

KATHLEEN "KATE" JENNINGS



Kathleen "Kate" Jennings, 81, of Westlake, OH, passed away peacefully in her home with her son by her side, after recent cardiac issues complicated by Alzheimer's disease.

She was born on August 12, 1943, just moments after her identical twin, Barbara. Daughters to Francis and Veronica; they joined brother, Philip and later welcomed a baby brother, Ambrose. Growing up in Rocky River,

she enjoyed summer activities with family and friends at Bass Lake and listening to The Beach Boys and The Beatles. She graduated from Magnificat High School and attended St. John College, where she and Barbara completed their nursing degrees. Shortly into her nursing career, she met and married a young ophthalmic surgeon from India, Dr. Chandrappa Reshmi. His training led them to Montreal, Boston, and New York City, before planting roots in Pittsburgh in 1973 with their three year old daughter, Shalini. Soon after settling down, son, Chandra (C.J.) was born.

Kate focused on raising their children while steadfastly supporting the growth of her husband's medical practice. World travel, including frequent visits to India, and many weekends spent skiing at Hidden Valley Resort made for wonderful family memories. While at home, she graciously hosted frequent dinner parties for colleagues and friends, gaining a reputation as a natural party planner and organizer. As the children went on to college and careers, she continued to volunteer extensively, holding appointments as President of the Allegheny County Medical Society Auxiliary and as a member of the Pittsburgh Opera Association, and helped establish the Indian Nationality Room in the Cathedral of Learning at the University of Pittsburgh. One of her most rewarding memories was a month of volunteer work at a women's hospice in India run by Mother Theresa herself. She eventually shifted her efforts toward caring for her mother, who also suffered from Alzheimer's disease with both she and Barbara providing loving home care for nearly a decade. Kate began a new role as grandmother in 2011, making frequent trips from Pittsburgh to Columbus. She enjoyed every moment spent watching the many talents of her granddaughter; a gymnast, Irish dancer, and now Captain of her 8th grade volleyball team. Both Kate and Barbara became symptomatic in 2019, with the onset of dementia that led to Barbara's passing in 2022. Kate continued to show her true colors as a sweet and gentle soul to her last day, as her sister and mother did before her.

She was predeceased by her husband, Dr. Chandrappa Reshmi; sister, Barbara; brothers, Philip and Ambrose; sister-in-law, Gretchen Bondy; niece, Amy Jennings and her parents. She will be remembered fondly by many friends and family both here and around the world, and is survived by sister-in-law, Lorraine Jennings (Ambrose); niece, Melanie Miller (Mark), children, Shalini and C.J.; and granddaughter, Ava Bozik.

A celebration of life is being planned for early spring-please email cjreshmi@yahoo.com for additional details.



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