



Jean Marie Kelly

December 13, 1932 - May 31, 2021

Princeton - Jean Marie Kelly, 88, of Princeton, IL, passed away on Monday, May 31, 2021, at Perry Memorial Hospital surrounded by loved ones.

Jean was born in Omaha, NE, on December 13, 1932, to the late Daniel and Virginia "Ruthe" (Stuben) McMillan. She graduated from Cathedral High School, Class of 1950. She married the late Charles A. Kelly on October 21, 1952, in Omaha, NE.

She was a homemaker raising her children and taking care of her home and family. She was a member of the St. Louis Catholic Church in Princeton, IL, and also, a member of the Red Covered Bridge Quilting Club. Jean loved to quilt and read. Her greatest joys were spent with her children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and family.

Jean is survived by her eight children, Charles (Shelley) Kelly of McLean, IL; Thomas Kelly of Farmington, CT; Anita (Susanne Ashby) Kelly of Demopolis, AL; Matthew (Joy) Kelly of Mapleton, IL; James (Sheila) Kelly of Princeton, IL; Margaret "Peg" (Daniel) Maciejewski of Princeton, IL; Christina Kelly of Peoria, IL; Terrance Kelly of Aurora, IL; 16 grandchildren, seven great grandchildren, and several nieces, and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles A. Kelly, parents, Daniel

and Ruthe McMillian, and her sister and seven brothers.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the St. Louis Catholic Church in Princeton, IL, or the American Diabetes Association.

A visitation will be held on Saturday, June 5, 2021, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at St. Louis Catholic Church in Princeton, IL. Visitation is immediately followed by a Catholic Mass at 10:30 a.m. also at St. Louis Catholic Church in Princeton, IL. Officiated by Father Tim Hepner. Graveside services to follow at Elm Lawn Memorial Park in Princeton, IL, June 5, 2021.

Online memorials and condolences may be left at www.norbergfh.com

Arrangements by Norberg Memorial Home, Inc. & Monuments.

Cemetery Details

Elm Lawn Memorial Park

Knox St
Princeton, IL 61356

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 5. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Louis Catholic Church - Princeton
616 S Gosse Blvd
Princeton, IL 61356

Mass

JUN 5. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

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Graveside Service

JUN 5. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM.

Elm Lawn Memorial Park

Tribute Wall

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“ Sorry I couldn't attend services, I grew up with her son Terry and Jean and my mother were very good friends. What a wonderful person she was. My thoughts and prayers go out to the entire family.

Sincerely,

Ricky Unholz

Ricky Unholz - June 09, 2021 at 02:19 PM



“ So sorry I am unable to attend the services. Just reading these tributes I know many special memories will be shared. I wish I was there to hear them all. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers. As the Irish say she will be sorely missed.

Julie McMillan

Julie Mcmillan Rossbach - June 04, 2021 at 11:47 PM

SV

“ I will truly miss my Aunt Jean. She had one of the best laughs. She always made me feel loved and was curious about my family happenings. We talked of genealogy and she shared as many stories that she she could remember (that was a long time ago ya know, she would say) She had a beautiful infectious smile and when her and Aunt Joan got together they would giggle, it was cute. I miss you, I love you and I pray for your family. Tell my family hello for me.

Sue McMillan Vanecek

Sue Vanecek - June 04, 2021 at 12:01 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Jean Marie Kelly.*



June 04, 2021 at 10:29 AM



“ *Carol Carroll sent a virtual gift in memory of Jean Marie Kelly*



Carol Carroll - June 04, 2021 at 08:09 AM



“ *Jean was part of our lunch group for many years. We enjoyed her company so very much. My sympathies and prayers go out to her family. Sincerely, Mavis Lins*

Mavis lins - June 03, 2021 at 03:17 PM

PM

“ As the oldest son of Phil McMillan (Jean's brother) I remember well the family get together at Nana's house in Omaha when I was a young boy. I have always felt fortunate to have been blessed with so many wonderful aunts and uncles. I remember Charlie's laugh and sense of humor. I know you miss him.

What I remember most about my aunt Jean was how much interest she took in me as one of her young nephews. She was one of the most upbeat people I have known in my life. She was happy and positive in all my memories of her. She was so much like Nana. Both Jean and Nana made you feel blessed just to be in the same room with them.

My wife Kathy has fond memories of Jean as well.

I know all of you have great thoughts of what Jean meant to you. It's a great thought to think of her now living with our Heavenly Father.

Sincerely,

Phil & Kathy McMillan
ptmcmillan@gmail.com

Phil McMillan - June 03, 2021 at 02:41 PM

“The entrance of a second “Jean” created the potential for confusion in the Kelly family. A solution was proposed, and even though this was long before my time, I would wager large sums of cash this was Uncle Charles’ very natural, simply presented resolution: to clarify, his wife, being short and petite, would be “Little Jean,” while my mom ... we’ll just say because she was taller ... would be known as “Big Jean.”

As expected, Big Jean was not a fan of this and quickly rechristened herself “Beautiful Aunt Jean,” which was basically the only name she would answer to for the rest of her life. And while no such double-Jean confusion existed on her side of the family, her insistence to be called Beautiful Aunt preface carried to those cousins as well. I know my mom would want to thank Charles’ Jean for decades of phone calls, hugs and cards that started with her in-no-way-vain, self-selected moniker.

Aunt Jean was one of the only civilized human beings at the bridge table. I can attest to this firsthand as my bedroom was separated from the living room/gaming floor by a long hallway, which had unbelievable acoustics. Yelling, screaming, smoking, cursing, drinks, card shuffling ... was it Vegas? No, it was the Kellys playing bridge. Aunt Donna was the loudest, no contest. Then, a few (my dad, Uncles Charles and Ed, Aunts Josephine and Annie and my mom) were in a hard contest for second. Jean and Uncle Burnett, always quiet and kind, possibly ... understandably ... questioning their decisions that led to this room of bridge-playing maniacs.

And I’m pretty sure I remembering my dad telling me that Aunt Jean was the best bridge player in the bunch.

She had a wonderful, warm smile and was never anything but kind and sweet. None of us remember her yelling; she was unflappable. And that is a feat considering she raised eight of Charles’ children. We loved her dearly and are heartbroken that we aren’t with you all.

We know they're bringing another chair to the table for a wild bridge game in heaven. Probably in a soundproof room.

Deb, Tim & Joe

Joe Kelly - June 02, 2021 at 10:04 PM



Thank you for this beautiful story. ❤️🙏

Suzie Warren - June 04, 2021 at 01:45 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Jean Marie Kelly.*



June 02, 2021 at 07:58 AM



“ *Mark Gibson purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Jean Marie Kelly.*



Mark Gibson - June 02, 2021 at 06:29 AM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Jean Marie Kelly.*



June 01, 2021 at 08:47 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Jean Marie Kelly.*



June 01, 2021 at 05:28 PM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jean Marie Kelly.*



June 01, 2021 at 03:56 PM