



Mary Doolin Kennedy

February 24, 1934 - September 2, 2020

Mary Lillian (Doolin) Kennedy, age 86 of Crown Point, IN passed away on Wednesday, September 2, 2020 with loving family by her side. Mary is survived by her husband of 65 years, John J. (Jack) Kennedy and their eight children: Maureen, Jack, Megan (Jorge) Godinez, Karen (Ken) Harrison, Mary Ellen, Sheila (Jaime Canete), Kathleen Keilman (Keith Carpenter) and Richard (Andrea); eleven grandchildren: Keeley, Caitlin, Carrie, Genevieve, Michael, Ashley, Daniel, Kramer, Jonny, Connor & Finnegan; twelve great grandchildren; brothers: Tom (Bert), Shawn (Judy), Mike (Diane) and Kevin (Dori); sisters: Janet (Joe) Mulflur, Karin Maupin and Colette Doolin; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mary is preceded in death by her granddaughter, Shauna Kennedy; parents: Thomas and Genevieve (Eder) Doolin; sister, Virgene Doolin; brothers, Richard, Dennis and Tim.

As a longtime member of St. Mary Catholic Church, Mary volunteered for various projects/ committees over the years but the most meaningful to her was singing in the funeral choir. She loved music and was a classically trained pianist. She loved to read, watch old movies and musicals, crossword puzzles and tending to a vegetable garden with which she often canned many quarts of its bounty. She was also famous for her delicious eggs benedict and all who have had the privilege of sharing that meal would vouch for that.

And speaking of meals, although she had eight children of her own, as far as she was concerned, there was always room for more. Whether it was making

another seat at the dinner table or offering a couch to sleep on, she handled it without fanfare. She welcomed all into her home and created a warm and inviting environment which was always casual, comforting, loving and as she would say, "like a pair of old shoes".

She often joked that during the years of raising her family, when having an especially hectic day, her go-to lifeline back to organized chaos was to pick up something to read by Erma Bombeck! Mary's humor was both whimsical and witty and the sound of her laughter was sweet and timeless.

Once the years of household president, chief cook and bottle washer were behind her, she went to work for many years as a bookkeeper. But to Mary, her most important job and greatest joy was that of Mother, Grandmother and Great Grandmother. Her family was her life, it was her sacred calling and the true essence of who she was. She will be missed by all who knew her beautiful smile, her kind and gentle heart, and her hugs.... she gave the best hugs! To quote a beautiful old movie, we certainly believe she's "earned her wings". So onward and upward she goes as she takes her final journey to her Heavenly Father, where she will find his warm embrace and peaceful rest.

A celebration of life will be live-streamed on Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2020 at 11 a.m. at St. Mary's church. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Mary Catholic Church, Crown Point, IN. Burns Funeral Home, Crown Point entrusted with arrangements.www.burnsfuneral.com.

Previous Events

Mary Kennedy funeral service

SEP 8. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Mary Catholic Church
321 E. Joliet St.
Crown Point, IN

Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album Service



Burns Funeral Home & Crematory - September 08, 2020 at 03:09 PM

TE

“ We are deeply saddened by her passing. We were sad when we moved and wouldn't have our daily interaction with her & Jack. You could pick a topic out of a hat & she would have one heck of a story to tell. I sure will miss seeing her on her patio messing with her flowers & herbs. 🙏

Tami Evans - September 08, 2020 at 02:12 PM

SP

“ What a beautiful smile! Sadly I didn't know her, but the beautiful tribute about her life made me smile. God Bless all of you Doolins, and Mary keep flying to Heaven!



Sherron Pampalone - September 08, 2020 at 08:13 AM

CC

“ Karen and I want to extend our condolences to the family and friends of Mary. She was a special person and will be missed by all who knew her.
Cliff and Karen Chase

Cliff Chase - September 06, 2020 at 11:58 AM

CM

“ Mrs. Kennedy,
I will always remember your warm smile that would always greet us.
Your love of family, your great sense of humor and your kindness
will be missed by many. You’ve now earned your wings. 🌹🕊️

Carrie Mayden - September 05, 2020 at 07:53 PM

MW

“ May she be at peace! I will always remember her smile and all her
children’s friends were always welcomed! Megan Wirtz

Megan Wirtz - September 05, 2020 at 04:43 PM

JG

“ Mary was a blessing to all who knew her. Her humor was legendary
and kept all in a right perspective. I enjoyed her and will miss her.
Regards to all the family and especially Jack who will be lost without
his dear Mary. God bless, Joyce Gertz

Joyce Gertz - September 05, 2020 at 12:13 PM

KG

“ Another fine Irish, Catholic family matriarch! That will get her an
express trip to heaven! She is good company with Jesus and his
Blessed Mother. I am so sorry for your loss Rich and Andrea! Your
mother was beautiful. She reminds me of Barbara Bush! Rest
assured she will live on in all of you and you will see her again some
day! Please accept my sincerest condolences! You will all be in my
prayers, especially your Dad!

Love,
Kathy Golden and family
Cleveland, Ohio

Kathleen T Golden - September 04, 2020 at 10:20 PM

RB

Our sympathies to Mary/s husband Jack, children and all family members. I can attest to all the wonderful comments posted, she had a winning smile and a kind word for everyone. I was privileged to sing in the funeral choir with her. Rest in peace Mary.

Ray & Tillie Bryan - September 08, 2020 at 12:04 PM

MS

“ *What an amazing woman. Her family is her and Jack's greatest legacy. Heaven has gained an angel.*

Mary (Delli Colli) Scher - September 04, 2020 at 10:13 PM

MS

“ *May She Rest In Peace knowing how much she was loved. I cherish you all! A lifetime of love for sure.....Peace, Meredith and Tim*

Meredith Shuckford - September 04, 2020 at 06:50 PM

JH

Rest in peace Mary,I will always remember the good times we had 🙏😊💕

Janet Hooper - September 04, 2020 at 06:59 PM

DL

Some of my fondest memories are of Mary Kennedy, oh my, the laughs we shared. Yes, her eggs benedict were the absolute best. Rest in peace my dear friend. Blessings and prayers to the entire family. 🙏🙏

Deborah Labadie - September 04, 2020 at 08:56 PM

SM

I loved spending time with the Kennedy's growing up. I remember Aunt Mary's smile the most. She taught me when I was about 15 the importance of a strong handshake in a woman. I can't even remember how many times I have been complimented on having an impressive handshake! I never forgot it and passed it along to my daughter who shares Aunt Mary's birthday.

Sending love to all.....

Sheila Doolin Martin

sheila martin - September 04, 2020 at 10:13 PM

MB

My condolences to the Kennedy family. I remember when Mrs. Kennedy would come with her husband to pick up their daughters from high school at MHA. She'd be smiling at all the students walking by on 2nd floor, every other person asking her, 'are you picking up Megan?' Mrs. Kennedy would say yes, and then we'd run up to the dorm floor and shout, "Megan, your parents are here!" That was our own pager system. Mrs. Kennedy had a beautiful smile, reflecting her spirit.

Martica Bacallao - September 05, 2020 at 06:37 AM

BS

Oh my Dear Mary. I am so,so glad that our lives crossed paths because you were a wonderful person to know. I enjoyed our many conversations. I enjoyed your smile and sense of humor but I guess when you raise eight children you have to have a sense of humor. I am so sorry that I missed visiting with you when you expressed your sympathy to me at the loss of my son Ted and invited me to come for a visit and I didn't get a chance to do so. My heart goes out to Jack and the family. God Bless all of you, you are in my prayers.

Barbara Shafer - September 05, 2020 at 05:28 PM

LM

I'll never forget Mary. She extended her warmth, charm and conversation as a new member at St Mary's and it meant the world to me.

Lee Malizia - September 06, 2020 at 11:53 PM