



Kathleen Agusti

May 26, 1920 - May 26, 2013

Kathleen Marie Agusti, 93, of Champaign, IL, formerly of Danville, IL and Potomac, IL, passed away on Sunday, May 26 at 11:45 p.m. at Champaign Urbana Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Savoy, IL.

Kathleen was born on May 11, 1920, in Delaware County, Pennsylvania, daughter of Thomas and Sarah Regan Cosden. She married Dr. Manuel Agusti on August 24, 1946. He preceded her in death on October 5, 1990.

Survivors include her three sons, Jose Agusti (Lisa Burgoon) of Savoy, Manuel Agusti (Susan) of Danville, Daniel Agusti of Chicago, her two grandsons, Josh Agusti of Oak Park, Adam Agusti of Dana, Indiana, and her niece, Kathleen "Pinky" Coupe (Butch), of Dover, Delaware, named after her "Aunt Kay" to whom she was as close as a daughter and regarded as such. She was particularly close to her cousins, Eileen and Tony Melia of Oakville, Ontario, Canada.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, her brother, Joe Cosden and her sister, Gladys Bluzzard.

Kathleen was a registered nurse having graduated from St. Francis School of Nursing, Wilmington, Delaware, in 1945. She later worked as a registered nurse at St. Francis Hospital, Wilmington, Delaware where she met her husband, and Our Lady of Lourdes Memorial Hospital, Binghamton, New York before moving with her husband to Vermilion County, Illinois where he practiced medicine for thirty-five years. Kathleen continued nursing in support of her husband until she put her career aside to raise her family. But Kathleen never really gave up nursing; she continued to be a healer her entire life seeing it as her life's work.

She was a member of St. Paul Catholic Church, Danville.

She was also a member of the Vermilion County Medical Auxiliary, the Illinois State Medical Society Auxiliary, and the Vermilion County Garden Club.

From the time she was eight years old Kathleen sewed. She was an excellent seamstress making nearly all her clothes until much later in her life when her eyesight became too poor to continue. She believed that store-bought clothing was never as good as the clothing she made for herself and others. She felt that everyone she was close to (and many she may have known a short time) needed one of her coats that she designed and

meticulously made by hand. It was her sense of generosity that no one should be cold and without one of her beautiful coats.

Everyone who knew Kathleen will remember her for her energetic, exuberant personality and greeting everyone as if they were long-lost family. Many were astounded as she spoke fluent Spanish which she learned almost immediately simply by hearing her husband speak his first language with family while in Cuba.

She never engaged in an argument or fight with anyone always taking the high road with any encounter. She was endlessly supportive of her husband, sons, "daughter" and grandsons. She would sacrifice her own comfort to insure the comfort of others. Kathleen gave to everyone selflessly. She loved the many dogs she had in her life, often saying "I never met a dog I didn't like."

Kathleen was immensely proud of her Irish heritage. It was one of the greatest thrills of her life when she was able to travel to Ireland in 1980 to meet relatives she had only heard about from her own mother, Sarah, who had landed at Ellis Island from Ireland in 1917.

Events

MAY **Visitation** 04:00PM - 07:00PM

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St. Paul Catholic Church
1303 N. Walnut St., Danville, IL, US, 61832

MAY **Funeral Mass** 10:00AM

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MAY **Burial**

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Resurrection Catholic Cemetery
Danville, US

Comments



“ To the memory of my cousin Kathleen (Kay). She was a beautiful person. She always made me and my wife welcomed when we went to visit her. When I would call her, it was as if it was the first time. She would always fill me in on our family history. We could talk for hours. The world will miss such a beautiful person. I miss her already. Her father and my father were brothers.
David T. Cosden
1552 Virginia Ave.
Folcroft, Penna. 19032

David T. Cosden - April 23, 2017 at 08:54 AM



“ Jose and Manuel:

I just learned of the passing of your mother; my sincerest condolences. During the short time I knew Kathleen I treasured her as a friend. Our conversations always brightened my days and evenings during my stay at the rehab center.

I'll always remember her and the wonderful necklaces she gave my sisters.

Melvyn A. Skvarla
June 11, 2013

Melvyn A. Skvarla - Champaign, IL - Friend - June 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Very sorry and saddened to learn of the death of my cousin Kathleen at the great age of 93. She was an inspiration to everyone and we here in Ireland were very proud of her exploits and achievements. My late Mom lord rest her always kept in touch with Kathleen and we always enjoyed reading her wonderful descriptive letters detailing her life in far away America. Later long after my Mom passed on and the internet arrived on our doorstep she immersed herself on the net and I regularly got chastised from her for not communicating often enough. My cousin Eileen in Toronto was very close to her and she kept me up to date on her wellness and eventually sadly when she passed on it was Eileen who informed us on this side of the Atlantic. On behalf of the Regan family here in Ireland (her mother Sarah was the eldest in the family and my father Joe's sister) may we offer our sincere condolence's on your great loss..Ar dheis De go raibh a anam.

John Regan - Granard Co. Longford Ireland. - 1st Cousin - June 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ How do you say good-bye to someone you love so much? I don't know. I know that she taught me so much from how to sew and how to make jewelry, mostly by phone because I lived in Dover, De. But, she was a very good teacher. I have enough clothes to last me a lifetime. She would call and say "take your measurements for me". The next thing you know I would get a 'CARE' package in the mail. We jokingly call it a care package. Everything in it would be wrapped. It was just like Christmas except everything in the box was for me!!! When I opened it and called her to thank her she would tell me that no thanks were necessary. And, then she would tell me to make sure I check all the pockets because there was always a little "wrapped" surprise in there. When she went shopping at her favorite store "Hobby Lobby" she would pick up one for her and one for me. She would tell me that it had my name written all over it. And, she never asked for anything in return. Never. Her greatest joy was to make someone happy. And, that she did. She made everyone she knew happy with that smile she had so wide on her face all the time. Oh yes, I will miss her very much.

Kathleen Pinky Coupe - Dover, DE - Aunt/Mother - May 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ I was one of the lucky people that was touched by Kathleen's spirit and generosity. She also made me a BEAUTIFUL coat years ago when she was one of my residents at Gentry Square Apts. I still wear that coat on occasion and think of her.

She told me great stories of her husband and children - with the biggest smile anyone could imagine. I took her to lunch one day at Radio Maria and was entertained by all her stories of her first trip to Cuba with her new husband and the practical jokes he liked to play on her.

She loved her family and was very proud of all her children...she made that very clear many, many times. And now that I know she was a dog lover, I will definitely make a donation to the Humane Society in her memory.

I miss her already!

Theresa Kamerer - Champaign, IL - friend - May 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ (Roman 6:23) For the wages sin pays is death, but the gift God gives is everlasting life by Christ Jesus our Lord.

McGrew
University Park

McGrew - May 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Jose..So very sorry to read in the paper of your mom's passing...She seems to have been quite a gal and lady...We never got to talk much about families at work ..Yours seems quite great...

Please know that I hope all is well with you and your family....

Vicky Harbison - Le Roy , IL - Friend - May 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ What a wonderful person she was. I worked for Dr. Agusti in 1956/57 Even babysit the twins sometimes when they were very little. Know she will be missed by all her family. Potomac was very blest to have the Agusti family living in our community. God Bless you with comfort and strength at this time.

Janet Mangold Forster - St. Marys,, PA - May 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ I would like to extend my sympathy to all of your family. I remember going to school with you boys, (although I was a little older) I remember when you lived west of town next to Russell and Kathleen Biggs. I didn't know your mother as well as your Dad. I do remember that he was an AWESOME doctor. My prayers are with you and your families at this sad time. .

Marcia Jo Willard Beauvois - Hoopeston, IL - friend - May 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ What a loving tribute to your mother! Your parents were such a blessing to Potomac and so many of us are very thankful that Dr. Agusti came to our small town. Many times we went to Dr. for the challenges of raising a family. When David went over the handlebars of his bike on a Sunday afternoon, Dr. met us at his office to take a stitch or two. And when David had the chickenpox, he came to the upstairs apartment we lived in and took care of him. Your mother had to be a very understanding and compassionate person to be the wife of a small town doctor in those times. Kathleen sent me a very nice note when we celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary which we appreciated. Perhaps you boys don't remember me, but I was the wife of Harold Spain, mother of David and Marilyn, and secretary of the Potomac Grade School. Frankie Davis, my nephew was in Jose and Manuel's class. My sympathy to all of you and my sincere appreciation for your parents! Bonnie Spain

Bonnie Spain - Danville, IL - May 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM