



Ella Maria Redding

June 3, 2016

Ella Redding, 88, passed away peacefully on June 3, 2016.

She was born in New York City on March 9, 1928, the daughter of James J and Bridget Cecilia McGarraghy of Brooklyn, NY. Ella graduated from St. John's University with a bachelor's degree in Business and Hofstra University with a Masters degree in Education. She worked in the New York City garment industry as a Better Dress and Bridal buyer for many years and later, while raising children, re-entered the workforce as an elementary school teacher.

Ella married Edward Redding in February 1952 and together they raised five children; Judi, Ed, Ken, Suzann and Jennifer. They lived in several different locations including New York, England, Belgium, and New Jersey. In 1985, Ella became a part time resident of Sarasota, Florida where she became a parishioner at the Church of the Incarnation and a member of the Women's Club.

Ella will be remembered for her strong Catholic faith. She set a remarkable example for all those who knew her. Ella, also known affectionately as "The Queen", loved having a big family and gathering them together. She always felt blessed and happiest in a room filled with her children and grandchildren.

Mrs Redding is survived by 5 children: Judiann R Smith (Jeffrey) of New Rochelle, NY; Edward P Redding Jr. (Terrie nee Trepte) of Sarasota, FL; Kenneth J Redding (Wendy nee Boyland) of Bellevue, WA; Suzann Redding (Tom Hodapp) of Sausalito, CA; and Jennifer Gates (Alan) of Chatham, NJ. Ella is also survived by her treasured 11 grandchildren; Jeffrey, Elizabeth & Cathleen Smith; Ana & John atrick Redding; Blake and Michael Redding; Katherine Hodapp; Christopher, Maggie and Ellie Gates.

The family will receive friends from 5 to 7:00 pm Monday evening June 6, 2016 at Toale Brothers Funeral Home – 40 North Orange Avenue, Sarasota, Florida 34236.

A mass of Christian Burial will be held at 9:30 am Tuesday morning, June 7, 2016 at Church Of The Incarnation – 2929 Bee Ridge Road, Sarasota, Florida 34239.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Ella's name may be made to Incarnation Catholic School of Sarasota. To make a donation by check, please send to 2911 Bee Ridge Road, Sarasota, FL 34239. To make a donation with a credit card, please call 941.924.8588.