



Alice Kelly

November 26, 1919 - February 26, 2013

Alice Kelly, 93 of Carroll, and formerly of Lake View, during a peaceful night's sleep slipped out the back door on February 26, 2013 with her Irish tam and green scarf on. She was on her way to join her late husband and true love Arnold Kelly who had taken the journey in December 1992.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Carroll. The Celebrant will be Fr. Timothy Johnson. Music will be by Barb McDermott and the Holy Spirit Choir with John Wagner as soloist.

Christian Symbols will be placed by Alice's children and her sister Helen Wieland. Lectors for the funeral mass will be Alice's children, Kevin Kelly and Michael Kelly. Alice's son, Dennis Kelly will deliver the eulogy. Gift Bearers will be Alice's children, Kathleen Reinhardt and Tim Kelly and Alice's great-grandchildren. Honorary Casket Bearers will be: Norm Schulz, Mike Berger, Eric Berger, Jim McGuire, Pat McGuire, Andrew Humphrey, Troy Kasperbauer, Tom Kasperbauer, and Sam Kasperbauer. Casket Bearers will be Alice's grandsons: Dan Kelly, Mike Kelly, Pat Kelly, Tim Millage, Randy Reinhardt, Nick Reinhardt, and Tim Reinhardt. Burial will be at 1:30 p.m. on Friday at the Wall Lake Cemetery. The St. Anthony Hospital Auxiliary will form an honor guard for the funeral mass.

Friends may call at the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll after 3:30 p.m. on Thursday where there will be a rosary at 4 p.m. and a Christian Wake Service at 6 p.m. by Holy Spirit Parish. The casket will be moved to Holy Spirit Church at 9 a.m. on Friday where visitation will resume until time of the funeral mass.

Memorials may be left at the funeral home or the church for St. Anthony Hospital Auxiliary. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll and online condolences may be left for Alice's family at www.sharpfuneral.com.

Born on November 26, 1919 at rural Fonda, Iowa, Alice Kathryn was the daughter of John and Laura (Quirk) Finegan. Alice developed her well-mannered ways under the auspices of the feisty nuns at St Angela Academy in Carroll. She developed an amazing love of life and tremendous propensity to befriend every person that came in reach of her fantastic story telling ability. On February 4, 1946 Alice married Arnold Kelly at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Carroll. They brought into the world 5 children.....Mike, Tim, Denny, Kevin and "by- god finally a girl" named Kathleen. These 5 souls kept the game going by having 13 kids who matched the play with 13 more of their own. Alice helped her husband with the Ford Garage at Lake View for 35 years where they partnered with Mel and Ginny Broich.

Anyone reading this obituary at some point in their life got a dozen chocolate chip cookies, scrubber, blanket, birthday card, fresh baked bread or a hot meal from Alice. She made sure that everyone felt special and was accounted for.

It's amazing that every church in Sac and Carroll County didn't burn down based on all the memorial and prayer candles Alice lit over her 93 years. If half the people she prayed for made it to heaven they certainly must have had to put on a new addition to accommodate just her crew. Alice was very proud of her family's Irish heritage and still holding down the Finegan name to this day is Alice's sister Helen Finegan Wieland who can be caught cruising the halls of St Anthony Nursing home at the age of 96.

What a wonderful spirit. What a wonderful person. After any conversation with this lady dressed in green you always walked away with a smile in your heart and a lift in your step. She had the MAGIC !!!!

May we all who shared in Alice's fine touch for the human spirit carry her loving mission forward as we celebrate being able to call her a "good friend".

Alice was a member of Holy Spirit Parish in Carroll and the St. Anthony Hospital Auxiliary. Survivors include her children: Michael Finegan Patrick Kelly of Bloomington, MN, Timothy Joseph Kelly and wife Lonnie of Farmington, MN, Dennis William Kelly of Johnston, Kevin Arnold Kelly and wife Carol of Agency, and Kathleen Reinhardt and husband Bob of Lakeville, MN; 15 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; one sister, Helen Wieland of Carroll; as well as other extended relatives and many friends.

Alice was preceded in death by her parents; husband Arnold in December of 1992; and her brother, Merle John Finegan

Tribute Wall

KS

“ My parents, Tom and Betty Sheehan adored Alice. She was so special, and will never be forgotten. She always had a funny story and a big hug to share every time I was lucky enough to run into her. This is such a beautiful obituary, I so enjoyed reading it. It captures her essence. My sympathies to your entire family.

Kitty Sheehan - March 06, 2013 at 08:27 PM

MH

“ Dear Kelly Clan, I feel so blessed to have spent some quality time with your Mom last summer. What a wonderful gem of a person. Her sense of humor radiated a glow that uplifted the spirit and caused you to envy the Irish. “May you always have work for your hands to do. May your pockets hold always a coin or two. May the sun shine bright on your windowpane. May the rainbow be certain to follow each rain. May the hand of a friend always be near you. And may God fill your heart with gladness to cheer you.”

Max Harper - March 03, 2013 at 08:26 PM

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“ Kevin, so sorry to hear about your mother. I just found out. May all your memories help you thru this time. Thinking of you and your family.

Kay (Reiling) - March 03, 2013 at 11:33 AM

GW

“ I am so sorry to hear of Alice's passing. She was such a delightful and warm hearted woman. I know she enjoyed her Irish heritage and celebrated St. Patrick's Day every year with her friends. I know my mother always got such a kick out of these parties. You are so luck to have had such a wonderful mother. I'm thinking of all of you at this time. You have my deepest sympathy.
Gail Wetzstein

Gail Wetzstein-Kirchner - March 03, 2013 at 10:46 AM

JS

“ sincere thoughts to all the family, a true irish wake will be in her memory lasting...toast one from us to her, she was a special lady with so many kind words and always a story to share, she is missed.

jean & bill (radar) snyder - March 01, 2013 at 02:22 PM

PK

“ To Alice's Family, We are very to hear of Alice's passing. Unfortunately Tom and I are out of town for work and are unable to attend any of the funeral services. She was a wonderful person and we know Grandma Jean was at the gates to welcome her with open arms. Thoughts and prayers to all of you! Tom, Paula and Xander Kasperbauer

Paula Kasperbauer - February 28, 2013 at 05:44 PM

MO

“ Denny, Sorry to hear about your mom. After reading her obit, I sure wish I could have met her. She was a FINE and FUN Irish Woman. Like no other... My sympathies to you. Take care Molly

Molly - February 28, 2013 at 02:35 PM

LH

“ *What a jig must be going on in heaven now! Will miss my friend, Alice, tremendously. I have no idea who to give the rest of the netting & fabric stash to! Alice was the kindest person I knew & I enjoyed many conversations with her mostly talking about how much she loved her family! My prayers & sympathy to all of you.*

lynne humphrey - February 28, 2013 at 01:09 PM

TS

“ *to the family of Helen
I only knew knew Helen through carroll congregate meals meals.
Helen always wanted to send me a recipe or 2 or more which was really great to get in the mail.
she also would call me up and tell me how much she appreciated our services and what we did for the community.
I will miss Helen's kind words and appreciation and I will especially miss miss her recipes that she would share with me because she thought that we would enjoy them., which we did.
may God bless you and your family during this difficult time. May Helen be in your hearts forever.. and know that she is looking down upon you during this difficult time*

Tracy Sturm - February 28, 2013 at 11:13 AM

DR

“ *To: Kathleen Kelly (Reinhardt) and Family: I am sorry to hear of your mother passing away. I didn't see her that often, but when I did she was always very nice and friendly. She raised a wonderful Family. You all should be very proud of her. You have my heart felt sympathy. Sincerely, Dave Reinhardt*

Dave Reinhardt - February 26, 2013 at 08:47 PM