

KATHLEEN ANN BAILEY

September 15, 1950 - August 14, 2024



Kathleen Bailey had a knack for uplifting others.

A fashionista known for her signature look -- a favorite Louis Vuitton bag -- playfully called "Louie" -- paired with chunky gold bangles, she had an unmistakable twinkle in her Irish eyes -- with a sparkling smile to match.

She adored her career throughout the '80s as a saleswoman at Miller's, a ladies store famous for fashion in South Hills Village,

comically saying if Miller's was still in business, her daughter Kaitlin may never have been born.

Later, as a makeup artist and jewelry saleswoman, Mrs. Bailey loved helping women find their confidence while assisting many a nervous young man in selecting the perfect diamond engagement ring.

Mrs. Bailey, nee Smith, could enthrall anyone with her sweet disposition and kind nature, including her beloved husband Ronald, who spotted her across a crowded room at the Gandy Dancer in 1981 -- where they would spend many anniversaries remembering their first meeting.

He told her, "You have the most beautiful eyes I've ever seen," and he was right. We'll miss her big, green eyes more than we can say.

Kathy loved her children and grandson with her whole heart. "My mother, my confidant" was a phrase often heard in the house, and was storied to be an expression of a mother's love said by her mother. She was so proud of her daughters, Meghan and Kaitlin, and loved their husbands very much. Gigi also loved to be with regaled with stories about her "pride and joy" grandson, Jack Michael, whose memory she still held close long into her battle with Alzheimer's Disease.

We will remember her with one of her favorite Irish blessings:

"May the road rise up to meet you.

May the wind be always at your back.

May the sun shine warm upon your face;

the rains fall soft upon your fields

And, until we meet again,

May God hold you in the palm of His hand."

Along with her husband, Ronald E. Bailey, Mrs. Bailey is survived by her beloved daughters Meghan McKelvey Clark (Christopher) of Mt. Lebanon, and Kaitlin McCall Skivington (Tyler), of Murrieta, Calif.; a dear sister Mary Lou Mangold, of Monroeville; her self proclaimed best friend and grandson, Jack Michael Clark, of Mt. Lebanon; and her darling granddogs, who adored Gigi, Lambeau, Daisy, Ozzie, and Charlie.

She joins in Heaven her hero and father John "Jack" Michael Smith; mother Mary Elizabeth McDonough Smith; her adored big brother James "Jimmy" Smith, former basketball star at Duquesne University; and her favorite granddog, Brady Indiana.

Services will be a private family celebration of life this fall.

In honor of her love of children, memorial donations are suggested to Ronald McDonald House Charities at <https://rmhc.org/donate> or to St. Michael the Archangel - St. Bernard Church in Mt. Lebanon, where she spent many Sundays attending 12:30 P.M. mass as a lifelong devout Catholic.

<https://smapgh.org/give-to-stmichaelthearchangelparish>.

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