



Kathleen Smyder Getman

July 23, 1927 - November 12, 2018

Kathleen S. Getman, 91, passed away peacefully at her home Monday, November 12, surrounded by family. She was born at home July 23, 1927, in Dansville, New York, the youngest of Louis and Rosella (Bricks) Smyder's five children. She graduated from Ilion High School (N.Y.) in 1945 and lived in Cleveland, Ohio, for several years while working as a secretary. She married Robert J. Getman in 1949 and they settled in West Point in 1959.

"Kay" spent the first 25 years of her marriage devoted to being a loving mother and wife as she and "Bob" raised six children. In 1973, she returned to school and became an L.P.N. as part of Lafayette School of Practical Nursing's inaugural class. Upon graduation, she worked at the convalescent centers in both West Point and Saluda before joining the staff of Dr. William Hosfield in West Point. She was a member of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, where she previously taught Sunday school, processed collections, and volunteered with the Good Neighbor Center. She was especially pleased to have been involved in the creation of the Veteran's Memorial at West Point Cemetery, for which she and Bob donated the land. Over the years, her interests included painting, photography, sailing, playing bridge, and reading.

Kathleen was preceded in death by her husband of 52 years, as well as her eldest son, James. She will be dearly missed by family and friends, including three daughters: Jane Stevens and husband, Ronnie, of Memphis, Tenn.; Liza Getman of West Point; and Mary Bishop and husband, John, of Greenville,

N.C.; two sons: Louis Getman and wife, Kim, of Mitchell, Ind., and Daniel Getman of King and Queen; seven grandchildren: Katie Stevens Hill and her husband, David; Seth Stevens and his wife, Jennifer; Ruth Stevens, Jimmy and Ruth Bishop, Michael Getman, and Sarah Getman; and four great grandchildren; her brother, James Smyder (Esther Milledge), of West Winfield, N.Y., also survives.

Following cremation, a funeral mass will be held at 11 a.m., Friday, November 23, at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church 3570 King William Ave., West Point, VA 23181. The family will receive friends for a time of food and fellowship following the mass service also at the church. Vincent Funeral Home, West Point is in charge of arrangements. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church Capital Improvement Project, 207 W. Euclid Blvd, West Point VA or the West Point Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box X, West Point, VA 23181. Tributes may be posted at www.vincentfh.com

Previous Events

Service

NOV **23**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church
3570 King William Avenue
West Point, VA 23181

Tribute Wall

RN

“ Great Aunt Kathleen & your family, I'm thinking of you & your family, this Holiday Season. It brings me peace that you are with your husband, plus I'm 100% sure you're hang with your Brother, Louie, my Grandpa & Grandma Gert, too. God Bless You !!!

Robin Smyder Nagle - December 08, 2019 at 09:50 PM

MC

“ My mother, Virginia Ryczak, and I were both saddened to learn that Kay had passed away. She was a longtime friend of mom's. She and Bob shared many wonderful times with my parents, when they were so involved together in church activities and volunteering for their church. Kay was such a sweet, caring and kind lady, who was quick to smile! We send her family our deepest sincere sympathy. She was certainly be missed. Maryann Ryczak Casterline

Maryann Ryczak Casterline - November 18, 2018 at 01:43 PM

SW

“ Sandra Wilson lit a candle in memory of Kathleen Smyder Getman



Sandra Wilson - November 16, 2018 at 08:13 PM

SW

Liza an Family, I'm so sorry for the loss of your Mom. It looks like that she had a full and rewarding life. Prayers and thoughts are with you and family.

Sandra Wilson - November 16, 2018 at 07:18 PM

JR

“ *John & Vickie Roane lit a candle in memory of Kathleen Smyder Getman*



John & Vickie Roane - November 15, 2018 at 11:56 AM

JS

“ *Kay was a special lady to me I enjoyed every moment with her as her hairdresser and friend. But I know she is at peace now and with her husband and son. My condolences to her family. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Judy Shaw*



Judy Shaw - November 14, 2018 at 01:55 PM

LS

“ *Kay was such a sweet person. I have so many memories and all include her smile. She was always kind and caring. I know all of her family will miss her.*

Linda Varner Staley - November 14, 2018 at 01:47 PM

LN

“ *Her heart is now healed from the loss of Jim, a hurt that she carried for many years. Such a great lady. Sincere condolences to her family from the family of Ted and Lorraine Norman.*

Lynne Norman - November 14, 2018 at 11:51 AM

CC

“ Kay was a great co-worker at WP Family Practice and such a fine person. Sending prayers and hugs to her family in their loss.
Charlene Cook (retired RN)
Mattaponi, VA

Charlene R Cook - November 14, 2018 at 11:08 AM

JW

“ I am so sorry to hear this news. Kay was a special lady and was always so good and kind to me..I will miss seeing her around town.May good memories help you all in the days ahead.

Janie Wampler - November 14, 2018 at 11:02 AM