940 in Des Moines, Iowa, the daughter of William A. & Lorraine C. Sweeney Kelly.

Maureen married Joseph Cotugno on June 30, 1962 at St. Catherine of Genoa in Roseland.

She graduated from Little Company of Mary as a Registered Nurse in 1960. Later in her life, she went to work as a Christian counselor for Dr. Antonio Yaniz’s Practice, Associated Psychiatrists.

Maureen loved to be with family. She really enjoyed drawing, painting, and creating floral arrangements. She was a strong Right to Life Advocate.

Mo loved her church association with both St. Patrick Catholic Church in Kankakee, and then in her later years, she enjoyed being a part of St. George Catholic Church in St. George.

Surviving are her husband, Rev. Joseph Cotugno of Manteno; two daughters & two sons-in-law: Laura & Mike Thompson of Bradley and

Gina & Dan Reid of Bradley; one sister, Eileen Crepeau of Elmhurst; three brothers & two sisters-in-law, Bill Kelly of Boston, MA, Larry & Kathy Kelly of Schaumburg,  
and Dr. James Kelly M.D & Dr. Anna Kelly M.D. of Centennial, CO; two grandchildren, Christina & Paul Schriener of Chicago and Tony Cotugno of Bradley; and one great-grandchild, Ava Lorraine Schriener of Chicago.

She is preceded in death by her parents and one sister, Kathy Jewel.

Visitation is from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 Noon on Tuesday, April 2, 2019 at St. George Catholic Church in St. George. Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 12:00 Noon. Rev. Dan Belanger will celebrate the Mass.

Interment will be held at St. George Catholic Cemetery in St. George.

A reception will follow at St. George Parish Hall.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the family wishes or St. George Catholic Church.

# Cemetery Details

## St. George Cemetery

5272 E. 5000 N. Rd.  
Bourbonnais, IL 60914  
(815) 929-6363

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 2. 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

St. George Catholic Church  
5272 E. 5000 N. Rd.  
St. George, IL 60914

## Funeral Mass

APR 2. 12:00 PM (CT)

St. George Catholic Church  
5272 E. 5000 N. Rd.  
St. George, IL 60914

# Tribute Wall

JE

“ Dear Joe, maureen was very special to me and I am crushed to hear of her passing though I know she is with the Lord!!! She was one of those people who had such a huge impact on where I am today. As a child she accompanied my bipolar mother (Linda ward) to Wylers children’s hospital as I underwent tests, surgery and chemotherapy. She was so joyful, filled with peace and totally CALM. Later on in life when I was 19 she came to my rescue when my mom was in a complete manic breakdown. She came to our home and called 911 and my mom was admitted to the psychiatric ward. Having mo’s support was priceless. I always thought it was my fault that my mom had problems and Mo was the first person to ever help me see beyond that lie!! Shortly after that she recommended me to Zandra Cross at the love shop and I spent several wonderful years working with all the beautiful and caring people at the Love Shop thanks to Mo!!!  
Love in Christ,  
Jessie McGraw

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jessie - January 14, 2020 at 01:53 PM

DC

“ I am at a loss. Joe and Mo are such an important part of my life and, I know, the lives of countless others. They took in a prideful, lost, selfish, young man at a critical time in my life and showed me the unconditional love of Christ. I have so many memories of her loving me in spite of myself. I am so saddened, but I know she heard the Lord say to her "Well done, good and faithful servant... Enter into the joy of your Master."

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David Coyer - December 23, 2019 at 02:37 PM

CR

“ Joe...  
Sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with you.  
Bill and Colleen Regnier

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Colleen regnier - April 01, 2019 at 08:23 PM

AH

“ There are no words... I thank God for the gift of “Mo” in my life. To Deacon Joe, Laura, Tony, Gina and Christine, my deepest symphony. I cannot be there in person, but you are in my heart as you go through the difficult days ahead.

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Angie Heitz - April 01, 2019 at 01:41 PM

ES

“ Many fond memories of the great times with the Wildwood bunch, prayers for the entire family.  
Beth and Mike Sergeant and family

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Elizabeth Sergeant - April 01, 2019 at 09:15 AM

CP

“ I will never forget her or what her life stood for and what she led in example. I wish you Joe, Gina, Laura and families all of my sympathy.



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Cathy Prusinski - March 31, 2019 at 05:36 PM

DG

“ Dear Joe, Our deepest sympathy. We've had so many good memories over the years. I have feeling Mo is getting ready to host "Cousins Club" in heaven. It should be quite a session. God Bless, Dan and Patricia Garrity

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**Dan Garrity** - March 29, 2019 at 08:07 PM

BJ

“ Sending love and hugs to the Cotugno family. From Karl, Eric, Brian and Kevin Johnson.

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**Brian Johnson** - March 29, 2019 at 07:32 PM

SH

“ Sr. Martha lite a candle in memory of Maureen Lorraine Cotugno. My prayers and sympathy are with her dear husband, Deacon Joe and family. Blessings, Martha,sscm



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**Sr.Martha Harrington,sscm** - March 29, 2019 at 05:59 PM

ES

“ Dear Rev. Joe,  
We were so sorry to learn of your loss, and we extend to you, Laura, Gina, and their families our very deepest sympathy and condolences. “Mo” was an unheralded mainstay for both clerical and lay support at both St. Patrick’s and St. George parishes. She quietly worked without fanfare as a comforter to whoever asked. Our prayers and thoughts are with you. God bless,  
Jean & Ed Smith

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**Edward D Smith** - March 29, 2019 at 01:29 PM

MB

“ *A Great Lady, Friend, and Sister in the Faith. Always a positive attitude and caring soul. She and Joe were there for our family during a difficult time so we share in this loss and rejoice in the reward of a life very well lived.*

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**Max Brigham** - March 29, 2019 at 01:03 PM

JC

“ *Dearest Joe and family--How she will be missed! So many memories, so much love!!! "And He will raise her up on eagles' wings, bear her on the breath of dawn and hold her in the palm of His hand."*

*Our love to all of your family--Don and Jean Ceithaml*

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**Jean Ceithaml** - March 28, 2019 at 09:09 PM

LO

“ *Prayers to the family and friends of Mo Cotugno. Mo was a counselor and friend to me. She had a special bicycle ministry. She talked about the little boy who took his bicycle to the shop for God to fix. He had to leave his bicycle at the shop or it would not get fixed. It's the same for Adults. We have to leave our burdens with God to fix. He can't fix them if we keep taking them back just like the little boy with his broken bicycle. We have to leave our burdens at the foot of the cross and wait in prayer for God to fix them. I always think of Mo when I see a bicycle. She had a strong faith in God and I know I will see her one day in Heaven! God is pleased with so many lives she has touched in ministry for Him of this I am certain!*

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**Leila Owen** - March 28, 2019 at 07:27 PM

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“ *Elaine Schwass lit a candle in memory of  
Maureen Lorraine Cotugno*



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**Elaine Schwass** - March 28, 2019 at 04:44 PM