



## Patricia Linda Kennedy

December 5, 1941 - October 9, 2021

On Saturday, October 9, 2021, Patricia L. (Costello) Kennedy, loving wife, mother of three, and amazing 'Mimi' to four granddaughters, passed away at the age of 79 in Haymarket, VA.

Patti was born December 5, 1941, in Philadelphia, PA to Joe and Josephine Costello. She was a graduate of St. Mary's Academy and the Fitzgerald Mercy Hospital School of Nursing. She spent her career working in nursing and the healthcare industry. On December 28, 1963, she married J. Kevin Kennedy and moved to Rhode Island. They raised two daughters, Jennifer, and Melissa, and one son, Jamie, spending time in California and Minnesota, before settling in northern Virginia.

Patti loved keeping up with her granddaughters' activities including soccer, college, horseback riding, volleyball, basketball, and flag football. She was game for trying new technology - mastering her iPhone for facetime, using a laptop, navigating her smart TV, and giving voice commands to Alexa. Friends and family could always count on a text message from Patti to include a LOT of emojis!

Animals, especially dolphins and dogs, also brought her joy. We know she's in heaven now playing with Maddie, Gizmeau, Max, Muffin, Patches, Gingerbread, Sammi & Shelby – while her favorite singer John Denver

serenades her of course!

Patti also loved books and magazines. She and Kevin collected many books throughout the years and friends who helped them move their house described it as “moving the Library of Congress.” She had a passion for American History and politics and believed that in a true democracy even “common people” could make a difference. Patti encouraged everyone to vote!

Patti was preceded in death by her parents Joe and Josephine. She leaves behind her husband Kevin, her children Jennifer (Pete), Melissa (Rob), and Jamie (Deb), her four granddaughters Kayla, Kelsey, Keagan, and Keira, her sister Kathi (Michael), her niece Alex and nephew Nick, her extended family, and friends near and far. We have a hole in our hearts but will love her forever. We'll keep watch for one of her rainbows...

A “Celebration of Patti’s Life” will be held on Saturday, December 4th, 2021, in Virginia. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that you please consider a donation in Patti’s name. She loved supporting organizations that focused on children, especially St. Jude’s and Operation Smile.

- St. Jude (<http://giffunds.stjude.org/pattistjude>)
- Operation Smile (<http://support.operationsmile.org/goto/pattismile>)

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Memories from Patti's next in line oldest cousin.*

*In January 1949 after my Father returned from service in Japan we were staying at Patti's home on 4938 N. 5th street and I remember walking with Patti every day from Patti's home to Incarnation Elementary Catholic School at 5th street and Lindley Avenue. Patti was a very popular person at the school and she made sure that I got introduced to all of her friends so that i felt welcome at the school. Even at that early age, Patti was making sure that her family members were well cared for.*

*Fast forward to 1988 and my wife's Father who lived in Falls Church, VA passed away and Patti saw the obituary in the newspaper. Patti called us and offered to stay with my wife's Mother to help her get through her period grieving and being alone. Again, another example of Patti making sure her family members were well cared for.*

*Now to 1991, my Mother who was living near me in Los Altos, CA, was terminally ill with cancer. Well who shows up to stay with her and help with hospice care, but non other than Nurse Patti. Again making sure her family members were well cared for.*

*Patti will be missed by all of us cousins for sure.*

*Bill Krause*

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