



# Eileen Drew Kennedy

August 11, 1936 - April 19, 2023

Eileen Drew Kennedy, a beloved mother, grandmother, sister, and friend, passed away peacefully at home on April 19th, 2023, at the age of 86. Eileen was born in New York City in 1936 to James & Margaret Drew, and was known throughout her life for her kindness, generosity, lively intellect, and great spirituality.

Eileen's commitment to helping others began at St. Vincent's School of Nursing, where she received her nursing degree. She continued her education at Columbia University, where she received both an undergraduate and master's degree in nursing education.

In 1961, Eileen married Arthur Kennedy, Jr., the love of her life, and they shared 52 years of marriage before he preceded her in death. Eileen's family was everything to her, and she was cherished by her four children, Susan, Arthur (Caridad Sierra), Joanne (Bill Bunker), and Karen (Paul Wright), and her grandchildren, Jessica, Allison, Sarah, and Arthur Aidan. Eileen is also survived by her sister and brother, Sheila Drew, and William (Laura) Drew, and brother-in-law, Donald (Mary Angela) Kennedy, as well as many beloved nieces, nephews, cousins, and long-held friends who Eileen embraced as family. Eileen is preceded in death by her sister, Patricia, and her sisters-in-law, Eleanor (Jim) Kennedy and Patricia (Edgar) Tonna.

Eileen's life was marked by her unwavering faith, and she was an active member of St. Anastasia Roman Catholic Church in Teaneck, NJ and Our Lady of Mercy in Park Ridge, NJ. The family will receive their relatives and friends on Sunday, April 30th, from 1:00-3:00 PM and 5:00-7:00 PM at Volk-Leber Funeral Home (789 Teaneck Rd in Teaneck, NJ). The Funeral Liturgy will be held at St. Anastasia Roman Catholic Church (1095 Teaneck Rd, Teaneck, NJ) on Monday, May 1st, at 11 am.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations in Eileen's name to Catholic Charities ([catholiccharitiesusa.org](http://catholiccharitiesusa.org)) or St. Anastasia Roman Catholic Church ([saintanastasia.org](http://saintanastasia.org)). Eileen's kindness, warmth, and loving spirit will be deeply missed by all who knew her.



# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 30. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Volk Leber Funeral Home  
789 Teaneck Road  
Teaneck, NJ 07666  
info@volkleber.com  
<http://www.volkleber.com>

## Visitation

APR 30. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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## Funeral Mass

MAY 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

Church of St. Anastasia  
1095 Teaneck Rd  
Teaneck, NJ 07666  
(201) 837-3354

# Tribute Wall



“ *Eileen Drew Kennedy*

October 08, 2023 at 09:59 PM



“ *Eileen Drew Kennedy*

October 08, 2023 at 06:27 PM

DL

“ *I was so sorry to hear of the passing of Eileen. She was loved by everyone who knew her. May her memory forever be a blessing. ❤️🙏*

**Deborah Ledoux** - May 02, 2023 at 07:08 AM

CM

“ *Aunt Eileen, I will miss our visits, our talks, discussions on the books we were reading and your wonderful spirit. You were a great listener and helped me through out my life. You were a great Godmother. I thank God you were part of our lives. May you spirit fly high. Love Always, Cathy*

**Cathy Maggs** - April 30, 2023 at 10:17 AM

KW



**Karen Kennedy Wright** - May 01, 2023 at 06:42 PM

MS

“ *To Eileen's Family,  
My Late Husband, Ray Smith, and I met and developed a friendship with Eileen many years ago at the 10 o'clock Mass at St. Anastasia! We always looked forward to seeing her each week and would always have wonderful conversations with her! I was so sorry to hear of her passing. Now, she and Ray can forever communicate with each other in their Heavenly home!*

*Love and Peace to All,  
Mildred Smith*

**Mildred Smith** - April 29, 2023 at 08:34 AM

KW

*Thank you, Mildred. 🙏*

**Karen Kennedy Wright** - April 29, 2023 at 08:43 PM