



Edna Mae "Cookie" Deegan

July 28, 1934 - June 8, 2023

Edna Mae (Cookie) Deegan, nee Halloran, passed away peacefully on June 8, 2023, at Bayside Manor in Keansburg, NJ. She was born on July 28, 1934, on East 24th Street, New York City. Edna attended Our Lady of The Scapular (Carmelite) Grammar School. In 1948, she began spending summers in Keansburg, at a bungalow on Fox Avenue. She is a 1952 graduate of Cathedral High School, NYC. She was a typist at The Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, NYC. In 1961, she moved to Keansburg to raise her growing family. From 1985-2010, she was an administrative assistant at Brookdale College, Lincroft Campus.

Since 1961, Cookie has been a communicant of St. Ann's Parish, Keansburg. She served as a lecturer, Eucharistic Minister and member of the PTA. She enjoyed being involved with the CYO Passion Play. She was awarded Keansburg Woman of the Year for her successful fundraising efforts for the World War II Monument in Washington, DC, and The Statue of Liberty Restoration Project. She was very patriotic

Cookie loved Jesus, America, New York City, Keansburg, Nashville, country music and traveling. In addition to many of the United States, she visited China, Greece, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Portugal, Turkey and the UK. She visited Catholic religious sites Fatima, Knock, Lourdes, and Medjugorje.

She was an advocate of the arts. Cookie could often be seen walking around

Keansburg, sitting on a bench reading a book on Beachway, or waiting for the NYC bus to see a play or walk around Manhattan. Edna was a student of Lois Wilson and promoted her principles.

Cookie is predeceased by her parents Edna and Theodore Halloran, brother Edward, sisters Dolores Kolton, Jane Doherty and ex-husband Ross J. Deegan, Sr. She is survived by her sister Linda Halloran, children Cathleen Deegan (Peter Comey) Middletown; Maureen Deegan, Keansburg; Nora (Tommy Beattie) Hazlet; Teresa Deegan, Bordentown; Ross J. Deegan, Jr., Keansburg; Dolores (Jeff Harkness) Lawrenceville; grandchildren Nicole (Michael Capano); Michelle (Tyler Goldstein) Peter Deegan Comey and many nieces and nephews.

The Deegan Family would like to thank the Cappadona Family and Staff of Bayside Manor for their dedicated service, kindness and professionalism. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made in Cookie's memory to the Keansburg Fire Departments or the Keansburg First Aid Squad.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Olivet

Chaple Hill Rd
Middletown, NJ

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 14. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Laurel Funeral Home
201 Laurel Avenue
West Keansburg
Hazlet, NJ 07734
laurelfh@verizon.net

Funeral gathering

JUN 15. 9:00 AM (ET)

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Funeral Mass

JUN **15**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Ann's RC Church
311 Carr Avenue
Keansburg, NJ

Tribute Wall

ES

“ I'm Eric Samuelson and my mom Eileen became of Edna's best friends since they met in 1979. I have so many wonderful memories of the Deegans in my years living in Keansburg. I still remember when I was 3 1/2 years old in 1986 she gave me that Cookie Monster hand puppet. Thank you for everything. You're now up in Heaven with my parents George & Eileen Samuelson and our friends Vinnie & Frannie Haughie, Charlie & Cecile Goodline, Al & Karen Zorber, and everyone who called Keansburg home. We will miss you Cookie, rest well.

Eric Samuelson - July 01, 2023 at 09:57 AM

GZ

“ Dearest Edna: will miss you so very much and our wonderful shared memories of Brookdale Community College!! May you rest in God's Peace, Edna. Love and sincerest sympathy to the whole family, Gail

Gsail Zawacki - June 17, 2023 at 06:05 PM

PR

“ She was a beautiful sweet kind lady. Loved her so. pattie Rice rest in peace with our Jesus.

pattie Rice - June 15, 2023 at 03:56 PM

DB

“ What a beautiful lady with a heart of gold! Cookie would visit my Dad , Doug Foulks, at least once a week ! He loved to share stories with her , and was always happy to see Cookie ! May you find peace and comfort in the beautiful memories your mom shared with you ! Sleep peacefully with the angels Cookie , until we meet again! Much love, Dale Foulks Breuninger

dale foulks breuninger - June 15, 2023 at 09:41 AM



Heather Dalton

“ *I have a grand appreciation for Edna's zesty nature and will ever be grateful for her live example in how to keep Lois' lessons simple.*

Heather Dalton - June 14, 2023 at 04:44 PM



“ *A Full Life was purchased for the family of Edna Mae "Cookie" Deegan.*



June 13, 2023 at 09:29 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Edna Mae "Cookie" Deegan.*



June 12, 2023 at 07:16 PM



“ *An angle...a saint....who I was lucky to have enter my life....touched my heart in so many ways for someone I did not know for that long....God Bless you my friend....hope to see you in heaven when my time comes....XOXOXOX*

Joseph Cirillo - June 10, 2023 at 08:09 PM

LM

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



linda & mary - June 10, 2023 at 06:44 PM

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linda & mary - June 10, 2023 at 06:22 PM

SM

My dear, sweet Edna, I will miss you so very much! You were my special buddy and we shared so much. You will remain close to my heart always. Your buddy, Susan Murphy

Susan Murphy - June 11, 2023 at 11:11 PM

DA

I New you when I was 9 years old I am 70 years old now you will be missed

Daryl akaBunny - June 13, 2023 at 04:13 PM

LM

“ We spent Valentine’s Day with Edna we did breakfast & gave a little candy too. We will miss her. Linda & Mary



linda & mary - June 10, 2023 at 06:15 PM

DS

“ Your mother was a shining example of faith based living. She was always willing to help anyone who needed assistance, to offer a listening ear and her open heart. She was a wonderful storyteller and appreciated a good laugh, even at her own expense. I will miss her wisdom and her wit. My condolences on the loss of this very sweet woman.

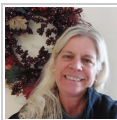
Diane Sametz

Diane Sametz - June 09, 2023 at 05:29 PM

GR

Cookie is my mom’s Elizabeth (Betty) Thompson’s best friend and wow she will be surely missed. These 2 were inseparable and shared so much in life together. To say my mom is heartbroken is an understatement, she will miss her bff and their wonderful lunches together forever. Rest in paradise Cookie, until you and Betty meet again.... ✨

graceann - June 09, 2023 at 07:48 PM



Edna reminded me of my grandmother. She spoke from the heart, with love, wisdom, and honesty for those who listened to her stories. She inspired me to respect myself first and do what was best for me. She shared her experiences and gave me hope when times were tough. She will be missed. May her legacy live on and may she always be remembered as the inspiration she was to others <3.

Barbara Meigh - June 09, 2023 at 07:56 PM

RS

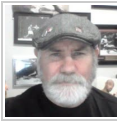
Mrs. Deegan was a good friend to my mom. She was always kind & generous with her time when she would visit her. I will always remember her with a smile. I am truly sorry for the families loss.

Rosanne Finn Schramm - June 10, 2023 at 04:28 PM

LM

We took Edna for Valentine's Day breakfast & she really enjoyed it we will miss her

linda & mary - June 10, 2023 at 06:23 PM



"Saint" Privilege to have had Edna in The Finn Families lives for close to sixty yeras!

John Finn - June 11, 2023 at 10:34 AM

SM

I have many precious memories of Edna. Her generosity, love, and compassion were unmatched. She adored her children and cherished her times with each of them. I have no doubt she is in her Heavenly home. To her children: May you find peace knowing she loved you deeply and may you lean on one another in this time of sorrow. My deepest sympathy to the Deegan family. Susan Murphy

Susan Murphy - June 11, 2023 at 07:19 PM