

Eileen Teresa Bray

September 10, 1948 - December 24, 2021

Eileen Teresa Bray, 73, of Estero, FL died on Friday, December 24, 2021. Born on September 10, 1948 in New York City, she was daughter of the late Thomas and Mary (Carmody) Fitzsimmons.

Eileen was happily married for 51 years to Tim Bray. She was the loving Mother of Kevin, Paul, Kathleen and Erin; devoted Grandmother of Suzanne, Patrick, Grace and Riley; proud Mother-in-Law of Jennifer, Kendra and Tom Parisi.

Eileen passionately worked as a BSN RN, with additional accreditation in Occupational Health Nursing.

She loved sports, especially tennis and golf. She had won first place in the women's tennis doubles at WildCat Run. She also has a hole-in-one plaque at the WildCat course. Her most treasured accomplishment was volunteering with her friends on The WildCat Care for Kids committee.

Her wish would be that there were tennis courts in heaven and that there would be a racquet for her.

May she Rest in Peace.

Friends will be received on Sunday, December 26, 2021 from 1 PM to 4 PM at Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home, 28300 Tamiami Trail South, Bonita Springs,

FL 34134.

A Mass of Christian Burial will take place on Monday, December 27, 2021 at 10 AM at Our Lady of Light Catholic Community.

To sign Eileen's guest register or to leave online condolences, please visit www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com.

Cemetery Details

St. Gertrude Cemetery

53 Inman Avenue
Colonia, NJ 07067

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **26**. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home
28300 Tamiami Trail So.
Bonita Springs, FL 34134
(239) 992-4982
bonitafhbill@comcast.net

Mass of Christian Burial

DEC **27**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Light Catholic Community
19680 Cypress View Dr
Fort Myers, FL 33967-6201
(239) 267-7088

Tribute Wall



“ *Eileen Teresa Bray*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *Tim, Joel and I send our heartfelt condolences to you and your family. So sorry for your loss. We were blessed to have been able to get to know Eileen and share wonderful times with the two of you. I have never met a more upbeat and caring person. Always there with a smile. She will be missed by all who knew her. You will be in our thoughts as you face the days ahead.*

Cyndy Bizon

Cyndy Bizon - December 28, 2021 at 12:33 PM



“ *I will never forget the fun times my family always had with the Brays growing up. Eileen was always so honest and a such sweet special person to me. I will miss seeing her. Many of my friends growing up would always say how much Eileen and my mom reminded them of each other and how they couldn't tell them apart. They would show up, and this happened more than once, to events wearing the same exact outfit. They always said it wasn't planned, but I wonder about that. Eileen will be missed so much, it won't be the same without her.*

Love, Allie Walsh

Allison Walsh - December 27, 2021 at 09:13 PM

KK

“ *Tim and family,
We are so very sorry for your loss. Eileen was a dear, sweet, caring person and friend who always placed others before herself. May her memory be a blessing.
Sending much love and prayers.
Karen, Marty, Brian and Lauren*

Karen Kurtz - December 27, 2021 at 07:50 PM



“ *Sending love and prayers to Mr. Bray and all the Bray kids and grandkids.*

I had the good fortune to know Mrs. Bray my entire 33 years of life, growing up at Shongum Lake, riding my bike over to Drum Hill Lane. Countless hours putting on performances, tons of fun boat rides at Lake Hopatcong and celebrating every Christmas Eve together up until these past few years. Mr. And Mrs. Bray even came with my parents to visit me in Spain when I did a semester abroad, one of my favorite memories together.

Unfortunately these past few years with a pandemic, illnesses and living in a different state, our paths did not cross nearly as much, but it was so special to me that you came to my house after I had my son to meet him on one of your Jersey visits in 2019.

I'll never forget your laugh and your smile. Thanks for being a great friend to my parents and always so kind to me.

*Love,
Lizzy*

Liz Correia - December 27, 2021 at 06:11 PM

LV

“ I am so saddened to hear about Mrs. Bray's passing. I have wonderful memories of high school afternoons lounging in her living room and leaving for the prom from the Bray's driveway in their gigantic two-tone blue Suburban! She never failed to make us feel welcome with her overwhelming kindness and warmth. She was greatly appreciated and will be dearly missed. With love and sympathy, Lou Virelli and Meghan Irmier

Lou Virelli - December 27, 2021 at 05:14 PM



“ Wendy Thompson-Replogle lit a candle in memory of Eileen Teresa Bray



Wendy Thompson-Replogle - December 27, 2021 at 09:54 AM

WR

“ I will miss Eileen so much. She was one of my first friends here when we moved here 5 years ago. She was little but so strong. We had so many tennis games together. I swear the racquet was as big as she was. I can't remember how many times she lost her grip and off went the racquet. We used to tell her laughingly that we were going to duct tape it to her hand. I remember so many off court times. She always looked so beautiful and well put together. Like she was on a magazine cover. She spoke so highly of her family and how much she loved them. Tim was a big topic. The one thing that stands out is she always asked about everyone's family. She had such a big heart. I will also miss her laugh. It was one of a kind. We lived across the pond and still listen for her hearty laugh. She is laughing with the angels now. Goodbye my sweet friend.

Wendy Replogle - December 27, 2021 at 09:50 AM

LC

“ Eileen and I shared a love of books and tennis! She was a petite woman with a huge heart. She happily opened her beautiful home to entertain her teammates or discuss books.

Tim, Guy and I are sending our sincerest sympathies from NY.

Much love,

Liz and Guy Constantopoulos

Liz Constantopoulos - December 27, 2021 at 05:54 AM



“ Ranjit and I send our love and prayers. We are so sorry for your loss. So many wonderful memories from growing up - from when Mrs. Bray and Mrs. Tarrall were my first brownie troop leaders, to Halloween parties at the Brays, to rides on the Bray's boat at Lake Hopatcong as a kid (including the night Liz was born), to Mrs. Bray being my confirmation sponsor, to all the Christmas Eve parties over the years. Mrs. Bray was such a special person - kind, generous in taking care of others and always seemed to have a smile on her face. Love, Meredith O'Marra Prithviraj

Meredith Prithviraj - December 26, 2021 at 09:39 PM

LG

“ Dear Tim and family, What a lovely person we have lost and heaven has gained. Remember being at Mass back-in Mn., there she was in our hometown church. Her son was living in Wayzata at the time and she was visiting. What a pleasant surprise. We have golfed together, chatted about life's challenges, and prayed that all would be well.

May she Rest In Peace and that lovely memories will bring you all comfort.

We will make a donation to Wild Cares for Kids in Eileen's name.

Peace,

Dave and Louise Gartzke

Louise Gartzke - December 26, 2021 at 08:40 PM

CO

“ We've had the privilege and joy of a true and lasting friendship with the Bray's for over 36 years. They are family to us. Eileen was a loyal and caring friend. She always was there for us even extending her considerable nursing skills with advice, reassurance and action throughout the years, whenever needed.

We raised our children together (especially our daughters who were best friends), volunteering in CCD, Scouts, Homeless Shelter, PTA, starting baby playgroups and mother/daughter book club. We shared our social life at Shongum Lake as parents of kids on swim team, life guards, and participated in countless milestones from baptisms, communions, graduations to weddings and baby showers, our own and those of our children.

We shared our birthdays and over 35 years of Christmas Eves with generations of family members. Eileen always offered her help, hospitality, and the gift of Irish Soda bread. Her kindness, laughter, understanding, and devotion to our friendship was a constant.

We enjoyed traveling with girlfriends and as couples. A highlight being when we were able to go to Ephesus and see the Blessed Mother's house, and went to Fatima in Portugal.

We shared a love of our Catholic faith. And it's through that faith that I know Eileen is at peace now which makes her loss bearable.

She was my guardian angel friend on earth and now in heaven. God bless you Eileen .

All our love,
Chris and Jack and the O'Marra family



Christine O'Marra - December 26, 2021 at 07:40 PM

TM

“ Tony & Gale De Mello lit a candle in memory of Eileen Teresa Bray

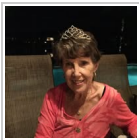


Tony & Gale De Mello - December 26, 2021 at 06:34 PM

SK

“ Karen and I were saddened by Eileen's passing. We will always remember her as open, and gracious and a person of tremendous strength. Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire Bray family.---
-Stewart & Karen Katz

Stewart & Karen Katz - December 26, 2021 at 05:41 PM



“ I have many lovely memories of beautiful Eileen. I remember member golf events being with her when she got her hole in one, tennis games and parties. Volunteering at Our Mothers Home dining at The Other Side with her and Tim or chatting under the stars on their beautiful lanai. But most of all I will remember sharing a table at the recent Welcome Back party. How happy she was. Everyone came over to say hello and give her a hug. And finally our circle dance with her friends, she had the best smile on her face! She told me “Tim has been so wonderful.” They were a beautiful couple
We will miss Eileen💕🙏❤️

Maribeth McGinnis - December 26, 2021 at 04:48 PM

BO

“ Eileen was a lovely, elegant lady. She always had a smile for everyone. Sending prayers for comfort to her family. Sincerely, Beth & Jack Oliver

Beth Oliver - December 26, 2021 at 03:02 PM

MW

“ Dear Tim and Family,
We are so sorry to learn of Eileen's passing. We are thinking of you and send our deep condolences.
Dusti and Mel Weinstein

mel weinstein - December 26, 2021 at 02:37 PM

JH

“ I had the joy of meeting Eileen last year when we moved to Wildcat and we played tennis together. She was one classy lady and continued to display moxie at every turn. Prayers for the Bray family.
Judy Heliste

Judy Heliste - December 26, 2021 at 02:07 PM

KP

“ Our heartfelt condolences to Tim and the family. Eileen was a wonderful person and will be missed by all. We will make a donation in Eileen's name to her favorite charity Wildcat Care for Kids. 🙏
Kathy and Myles Pryden

Kathy Pryden - December 26, 2021 at 01:39 PM

DC

“ We didn't know Eileen well, but she and Tim played a few tennis games with Dave and I here at Wildcat Run. She was a lovely, gracious lady. Our condolences to Tim. David and Karen Clark

David and Karen Clark - December 26, 2021 at 01:33 PM

DB

“ We had the pleasure of knowing Eileen for twelve years. I will always remember her ready smile and willingness to help others. She will be dearly missed. Our condolences to Tim and everyone who loved her.
Diane Bennett

diane bennett - December 26, 2021 at 01:24 PM

MA

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Tim, and your entire family. Eileen was the kindest, sweetest woman we knew. So thankful for knowing her. We shared our love at the Welcome Party at WCR last month. Grateful for that brief exchange. Praying for your strength and peace.
Mary and Tim Muffly

MaryM - December 26, 2021 at 01:11 PM

CW

I had the pleasure of knowing Eileen at book club. She was a delight and will definitely be missed by all of us at Wildcat Run. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

Coral Wenell

Coral Wenell - December 26, 2021 at 04:52 PM

GT

“ Tim and Family, Joe and I send our condolences to you for Eileen's passing. She was short but she was a mighty and bright member of this community. Sincerely, Gina Turkel

Gina Turkel - December 26, 2021 at 12:56 PM

JC

“ Sending our condolences. Eileen was delightful. She was the shortest and I was the tallest of the gals. We will all miss her so much.
Janet Carroll

janet Carroll - December 26, 2021 at 11:32 AM

LH

“ Thinking and praying for you Tim and the whole family after the passing of Eileen. Eileen you will be missed.
Bill and Lavinia Hall

Lavinia Hall - December 26, 2021 at 11:08 AM

JM

“ Joe, Terri, Tricia, Tom, Chris & Michael purchased the Sweet Solace Spray for the family of Eileen Teresa Bray.



Joe, Terri, Tricia, Tom, Chris & Michael - December 25, 2021 at 07:20 PM