



Eileen Kathleen Cronin

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Eileen was born in New York City in 1929, daughter of Margaret (Hughes) and Joseph Blake. She was one of five siblings, including three sisters, Midge, Patsy, and Mary Jane, and a brother, Joey. Like many families of their era, the Blake family was impacted by the stock market crash of 1929 and the Great Depression that followed. Eileen spent the formative years of her life living closely with her siblings and parents in a small walk-up apartment in Jackson Heights, Queens. Eileen carried many of the life-lessons learned during those difficult times through the remainder of her long and generous life.

After high school graduation, she worked as a telephone operator, a sales clerk, and a secretary at Columbia University among other part-time work. While her siblings went on to fulfilling marriages and careers; Eileen turned to God. In September of 1951 she entered the convent of The Sisters of St. Joseph in Brentwood, Long Island. While serving God as a nun, Eileen also taught throughout the New York City school system forming life-long friendships with fellow educators and students alike. Along the way she also earned her Master of Arts Degree taking night classes at Hunter College. In February of 1970, Eileen was called to serve a new purpose when her beloved sister, Mary Jane, passed away, leaving behind her widower, Bill, and five young children. In the Irish tradition, Eileen selflessly left the convent to marry Bill and raise the children.

Over the course of her next 55+ years, Eileen held multiple jobs including teacher (math and Latin), business owner, volunteer, but most of all, mother. Eileen formed deep friendships throughout her entire life that she maintained and treasured. Upon hearing of her passing, one of Eileen's friends perfectly summed up her life this way: "She had a unique sense of humor we all



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enjoyed especially when things in our own lives weren't going so well. She always gave us words of wisdom during those times."

Eileen moved to Lewes, DE, in 2021 at the age of 91, where she continued to charm and amuse new friends with her intelligence, wit, and sense of humor. She was a force and will be remembered by her family and friends as a woman who loved deeply, played hard, and made all of us laugh. Throughout her entire life, Eileen maintained an unshakable faith in God and in Heaven, where she now rests comfortably with her husband, son, and family.

Remaining with wonderful memories are her four children: Janice, Bill, Jean, Paul, her son-in-law, Pete (Janice), 10 grandchildren, and 6 great grandchildren. Eileen will be forever remembered by her many nieces and nephews and countless friends including The Merry Widows of Summerfield, Florida and The Holy Rollers of Mountain Lakes, New Jersey.

A mass will be held at St. Theresa Catholic Church in Belleview, Florida at 10:00am on Wednesday, January 28th; all are welcome. The mass will be followed by a small family interment at the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, Florida.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul which fed and clothed Eileen's family as well as many others during the Depression. Eileen remained grateful and supportive to this organization throughout her life.

<http://www.ssvpusa.org>

Please sign Mrs. Cronin's Tribute Wall at this site.



Events


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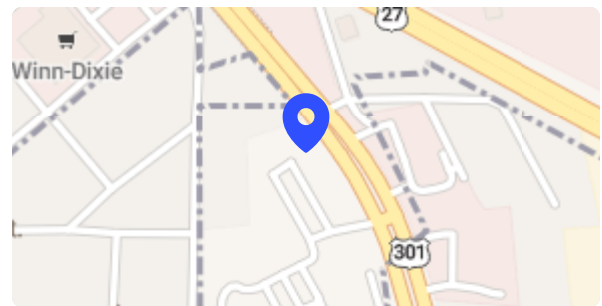
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Funeral Mass

 **Wednesday**, January 28, 2026

 10:00 AM ET

 **St. Theresa Catholic Church**
11528 US-301, Belleview FL 34420





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FF

From The Leblanc Family sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Cronin family.

January 26 at 1:47 PM



FF

From The Leblanc Family planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Eileen.

January 26 at 1:47 PM



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Trish Chandler shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

A visit to Delaware, November 2023! We had a lot of fun 🥰.

January 14 at 4:46 PM

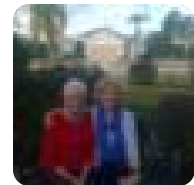


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Trish Chandler shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

A wonderful visit with Aunt Eileen in January of 2018 at her home in Summerfield.

January 13 at 12:35 PM



CM

Cmi sent a Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet to the Cronin family.

January 13 at 10:19 AM



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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Eileen by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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