



Katherine Cunningham

August 12, 2024

Katherine (Kay) Cunningham of Roslyn Heights, NY passed on August 12, 2024, in her 94th year. Born Anna Katherine Schmeiser, to Charles and Anna, Kay was the devoted wife of the late James, loving mother of James (Nancy), Jean and Cathy Ann. Cherished grandmother to Patrick (Brittany) and Kaitlyn. Kay or Aunt Kay as she was known to many in her family grew up on Evergreen Ave. in the Bronx and attended James Monroe High School. James and Kay were married in 1954 and started their life together in Parkchester in the Bronx, before moving to their East Hills home in 1957. Kay briefly worked for the Village of East Hills before raising her three children. She would later become the Clerk for the Village of Roslyn, and she was very proud of her work there. Kay was also very involved with the Parish of St. Mary's in Roslyn where she served on the Ladies Auxiliary and the 300 Club. Kay traveled extensively in her later years throughout Europe and North America, even traversing the Panama Canal. She loved her family including her many nieces and nephews, and grand and great grand nieces and nephews. She loved her home, and generations of neighbors whom she cherished. She was an avid gardener, and baker, famous for her "monkey cake". She spent a lifetime giving of herself and showed great empathy and kindness to everyone she met. She was beloved and will be greatly missed.

Visitation will be held on Sunday at Roslyn Heights Funeral Home from 1-3PM & 5-8PM. Funeral Mass will be Monday 10AM at St. Mary, Roslyn Harbor. Interment to follow Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, New Rochelle.

In lieu of flowers the family asks any donations go to Triumph Church House Ministries in SC. Helping those less fortunate.

<https://tchministries.org/tithes-%26-offerings>

Checks can be mailed to

5528 Rivers Ave

North Charleston SC 29406

Cemetery Details

Holy Sepulchre Cemetery

95 Kings Highway
New Rochelle, NY

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 18. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Roslyn Heights Funeral Home
75 Mineola Ave
Roslyn Heights, NY 11577
(516) 621-4545
roslynheightsfh@gmail.com
<https://RoslynHeightsFH.com>

Visitation

AUG 18. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Mass

AUG **19**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary RC Church
110 Bryant Ave
Roslyn, NY 11576-1191
(516) 621-2222

Tribute Wall

BS

“ I first met Kay at the end of the 1950s in Roslyn where she and my older sister, Kathy Gerardi had become neighbors and friends. Over these many years she became my friend also. Watching her three children and my four nieces and nephews bond over the years is a blessing and a joy. To this day I love them all as my own. Honestly, no brothers could be closer than those three boys/men. In no small measure, the love and loyalty they share is an extension of Kay's warm and affectionate nature. How lucky I am to have known her.
Betty Jo Hamilton Schmaedick

Betty Jo Hamilton Schmaedick - August 17, 2024 at 12:46 PM

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Kevin Cunningham - August 16, 2024 at 01:21 PM

KC

“ *My Dearest Aunt Kay*

You were so much more than an Aunt to me, you were my second mom. So now you are finally resting after a long journey on this earth. With Uncle Jim, and my Mom and Dad, and all of your friends and relatives.

There will always be a hole in my heart, because you are no longer on this earth, but that part of your soul which you gave to me, and so many others, will live in eternity.

You made this world a better place. Now and forever when I hear the birds sing I think of you. And that's every day.

You are one of the kindest, most loving souls I have ever known, and I feel so lucky to have known and lived with you. God bless you.

Kevin

Kevin Cunningham - August 16, 2024 at 01:15 PM

GF

“ *Our dear friend of about 60 years , Kay was never a one to say an unkind word, express an unkind thought or act uncharitably towards anyone. We will miss you Kay!!! Be at peace💕 the Gerardi clan.*

George Gerardi family - August 12, 2024 at 07:23 PM

MH

Dearest Kay I will miss your infectious smile, great sense of humor and indomitable spirit. May you rest in peace and may peace be with your loving family.

Mary Howard - August 14, 2024 at 02:48 PM

CC

Thank you guys for kind words. After all we Family. Ohh Happy Day she REST with Dad and the Lord.

CATHY CUNNINGHAM - August 14, 2024 at 02:52 PM

VM

So many great memories of Holiday get-togethers at Aunt Kay's and Uncle Jimmy's, even going back 70 years to Aunt Mami's (Jimmy's mom and my mom's mom's sister, Margaret "Flaherty") house on the ocean on Maryland Ave. in Long Beach. Also, seemed like my mom (Mae "Collins" Martin) was on the phone daily with Aunt Kay to share family updates. They loved a good story.

If the Lord above takes half as good care of Aunt Kay as she took of her family, esp. Aunt Mami and her own father, Aunt Kay will be well rewarded in heaven.-Vinny Martin

Vinny Martin - August 15, 2024 at 05:03 PM