



Madeline Lyons Gaffey

September 15, 1932 - August 21, 2023

Madeline Lyons Gaffey, 90, of Naples, FL died Monday, August 21, 2023 at Frances Georgeson Hospice House. Formerly of Boston, MA and Cape Cod, she had been a Naples resident since 1990. She was born September 15, 1932 in Watertown, MA the daughter of the late John J. and Marie (Sheehan) Lyons.

Madeline was raised in Boston, MA and retired from Ford Motor Company. She was a devoted parishioner of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church and a proud American Irish Catholic citizen. Madeline will be remembered for the help she provided to the Knights of Columbus, advertising the events of their council.

Mrs. Gaffey was a pioneer, loving spouse to her soulmate, John “Jack” Gaffey and a true friend to many. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, John J. “Jack” Gaffey.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Monday, September 25, 2023 at 1:00 PM at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 625 111th Ave. No., Naples, FL 34108, Burial will follow in the church memorial garden.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Madeline’s name may be made to St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church.

Online condolences may be offered by visiting www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home, Family Owned Since 1978.

Cemetery Details

St. John the Evangelist Memorial Garden

625 111th Ave. No.
Naples, FL 34108

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

SEP **25**. 1:00 PM (ET)

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church
625 111th Ave N
Naples, FL 34108

Tribute Wall



“*Madeline Gaffey was a steel magnolia. She had a kind heart that moved her to pray for and bestow kindness and generosity upon the overlooked, the needy, the sick, children and animals. She also possessed a “Yankee” fortitude and understated confidence that served her well as a woman breaking glass ceilings in her long career in the auto industry, one that could quiet the loudest of bullies she occasionally encountered.*

In the several years I worked with her in her latter days at the Ford Motor Company, she attended 6am mass in Boston and walked her Irish Terriers every morning before heading to work in her Crown Victoria Country Squire station wagon. She cherished her summer weekends “down the cape” and seldom worked a Friday or Monday between Memorial Day and Labor Day. She and Jack also seemed to journey almost annually to their beloved Ireland. I personally recall their generosity in bringing me a beautiful wool sweater which I’ve hung onto ever since. New employees and experienced managers often relied upon her wisdom, relationships and deep knowledge of company operations. If you were lucky, she’d share her salty sense of humor and invite you “down the cape” to visit her and Jack, and to share her favorite cocktail, the stinger ([https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stinger_\(cocktail\)](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stinger_(cocktail))), in a Waterford crystal glass.

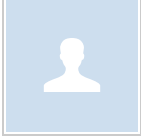
In her later years, she spoke lovingly of those she’d lost, her parents, her husband Jack, their last dog Timmy, and her years with Jack in their happy places, Naples and Cape Cod. She and Jack had enjoyed a long and blissful retirement of travel, dinners and golf outings with new and longtime friends.

In her final years, she remained very active at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church donating her time each Monday, attending Mass on Sundays and financially supporting the improvement of the church’s gardens.

May God continue to bless and watch over your soul sweet

Maddie:)

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“ *Madeline Lyons Gaffey*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM