



Eileen Campbell Guilfoyle

April 6, 1938 - March 9, 2026

Eileen Campbell Guilfoyle passed away peacefully at her home in Estero, Florida on March 9, 2026.

Eileen was born and raised in Ardfield, Clonakilty, County Cork, Ireland. She was the oldest of eleven children born to Sean and Ellen (“Nellie”) O’Donovan and the only one who immigrated to the United States. Like many Irish in the 1950’s, Eileen came to the United States in search of greater opportunities. She settled in New York City, a place she deeply loved. She eventually moved to Cresskill, New Jersey, where she lived for more than 60 years.

Eileen raised six children on her own before re-marrying Gerard Guilfoyle, the love of her life. Together they provided a wonderful life for their children and grandchildren. They enjoyed traveling, spending time with their little dog Magi, dining out with friends and most importantly spending time with the family at Lake Wallenpaupack where they had a lake house for many years. Eileen also loved to go “home” to Ireland to spend time with her many sisters, brothers, nieces and nephews, all of whom she loved dearly. She also loved to have her family visit from Ireland and always looked forward to preparing the house for visitors. Everybody was always welcome.

One of her favorite sayings was, “when life knocks you down, pick yourself up by the bootstraps and move on.” She had a never quit attitude which is why, as a single mother with six children, she started a career/business in real estate. She eventually became one of the broker/owners of Century 21 MACC realty, a real estate brokerage with offices in Tenafly and Teaneck, NJ. She continued to work in real estate until her retirement in 2018. Later in life she loved heading south for the winter to enjoy her home in West Bay in Estero, Florida.

Eileen is predeceased by her parents Sean and Ellen, her husband Gerard D. Guilfoyle who passed away in 2011, her son-in-law Noel O’Malley, and her brothers Dennis and Dan O’Donovan.

She is survived by her brothers and sisters, Sheila Murphy, Mary Wynne, Margaret Bennett, JJ O’Donovan, Esther O’Regan, Marie Sheehan, Pat Joe O’Donovan, and Breda Kavanagh. Her children Mary T. Campbell, Michelle Ceballos, Sean Campbell (Annie), Eileen “Biddy” O’Malley, Michael Campbell (Celine), Helena DeChappe (Thomas), her two step-daughters Susan Guilfoyle (Eileen) and Maureen Tou (Ed). Her Grandchildren, Andrew Ceballos (who gave her the nickname “Gammy”) (Rebecca), Matthew Ceballos (Jackeline), Evan Ceballos (Sydnie), Erin Ceballos Goodman (Jordan), JP Campbell, Michael Evan Campbell, Emma Mae O’Malley, Sebastian Wucher, Nikko Wucher, Michelle Marquez, Joey Garcia, Amanda Garcia, Allison Tou, and Jordan Tou.

Family and friends are invited to pay their respects on Sunday, March 22, from 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM at Barrett Leber Funeral Home in Tenafly, New Jersey. A

funeral mass will be celebrated on Monday, March 23, at 10:00 AM at St. Therese's Church in Cresskill, New Jersey that will be livestreamed, followed by interment at Madonna Cemetery and Mausoleum in Fort Lee, New Jersey.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made in Eileen's memory to the Alzheimer's Association or St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

When they married, Eileen and Gerry's wedding bands were Claddagh Rings. She leaves behind an immense legacy of love, friendship and loyalty. She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **22**. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Barrett Leber Funeral Home
148 Dean Dr
Tenafly, NJ 07670
(201) 568-8043
<https://www.barrettleberfuneralhome.com/>

Funeral Mass

MAR **23**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Therese of Lisieux Church
120 Monroe Ave
Cresskill, NJ 07626-1405
(201) 567-2528

Entombment

MAR **23** (ET)

Madonna Mausoleum
2070 Hoefleys Lane
Fort Lee, NJ 07024

Tribute Wall



“ Barrett Leber Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Eileen Campbell Guilfoyle



Barrett Funeral Home - March 18 at 02:17 PM

DM

Our deepest condolences to you and your families. She was a wonderful neighbor and friend throughout the years in our neighborhood. She will be surely missed for she loved to come over and visit with us.

Diane and Matthew - March 22 at 12:16 PM

JD

Rest in peace Auntie Eile , 🙏

Jonathan O Donovan - March 23 at 08:28 AM

BN

Thank you for sharing this wonderful life with us . Very thoughtful and inspiring.

Barbara Beuf (Turtle Pointe Neighbor) - March 23 at 11:29 AM

BM

Amen

Bob Mackey - March 23 at 02:23 PM

BM

Beautiful Mass !

Bob Mackey - March 23 at 02:47 PM

KO

Night Aunty Eile, sleep sound and say hello to Mom, Dad, Denis, Dan Gerry for me please?

Sorry I didnt get an opportunity to say good bye to you in flesh before you passed but I will never forget you.

I thank you so much for your kindness to my friend, Fiona and myself when we visited some yrs back, you sure gave us a right ould Irish "cead mile failte"!

It was a wonderful time and was over way too fast but lovely to visit you and famiy in NJ!

Be happy with Gerry and see over us all Aunty Eile

Love you always xx

Karen O'Donovan - March 24 at 03:11 AM

SF

“*Eileen was my late husband John’s first cousin. She was a beautiful person inside and out. I have great memories of Eileen and Gerry joining us at Conferences in Zurich, Paris, Montreal, Miami and NY. We joked they were our groupies! Sadly we lost Gerry and John in 2011. Our friendship continued. I visited Eileen in Florida twice and was always made very welcome. I admired Eileen so much - her kindness to everyone, her good humour, her style - none of that will be forgotten. Rest in Peace Eileen. Sheila Fitzgerald.*”

Sheila Fitzgerald - March 29 at 11:01 AM

GR

“*May Eile rest in eternal peace and now be reunited with her beloved Gerry, her parents and brothers all gone before her. Sincere gratitude to her for the welcome and kindness she bestowed on my sister and I when there in NJ for 13 months many years ago. Thoughts of support and love to all the Campbell and O Donovan family.*”



Geraldine O Regan - March 25 at 06:51 PM

“ How can I possibly fit all that there is to say about my dear friend Eileen into one small paragraph.

I met Eileen several years ago when we both worked for Friedberg Properties I had heard about her because she owned her own business but we really did not become close friends until we met at Friedberg and then.....once you become a friend to Eileen, then you are friends forever.

She and I became best buddies. As a matter of fact, I knew Gerry long before I knew Eileen. One day when Gerry was doing an inspection for me on a house, he told me that he was dating Eileen. I really did not know her that well at the time but I knew from Gerry that they were in love. I was so happy for them.

When I would be on Vacation in Long Beach Island, Eileen would visit and then Marilyn, Eileen and my self would go further south to Atlantic City and lose our money. But it was always fun. Win or lose she was always smiling and happy.

Her caring and loving nature always made me feel comfortable. Our many trips to Broadway in the City was always a wonderful experience.

More than anything in this world, Eileen loved her children and grandchildren

Her granddaughter Erin was friends with my granddaughter Nina. They were on the cheerleading squad together. Today both these ladies are attorneys.

When my husband died, it was Eileen who called me and insisted that I go to her house for dinner. She was so consoling and so caring. I never forgot that. My husband died after Gerry and now they are best buddies sharing the same floor at the mausoleum. Eileen's love for God and for her family will long be remembered. She was an amazing woman and I am so glad that she was part of my life. RIP my dear friend. I love you.

Phyllis Buonomo - March 23 at 02:32 PM

EI

“ Sending my condolences to you all, Bidy, Mary Michelle, Michael, Sean, Helena and your families on your mums passing. Sending you my love and support today and the difficult days ahead. We will be joining you from across the water livestream today. Thinking of you all.
Cousin Eileen (O Regan)

Eileen - March 23 at 05:13 AM

GR

“ Eile (our aunt) was so kind and welcoming to my sister Eileen and I when we went to the States for 13 months in 1989. May she rest now in eternal peace, reunite with her beloved Jerry, her parents and brothers gone before her. Geraldine O’ Regan. W Cork, Ireland.



Geraldine O Regan - March 22 at 11:45 PM



“ Eileen...
Thank you for welcoming me into your family with such open arms. I still remember how nervous I was when Sean first brought me to the Poconos to meet you and Gerry. I didn't know what to expect, but the moment I saw you, those nerves started to melt away. You greeted me with that beautiful smile, but it was your eyes that stayed with me. You gave me that very deep, kind look—the look of someone who knows right away exactly who is standing in front of them. In that moment, I felt like you didn't just see a guest; you saw family.
Thank you for trusting me with your son and for loving me as one of your own from that very first day in the mountains. You had a way of making the world feel steady and warm. I will carry that 'look' and your kindness in my heart forever. We love you, Eileen

Ana Riera Campbell - March 20 at 01:07 PM

MQ

“ *Maureen Quinn lit a candle in memory of Eileen Campbell Guilfoyle*



Maureen Quinn - March 18 at 09:00 AM

JK

I was very lucky to have know Eileen she made me feel welcome frome the moment I stepped into her home with her sister breda I had the best time with her and her wonderful family many years later I met her again with my family she truly was one of the best thinking of her family at this time sending ❤️ to all RIP Eileen xx

Jan kearney - March 21 at 04:19 AM

 Johnny McCarthy

“ *Mrs. Campbell was a great mother to the family. I have had nothing but great memories of her and her family. She produced one of the strongest families I have ever known. Following her story in life was an inspiration and those memories are what keep her spirit alive. You will be very missed and never forgotten. RIP Mrs Campbell. We all Loved you very much. Neps*

Johnny McCarthy - March 17 at 01:44 PM