



## Katherine D. Quigley

August 2, 2020

DUE TO STORM ISAIAS WEST HARTFORD HAS SIGNIFICANT DAMAGE. PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THE ONLY WAY TO REACH ST PETER CLAVER CHURCH IS MOUNTAIN RD TO BRAEBURN RD. PLEASE ALLOW EXTRA TIME FOR DETOURS AND NONWORKING TRAFFIC LIGHTS. THE CHURCH DOES NOT HAVE POWER AND FUNERAL SERVICES WON'T BE LIVE STREAMED. IT WILL BE RECORDED AND POSTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Katherine Dunphy Quigley, daughter of the late Eleanor Burne Dunphy (1890-1991) and William Berchams Dunphy (1885-1972), passed away peacefully at age 97 in her home on August 2, 2020. She was born August 12, 1922 in Bayside, New York and graduated from Bayside High School in 1939 and Manhattanville College in 1943. When she married Martin S. Quigley on July 2, 1946, they moved to Larchmont, N.Y. where they lived for the next sixty years. Martin preceded her in death in 2011.

Katherine was the Mother of 9, Grandmother of 27, Great-Grandmother of 20 and Mother-in-Law to 9 special people. She was totally devoted to family and had an astounding ability to remember birthdays, anniversaries, special events and more, not only for her children but for her grandchildren. In addition to endless driving for car pools to accommodate her children's hectic schedules over the years, Katherine was an avid sailor and a terrific athlete. She was very active and sailed, swam and played tennis with her children and grandchildren well into her eighties. Because she was watching so many young ones in the water in the 1950s and 1960s at the Larchmont Yacht Club, she regularly made more "saves" than the lifeguards. Katherine enjoyed cruising, but also raced sailboats competitively and won the Ladies Division of Larchmont Race Week several times.

When her youngest child was in grammar school, she went back to school at Bank Street College of Education and Sarah Lawrence College and completed her Masters Degree in counseling. She spent the next 20 years working as a guidance counselor for the Board of Cooperative Educational Services in New York. She was also involved with Martin at the

very beginning of the Christian Family Movement and with the Foundation for International Cooperation. She was co-chair of the first parent committee at Wesleyan University.

One of Katherine's and her husband's great passions was to get the family together so the grandchildren would know each other and the siblings would stay in touch. She planned an endless series of "reunions" – on sailboats in the British Virgin Islands, at their house and many other places - always celebrating family events. In 1986 they built a house in Palmas del Mar in Puerto Rico which became the site of many visits and adventures. Katherine spent many years going to Palmas during the winter and had many friends there.

They moved to West Hartford, CT in 2007 and became parishioners at Church of St. Peter Claver. Katherine had the gift of friendship and loved a good party and very often she was the center of attention.

Katherine and her husband were world travelers and inspired many in the family to do the same. They volunteered overseas and exposed all their children to travel and took great joy in visiting their family in whatever part of the world they were in. Education and life-long learning was always a priority for her. She was very generous and always tried to help those that needed it. She will be missed by us all.

The entire family wishes to express deep gratitude to the wonderful team of caregivers that helped Katherine over the past couple of years and most particularly, the past several weeks. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Food Pantry – Town of West Hartford or Doctors Without Borders.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Friday, August 7th at 10:00 a.m. at St. Peter Claver Church, 47 Pleasant St., West Hartford. Seating is limited, please arrive early. Social distancing and facial coverings are required. Funeral services will be live streamed at this link

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# Events

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**AUG** **Mass of Christian Burial** 10:00AM

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Church of St. Peter Claver

47 Pleasant St., West Hartford, CT, US

# Comments

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“ A webcast video has been added.



**Molloy Funeral Home** - August 04, 2020 at 09:14 AM



“ Katherine was the last of an incredible generation. She carried Grace, Dignity, Honor and True Love well. It was a joy to have seen her only two times. Those two times left me with gratitude and joy from such a fine Lady. Her heart was so sincere that it was a gift to talk to her! She was a true Matriarch, raising such fine and brilliant generations of Quigleys'. I send my sympathies to the family and all who knew her. May her memories find you peace and joy.

**Jean Lister** - August 05, 2020 at 02:59 PM



“ We first met Katherine and her husband, Martin in 1992 when we were both swimming in the Outer Harbor of Palmas Del Mar behind our homes in Isla San Miguel. We all were surprised to learn that we already had very much in common including our wedding anniversary, several friends, and that we even knew their eldest son, Martin, from coincidental service in the navy. Our friendship grew over the years as they welcomed us into the rest of their family.

It was our great privilege to have their friendship. The Quigley family remain close friends and neighbors. There is little to say about Katherine that anyone who knew her does not already know. She was a fabulous lady in so many ways and was loved and respected by all who came into her realm. Sadly, we will all miss her but we can take solace in knowing that she has joined her husband in a better place and that we were all blessed to share some of their Earthly time.

Marie and Gordon MacDonald

**Marie and Gordon MacDonald** - August 06, 2020 at 11:21 AM



“ My sincere sympathy to all the Family of my dear friend. Kay was my mentor at BOCES and we shared many fun times there. She was my North Star when it came to dealing with “the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune”. I am forever grateful for her guidance and love. Rest In Peace dear friend  
Maureen Liptack

**maureen liptack** - August 19, 2020 at 03:36 PM

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“ Thank you family for sharing Katherine with us. She loved you all and she loved sharing you with us  
She was a good friend.  
She is missed.  
Our loss is heaven's gain.

**Bobbi MacGillis** - August 13, 2020 at 10:34 AM

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“ Katherine was a shining light beloved by all who knew her. She became a second mother to me and also a dear, dear friend. The world won't seem quite as bright without her presence and she will be missed tremendously. Love to all her family.  
Judy Kelly

**Judith Kelly** - August 05, 2020 at 11:46 AM