



## Ann Marie Keller

December 4, 1922 - June 24, 2016

### ANN MARIE KELLER

Ann Marie Keller, 93, resident of Surfside Beach, SC, born in Buffalo, New York on December 4, 1922, died on June 24, 2016.

Ann Marie (Trapper) Keller married her husband, Andrew King Keller, a West Point graduate, on D-Day June 6, 1944. Ann was a devoted Army wife and helped raise their 11 children, seven boys and four girls, while Andy served 22 years in the military, retired as a Lt. Col. in the United States Army, and then after some time in the Washington DC area, they retired to Surfside Beach, South Carolina in 1982.

Ann Keller and her husband, Andy, devout Catholics, were active members of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Garden City, South Carolina since 1982. They helped build the new St. Michael's church with a significant donation and have a memorialized brick in the entryway.

Ann was named Catholic Woman of the Year. Ann and Andy were founding members of Grand Strand Citizens for Life, which grew substantially with their support. Ann and Andy were featured in a full-page story in The Sun News when they were recognized as the Pro-Life Couple of the Year for the State of South Carolina.

Ann Keller coordinated a Pregnancy Hot Line for many years.

She was a Eucharistic Minister, and an active member of the Secular Franciscan Order.

After 52 years of a wonderful marriage, which included winning a dance

contest with her husband, Ann's spouse, Andy, died in 1996. Following the death of Andy, her "one-and-only", the man she fell in love with while still in high school, Ann went on to lovingly support her children, her grandchildren, and her great-grandchildren with an endless source of love and wit, while continuing her many Church-related activities.

Everyone who met Ann Keller felt special and felt loved. Ann had that God-given gift of connecting with all those around her in a manner that went beyond normal courtesy but extended into a sense of deep love, respect, and appreciation that sprang from her deep spiritual convictions that were continuously nurtured by her ongoing devotion to Jesus, Mother Mary, and all the Saints.

Ann's husband, Andrew King Keller, is descended from Capt. John King of Northampton, Massachusetts who fought in the American Revolution, making all of Ann and Andy's female descendants eligible to join the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR).

Ann was generous of her time, talent, and treasure; and even into her 90's continued to serve St. Michael's parish doing volunteer work in the Church's gift shop.

Ann will be deeply missed by her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and her extensive network of relatives and friends.

Ann is survived by 5 sons and 4 daughters: Michael Keller and wife Karen, Lake Oswego, Oregon; David Keller and wife Carmen, Jacksonville, Florida; Mark Keller, Portland, Maine; Ann-Marie and Robert Eakins, Mount Vernon, Washington; Susan and Jeff Mevissen, Conway, South Carolina; Mary Keller, Sparks Glencoe, Maryland; Teresa and Art Kurz, Cary, Illinois; John Keller and wife Elena, Ellicott City, Maryland; and Thomas Keller, Conway, South Carolina.

Ann is also survived by her sister-in-law Sally (and Larry) Wilke; sister-in-law Rosemarie Trapper; and a large number of nephews and nieces.

Ann is also survived by 22 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren (with 2

more on the way).

Ann was pre-deceased by 2 sons: Paul and Andrew (Drew).

Final burial location will be Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia in the same burial lot as her husband Lt. Col. Andrew King Keller retired.

The family wishes to express their deepest gratitude and thanks for the extra tender loving care their mother, Ann Keller, received from Lower Cape Fear Hospice Mercy Care, Kingston Nursing Center-East Wing-Hummingbird Lane, the wonderful staff at Conway Medical Center, Threshold Choir, all of mom's good and loving friends in the Surfside, Conway, Garden City area, all her friends at St. Michael's church, and all the new friends she made in her years since leaving her home and going into more extended care. We wanted to list all of these wonderful friends by name but the list is just way too long.

In lieu of flowers please make a donation to Lower Cape Fear Hospice Mercy Care, St. Michaels Catholic Church, or the Grand Strand Citizens For Life.

For more information contact David King Keller, david@kbdag.com.

A memorial mass will be held on Tuesday, July 5, 2016, 10:00 AM at St.

Michaels Catholic Church. The family will receive friends from 5:00-7:00 PM Sunday, July 3, 2016 at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel.

Sign an online guestbook/tribute wall at <http://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com/obituaries/Ann-Keller-2/#>

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

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“ I cannot think of Ann without remembering her smile and kindness - always! She was one of those people who always seemed genuinely happy to see you and always took the time to engage you in a heartfelt conversation. She genuinely cared about people and was a graceful, faith-filled lady who will be missed by so many who knew her. Eternal rest to her and may you find comfort in know that Ann touched so many!  
Deacon Rob and Susan Starr

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**Susan** - July 04, 2016 at 09:31 AM

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“ Mama and I were deeply saddened by your mama's passing. She was such a sweet lady and a pleasure to be around. Mama misses her so much at Kingston. Please know that all of you are in our prayers. Please come visit mama when you get the chance.  
Dot Johnson & Shirley

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**Shirley Richardson** - July 01, 2016 at 08:56 PM

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“ Ann was truly Prolife in all aspects of her life. She touched many of us in the prolife movement with her love and gentleness. She was an inspiration to us all

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**Bob and Agnes Lyncheski** - July 01, 2016 at 10:43 AM



“ *Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Ann Marie Keller.* ”



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June 30, 2016 at 05:36 PM

DA

“ Messages posted on Buffalo News, Buffalo, NY obituary notice guestbook following notice in Ann M (Trapper) Keller's birth town newspaper of Buffalo:

*June 30, 2016*

*Dear cousins & families,*

*So sorry to hear about Aunt Ann's passing. I have so many wonderful memories of our get togethers with Aunt Ann & Uncle Andy and the kids. Blessings to you all.*

*Love, Kathleen (Trapper) Thorpe*

*Mansfield, OH (formerly Colo Spgs, CO)*

*June 29, 2016*

*To my Keller cousins, So very sorry to hear of the loss of you beautifully mother. I have fond memories of the Keller visits to Canada, to see grandma and grandpa and the rest of the family. My sympathy to all of you. May your memories of her sustain you during this difficult time. Maureen*

*~ Maureen (Trapper) Caruana, Kenmore, New York*

*June 29, 2016*

*Isi and I really enjoyed the times over the past years when I was able to reconnect with my aunt Ann and some of my Keller cousins and your children. You are all in our thoughts and we are sure that Ann continues to lovingly look down on all of us.*

*Love,*

*Joe and Isi Trapper*

*~ Joe Trapper, Binghamton, New York*

*Contact Me*

*June 29, 2016*

*To the Keller family. Our family is sorry for your loss. It is hard to go through this difficult time, but it's good to know that we keep in our heart all the good moments, love, and care that we share with our loved ones. Romans 8:38, 39 says that nothing . not even death is*

*be able to separate us from God's love.*

*- See more at: <http://www.legacy.com/guestbooks/buffalonews/ann-marie-keller-condolences/180491622?cid=full#sthash.bBtGaxPr.dpu>*

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**DavidGoldfinchKeller** - June 30, 2016 at 02:23 PM

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“ *What a joy and ray of light was Mrs. Keller. We are so very grateful that we were trusted to care for her. She was a blessing to so many people here at Kingston and could light up a room. Thank you for allowing us the blessing to be a part of her life. Our deepest condolences to all who loved this lovely lady. - The Staff at Kingston Nursing Center*



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**Tiffany Mitchell** - June 30, 2016 at 10:22 AM

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“ *Mrs. Keller was an exceptional lady. She loved her family and always spoke so sweetly about them. I will truly miss her at Kingston Nursing Center. May memories sustain you during this time of loss. God Bless each of you!*

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**Jane Hooks, Volunteer** - June 28, 2016 at 05:38 PM