



Ponce Kehoe

November 17, 1921 - December 30, 2020

GERTRUDE FRANCES PONCE KEHOE born in St. Augustine, FL November 17, 1921 passed Peacefully December 28, 2020, St. Augustine Florida

The middle of three daughter born into a rich Menorcan heritage she was the daughter of Milford Alphonso Leonardo Joseph Ponce and Alma Susan Olynn Ponce. She was raised on Cunningham Ave. St. Augustine, by their dear grandmother Florida Marcella Ponce at the early passing of both their parents. Their beloved Auntie and Uncle Sarah Bonita Ponce Lopez and Celestino raised the 3 girls between Tampa and St. Augustine, Iva, Gertrude and Almarie. Not formally educated Poncie was extremely gifted with numbers and very bright. A local lady met Poncie in her youth while working downtown and took her in to mentor and teach bookkeeping. A skill she used into her 90's managing The Morris Family Trust for over 60 years. She was predeceased by her husband Tommy, daughter Terri, 2nd husband Vinny; niece Randi Carole Cowart and sister Iva Ponce Cowart Goepf. The Ponce sisters were closer than most siblings with a continued daily interaction of love and faith with her surviving younger sister Almarie Ponce Colee. In her early 20's Poncie was a switchboard operator at Camp Blanding where she met a handsome soldier Thomas F. Kehoe they were married in St. Augustine Florida in 1946. The love of their life a daughter Terri Frances was born in St. Augustine January 29, 1947. In 1948 the family moved to Naples Florida where Tommy was an FHP trooper and Veterans affairs officer until his death in 1982 Poncie legally changed her name to G. Ponce Kehoe and was affectionately known as Poncie, Tia G and Aunt Glitter for her incredible style and fashion sense. Always perfectly dressed in beautiful clothes and sparkle; her favorite being leopard print and anything that sparkled. In Naples she was employed from 1948-1980 as a bookkeeper for the Morris family. Until her death she managed the Family trust sharp as a tack! 1980 she returned to her beloved hometown St. Augustine. Her extended family enjoyed her and her daughters' gift of decorating and entertaining. She was the hostess for many family gatherings. An active member of the St Augustine Shores Riverview club and the St. Augustine Ballroom Dance Association she met her dance partner Vincent Bosco who she wed and enjoyed the addition of his Children, Janet, Robert and Richard and grandchildren Her wisdom and faith was shared at her kitchen table over coffee with her nieces and nephews who she adored and adored her. Her answers for all life's trials

was LET GO AND LET GOD. An active member of St. Anastasia Catholic Church, her rosary beads were never further than a reach. Flowers are gratefully accepted or donations may be made to

St. Anastasia Catholic Church 5205 A-1-A South St Augustine FL 32080 or Vitas Hospice 201 S Biscayne Blvd suite 400 Miami, FL. 33131 The family is forever thankful to Comfort Companions and the loved caregivers Carolyn, Sue, Susan, Sarah. And the dedicated staff of Vitas Hospice. Living on to cherish her memory are her beloved sister Almarie Ponce Colee Her devoted caregiver nephew and wife Tim and Bonnie Cowart, Nephew and wife Ken and Karen Cowart, niece Donne Jean Cowart. Her great nieces and nephew who were so very blessed to have her in their lives and the recipient of her loving prayers, Melissa Owen, Joe, Greg and Tina and Tyler Cowart, Brenda and Marty Matheny, Scott McCall. 15 great, great nieces and nephews, 5 great, great, great nieces.

Prayers will be 5:00 PM Thursday January 7, 2021 visitation will continue until 7:00 PM at Craig Funeral Home. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated be 11:00 AM Friday January 8, 2021, St. Anastasia Catholic Church, Rev. Fr. Tim Lindenfelser, Pastor celebrant. Burial to follow San Lorenzo Cemetery. In keeping with the COVID -19 guidelines we ask that all attendees wear mask and practice social distancing. We also ask that if you are at high risk, feeling ill, or traveling from an area with a high level of infection, please do not attend the visitation or service.

St. Anastasia Church will offer live streaming for those who can not attend in person. Go to www.saccfl.org tap on the sacraments tab then on funerals the stream will be live at 11:00 AM Friday morning.

Cemetery

Events

San Lorenzo Cemetery

US 1 South

Saint Augustine, FL, 32084

JAN

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Catholic Prayer Service

05:00PM

Craig Funeral Home

1475 Old Dixie Highway, St. Augustine, FL, US, 32084

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Visitation

06:00PM - 07:00PM

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Funeral Mass

11:00AM

St Anastasia Catholic Church

5205 A1A South, St Augustine, FL, US, 32080

Comments



“ Susan Roberts lit a candle in memory of Ponce Kehoe



Susan Roberts - January 13, 2021 at 04:51 PM



“ Ponce married my Dad in 2004. She was 83 and I was 48 years old. As we spent time together over the years, we became friends and family. My heart breaks that my last visit with her was a year ago, due to the pandemic, but grateful for frequent phone calls and facetime (thanks Bonnie) that kept us connected. She was always upbeat and made me laugh. My new nickname became “wireless caller” and she often answered the phone in full sentences, “What did you do today?” One time she recited Alice In Wonderland’s “The Walrus and the Carpenter” and another time we placed our bets for the Kentucky Derby, a favorite of hers and her sister Almarie. Ponce was a Godsend for me as well as my family; caring for my father as his health declined with Alzheimers. Their ballroom dancing cut way too short. Over the years, we spent many hours analyzing the ups and downs of life, with her faith in God being foremost and ever present. I learned a lot from this amazing woman and would like to share some of it. Please feel free to share what you have learned too, as I’m sure there’s plenty more out there.

In regard to Faith:

Let go and let God.

A positive attitude and faith will get you through.

Faith, Hope and Love is all you need.

Upon leaving Church, get a bulletin and use hand sanitizer!

Advice on minding your own business:

No payee, no sayee.

But Grandma, did she really kiss the cow?...

How to buy Filet Mignon:

Go to Winn Dixie.

Tell the butcher that it’s for little old ladies with no teeth!

Health Matters:

Take your supplements.

It will be better by 10 o’clock tomorrow morning.

Use hand sanitizer!!

Everyday advice:

You have to judge what’s better than nothing.

Do the best you can with the tools at hand.

Poor me, poor me and next you’re poorer than me.

I’m in good shape for the shape I’m in!

And last but not least:

Don’t let anyone dull your sparkle!

You are forever in my heart!!

Janet



“ Mrs. Ponce Keogh was a very intelligent and accomplished woman. She was a dedicated wife and mother. Her pride and joy was her daughter, an only child, who herself was talented and gifted.

Ponce Keogh was one of three sisters who were very close and spent almost all their lives interacting with each other. They were very close and she was a loyal and faithful friend to those who shared a friendship with her.

I was privileged enough to know her and her family, and observed that she enjoyed her nephews and nieces and their children with great pride and joy.

May she rest in peace!

Mary Jo Ruiz - January 06, 2021 at 09:54 PM



“ I am so blessed I had to opportunity to get to know Ponce. She was a very caring and giving lady. She loved her family and most of all loved God. May you Rest In Peace.

Sarah Hull - January 08, 2021 at 09:07 AM



“ My heart is broken that I did not know of Ponces passing. I am so sad that she is gone, But so happy to know she is where she wants to be in heaven with her husband Tommy, her daughter Terry, and her husband Vinne. She was such a special woman. One time I had to write an essay can't even remember what for why but she was my hero and that is who I wrote it about. I meant Ponce when she came to my salon to get her manicures and pedicures not long after Tommy had passed away. She had been through so much in her younger life but she was greatly admired especially by me. She was there for me many times in my time of need. I cherish the time I have spent with her and regret this year I did not send her a Christmas card but I did receive her card. I talk to her on Christmas day not realizing that would be our last conversation. I am thankful for the people that she had around her and took care of her. I truly have my angel in heaven and I know God welcomed one of his best. One thing about Ponce Every time you had a conversation with her you knew you were always come away feeling better and that she could always get you to see the better side of things and she would always have you laughing she had an amazing wit, she was very smart. She lived a long time on this earth and I hope she's having all the joy and happiness she deserves. I would like to give my condolences to her family and friends because I know they think she was amazing too. I will truly truly miss her. I know you are resting in peace!

Love you much,

Susan Roberts

Susan Roberts - January 13, 2021 at 04:50 PM