



Dorothy Ann Kelly

April 5, 1933 - November 29, 2014

Dorothy Ann Kelly, 81, of Lindenhurst, IL passed away November 29, 2014. Beloved wife of Earl Kelly for 61 years. Mother of Dennis (Mary) Kelly, Kathy Kelly, and late Kevin Kelly. Grandmother of William Kelly, Jennifer Kelly, and Katherine (Charles) Bowers. Great grandmother of Kamryn and Nolan. Sister of Martin (late Rose) Pischke, Norbert (Betty) Pischke, Robert (Corrine) Pischke, Rosemarie (late Frank) Bigden, Arthur (Beverly) Pischke, Audrey (Daniel) Kwiatkowski, late Lawrence (late Laverne) Pischke, late Marlis (George) Pleickhardt, late Roland Pischke, late Donald (late Jeri) Pischke, late Raymond (Sorrell) Pischke, and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will begin at 2 p.m. on Sunday December 7, 2014 at St Mark Lutheran Church, 1822 E Grand Ave Lindenhurst, IL 60046; 847-356-8140. In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial to the Alzheimer's Association, http://www.alz.org/join_the_cause_donate.asp

Previous Events

Memorial Service

DEC 7. 2:00 PM (CT)

St. Mark Lutheran Church
1822 E. Grand Ave.
Lindenhurst, IL 60046
(847) 356-8140

Tribute Wall



“ *Dorothy Ann Kelly*

October 04, 2023 at 02:13 PM



“ *Dorothy Ann Kelly*

December 31, 2022 at 11:36 AM



“ *Fall Fantasia was purchased for the family of Dorothy Ann Kelly.*



December 03, 2014 at 07:55 AM

DK

“ I wanted to share more about my mother than the information contained in the obituary. She was one of 12 children born to Rose and Martin Pischke and grew up in Chicago. She attended Nixon grade school and Kelvyn Park High school. She met my dad when he was stationed at Great Lakes Naval Training Base. They married in Trieste, Italy and lived a number of years in Naples, Italy where my dad was stationed in the 6th Fleet. My sister, Kathy, was born in Italy and we all have fond memories of travels we took to Venice, Pompeii, Pisa. and Rome.

She was basically a homemaker all her life, though did work for a while at a laundromat. She was very athletic - winning numerous awards in high school and playing on softball teams as an adult. Perhaps the most unique thing about mom was she briefly was a member of a Chicago roller derby team in her late teens.

Her favorite activities were crocheting and craft work. Her favorite gift for weddings and birthdays was a beautifully crocheted afghan blanket in your choice of colors.

She was baptized and confirmed at Jehovah Lutheran Church in Chicago. She was an active member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Lindenhurst, IL and Our Shepherd Lutheran Church in Hartsville, SC. She taught Sunday school classes and adult bible studies. She was active in the women's organizations. And she was a close confidant to many. She volunteered for a number of organizations including C.O.O.L (Christian Outreach of Lutherans), PADS, and Sunrise Nursing Home in Gurnee.

Her greatest asset was her strength in terms of body, mind and faith. This was true till the very end.

My mother died of complications of Alzheimer's disease. The first signs of this disease appeared when she was living in South Carolina. It progressed to the point that we felt it would be better to bring her and dad back to Illinois so she would be with her family

and he would have more help in her care. Her disease progressed more quickly than we thought it would since we brought them back in June of 2012.

In the last months of her life, she was surrounded and comforted by a host of family members and care providers. Our family is especially grateful for the care and support she and my father received from the staff at the Independent Living Center Village at Victory Lakes (Rene, Kristi, and others), from National Home Health (Michele, Deborah, Julie and others), from the Skilled Care staff at Victory Lakes, (nurses and aides), and especially the care she received from Advocate Hospice (Michele, Emma, Marie, etc.). All treated her with compassion and dignity until the very end.

My mother's final gift was to participate in the Rush Memory and Aging Project, affiliated with the Rush University Medical Center. By studying the progression of her disease while living, and by studying its effects on her body after her death, she hoped to advance the medical research into Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia.

Dennis Kelly - December 02, 2014 at 12:29 PM

KW

Thanks, Dennis, for the info and memories of your mom. She was a great woman and always one of my favorite moms. My love to all of you and prayers for comfort as you miss her. ~ Kathy Schmidt Wells

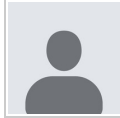
Kathy Schmidt Wells - December 02, 2014 at 10:50 PM

MW

We are sorry for your loss, Dennis & Mary. It sounds like she was a fun lady & had a full life. She was lucky to have you and all of the great care.

*Praying for you & your family,
David & Michaela Ward*

Michaela Ward - December 03, 2014 at 07:08 AM



Dennis, Mary, we are thinking of you. In some ways a blessing, in others a new challenge for your dad. Keep the memories of your mom up-front and vibrant. Share them often with your dad - they are a wonderful salve for the pain of loss. We lifted you up at church last Sunday and will do so again this coming Sunday. Hug one another, Chris, Lisa, Wynton, Liam

Chris Rude - December 04, 2014 at 07:19 AM



Thanks for sharing. So sorry....

kathy and gwen - December 06, 2014 at 09:41 PM



Very nice Dennis. I remember talking about your parents and the move back to Illinois. Our thoughts are with you and Mary and the rest of your family. This has been a difficult year to say the least. Katie and Ron Colliander

Katie Colliander - December 06, 2014 at 11:15 PM