



## Ruth Phyllis Kennedy

February 7, 1932 - December 6, 2020

Ruth Phyllis Kennedy, 88 of Manteno, passed away December 6, 2020, with her family at her side. She was born to the late Chris and Florence Lundberg, February 7, 1932 in Chicago, Illinois. She married James G. Kennedy in 1949 in Chicago, Illinois and he preceded her in death in May of 2001.

Ruth is survived by 8 children: James, Thomas, William (Sue), David (Bonnie), Daniel (Lory), Jeffrey (Jean), Kimberly Robbins(Eric) and Kathleen McElligott (M.J); 21 Grandchildren, 8 Great-children, many cousins, nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by loving husband, Jim, Son, John, Parents, Chris and Florence, Sisters, Laverne and Charlotte, Brother-in-Laws, Andy Morrison, Donald Rhoderick, and Robert Kennedy as well as sister-in-law, Shirley Kennedy.

In addition to her vast family, Ruth had many friends. Her most cherished friendships were from grade and high school in a group fondly known as "The Club".

Visitation will be held at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Manteno on Wednesday, December 9, 2020 from 10 a.m. until the 11 a.m. funeral Mass. Cremation rites will be accorded following services. In lieu of flowers, charitable donations should be sent to St. Joseph's Church Manteno or the Manteno Fire Department.



# Cemetery Details

## St. Joseph Cemetery

9000 E. Road  
Manteno, IL 60950  
(815) 263-6287

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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

## Funeral Mass

DEC 9. 11:00 AM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall

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“ Please accept our condolences on Ruth’s passing . We appreciated how she always welcomed us into her home for dinners and holidays . Thinking of you during this holiday season.

*The Weber and Wilson families*

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**Susan Wilson** - December 12, 2020 at 08:29 PM

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“ Renee Hoots lit a candle in memory of Ruth Phyllis Kennedy



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**Renee Hoots** - December 11, 2020 at 12:43 PM

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“ Ruth was a beautiful person and I am so lucky to have joined her family. She always showed so much kindness and love to those around her. Not many people can dance a polka in their 80's, but I will never forget how she impressed us all at my wedding!

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**Kat** - December 08, 2020 at 08:33 PM

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“ My Mom welcomed Sue and I to stay with her on the many occasions that we returned to Illinois. People would ask, why is there no hotels near by or what? I and speaking for all of my family always found it more of a pleasure to sleep contorted on couch's and chairs in her breezeway because nobody we've ever had the occasion to spend time with could make you feel so at home. It's never easy living so far from family. Finding just a few attributes or qualities of my Mothers has to be the most impossible undertaking. She was a true gem to all that came to know her. I would never even consider staying anywhere else if the offer to stay at home with Mom was offered. I'll miss my Illinois home in Manteno. A Home is built on the love that surrounded us not walls or boundaries but the warmth of a kindred soul my Mother!

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**Bill Kennedy** - December 08, 2020 at 05:49 PM

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“ My Mom was an exceptional mother and friend. She was there for me as well as all of our friends and neighbors. Her talents were many: Cooking, gardening, sewing, golfing, dancing with our father, the list goes on. Most of all she was loving. I will miss her every day and cherish the memories. - Kimberly Anne

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**Kimberly Robbins (Kennedy)** - December 08, 2020 at 12:26 PM

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“ Most of all, mom wanted us to love her and in that she succeeded. My fondest memory is of her getting a hole-in-one and rushing as fast as she could to the green after I told her it went in the hole. I love you mom!

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**Thomas** - December 08, 2020 at 04:30 AM