



Joan Frances Kelly

November 28, 1945 - August 31, 2022

Joan Frances Kelly of Springfield, VA passed away Wednesday, August 31, 2022, in Fairfax Hospital of multiple illnesses .

Joan was born in 1948 in New Orleans where her father was stationed as an Army officer. Her family soon returned to their home in Beach, ND, where Joan attended elementary school. Her family moved to Tracy, CA, where Joan attended Tracy High School, graduating as the school Valedictorian. She attended Santa Clara University, majoring in French and graduating Summa Cum Laude. She received her MA in Education from Stanford University and her Ph.D. in Education from the University of Florida. From 1968 to 1983 she held teaching, administrative and research positions both in the United States and Costa Rica.

In 1983 Joan took early retirement from the Copyright Office in Washington, DC, to devote herself more fully to the raising of her son Eugene III and the care of her family in Alexandria, VA from 1981 to 2013. She and her husband moved to the Greenspring Retirement Community in 2013. Joan was a devout and active Catholic, attending weekly Mass in the Greenspring Chapel and, as her health allowed, services at St. Bernadette Catholic Church. She was greatly interested in and followed public and political issues. She worked hard to keep herself physically fit, gradually adapting her exercise to increasing multiple illnesses and disabilities. She was a kind and loving person who

always looked to the happiness and good of others. She took special interest in her local book club and derived great joy from her friendship with club members.

She is survived by her husband Eugene Kelly Jr., her son, Eugene Kelly III, daughters Julia Hannah and Jeanne Kelly, granddaughters Ginger Hannah and Lilli Hannah, and brother-in-law David Fahey. She is predeceased by her father Donald Hardy, mother Anne Hardy, brother Thomas Hardy and sister Jeanne Fahey.

Family, friends and all who admired and were fond of Joan Kelly are invited to attend a Funeral Mass for Joan to be celebrated at St. Bernadette Catholic Church in Springfield, VA on October 22, 2022 at 10am. A reception will follow in a church meeting room.

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

OCT **22**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St Bernadette Catholic Church
7600 Old Keene Mill Rd
Springfield, VA 22152
(703) 451-8576

Tribute Wall



“ *Joan Frances Kelly*

October 27, 2022 at 09:45 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Joan Frances Kelly.*



September 20, 2022 at 04:26 PM



“ *Patricia Leigh Ramsey lit a candle in memory of Joan Frances Kelly*



Patricia Leigh Ramsey - September 07, 2022 at 06:53 PM



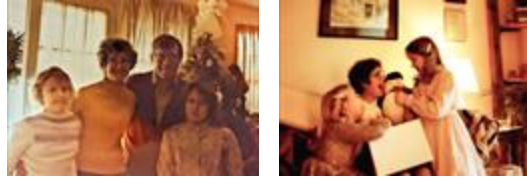
“ *Another great memory of her letting me carry my younger brother Eugene. She walked right beside me watching her baby. She was such a good, and loving mother.*



Julia Hannah - September 06, 2022 at 11:19 AM



“ *These are some of my favorite photos.
Christmas memories with Joan, Julia, Jeanne and Dad!*



Julia Hannah - September 06, 2022 at 11:12 AM



“ *Joan was a wonderful woman. I was so grateful that she was a part of my life, and then went on to be my daughter's grandmother. I feel so grateful and privileged that she called me daughter. She enriched the lives of everyone she knew, and I look forward to the day when our souls will meet again in heaven. May she rest in the Lord's loving embrace.*

- Julia Hannah

Julia Hannah - September 05, 2022 at 02:59 PM