



Jean W. Fitzgerald

December 28, 1928 - June 15, 2022

Albany-Jean W. Fitzgerald, 93, entered Eternal Life Wednesday, June 15, 2022 at Teresian House. Born in Albany, Jean was the beloved daughter of the late Eugene and Florence Durocher Welch.

She was a graduate of Blessed Sacrament Grammar School and Vincentian Institute. Jean went on to earn her Bachelors's and Master's Degrees from The College of St. Rose. Jean loved music and played the piano in the student orchestras at VI and St. Rose. She was one of the first student secretaries at VI for Father Patrick Peyton's Family Rosary Crusade.

Jean taught at Mildred Elley Business School, and then several years in the Albany City School District. She also served as secretary to the Superintendent of the Albany City School District.

She was active in her children's activities and hobbies at their schools; St. Teresa of Avila, Mercy High School, and Albany Academy for Boys. She was a longtime communicant of Blessed Sacrament Church in Albany where she taught Religious Education for over 21 years, sang in the choir for over 40 years, and belonged to the Rosary Guild. Her beloved late husband, Bill

Fitzgerald, was an ordained Deacon for the Albany Roman Catholic Diocese and Jean assisted Bill often in his ministry.

The family would like to express a heartfelt thank you to Jean's wonderful caregivers that assisted her at home, and then Teresian House.

She was the beloved wife of the late Deacon William "Bill" Fitzgerald; cherished mother of Commander Joseph Fitzgerald, USN (Ret) (Eva) and Marion "Mimi" Baseel (Jeffrey).

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Jean's family on Monday, June 20, 2022 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany, NY 12206. Please enter the funeral home from the rear entrance only.

Funeral services Tuesday at 10:30 am at Blessed Sacrament Church, 607 Central Ave. (Father John Bradley Way) Albany, NY 12206 where her Funeral Mass will be celebrated. To view the Mass please go to the Facebook Page for Blessed Sacrament Church Albany NY and click on Events or visit www.blessedsacramentalbany.org

The Rite of Committal will be held at St. Agnes Cemetery, Menands, NY immediately following the Mass. To leave a message for the family please visit www.McveighFuneralHome.com

Those wishing to remember Jean in a special way may send a contribution to either The Deacon William B. Fitzgerald Scholarship Fund at Blessed Sacrament School, 607 Central Ave. Albany, NY 12206 or Blessed Sacrament Church, 607 Central Ave., Albany, NY 12206.

Cemetery Details

St. Agnes Cemetery

48 Cemetery Ave
Menands, NY

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **20**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.
208 N Allen St
Albany, NY 12206
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Service

JUN **21**. 10:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Jean W. Fitzgerald*

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *Dear Joe, Mimi and Family,
I have great memories of your parents Deacon Bill and Jean from Blessed Sacrament Church. They are a strong part of the history of the parish. I especially remember them from the 10:30 Sunday Mass which they always attended. I also remember them from VerPlanck Street, as well as Joe and his family from their time on Danker Ave.
I am sorry that I was not able to attend the services as I was out of town, but both Diana and I want to offer our sincere condolences. We also intend to contribute to Deacon Bill's Scholarship Fund at Blessed Sacrament School
Mike and Diana O'Brien*

michael f obrien - June 21, 2022 at 10:17 AM



*Thank you Mike and Diana you were wonderful friends and neighbors
Mimi*

mimi baseel - June 22, 2022 at 04:34 AM



Many thanks for your thoughts and kind words.

Joe

Joe Fitzgerald - June 22, 2022 at 12:14 PM

JP

“ JEAN WAS A GREAT LADY SHE WAS MY FIRST RELIGION TEACHER SHE SANG IN THE CHOIR WITH TOM SAVOY I REMEMBER THAT SHE CALLED US EVERY SATURDAY MORNING FOR EVERYTHING WE TALKED ABOUT STUFF SHE WILL BE MISS BY ALL OF US MAY SHE REST AND PEACE JUSTIN PANETTA

JUSTIN PANETTA - June 20, 2022 at 12:29 AM

DG

“ *Dear Mimi and Joe and family,*

I am so saddened to hear the news of your Jean's passing. I first met Jean and Bill when I began my position as the Music Director of Blessed Sacrament in 1986. I had the pleasure of having Jean as one of my choir members for all the years I was at the church. Jean and Bill became very dear friends and always showed such care and support for me. I treasure the many conversations and visits we all had over the years. Jean's dedication to her family, her friends and her faith were wonderful examples for those of us who knew her. I will always have fond memories of Jean and Bill and can't help but imagine what a wonderful reunion they are having!

Dominick Giaquinto

Dominick Giaquinto - June 18, 2022 at 09:06 PM

RM

“ We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Your mother was always so kind to us and our children. Both of your parents were welcoming to us when we moved to Albany and we will always have fond memories of knowing them on our block.

Unfortunately we will not be in Albany at the time of your services but know our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Frank and Roseanne McHale

Roseanne McHale - June 18, 2022 at 04:45 PM

“ Jean Marie – Mom. Immediately upon meeting you, I felt accepted and welcomed. Just shy of seven short years, yet I've received beautiful memories that will last the rest of my life.

Sometimes we had silly conversations and sometimes serious. What I treasure most was our ability to make each other laugh. You were full of mirth, and you had such a playful spirit and lively imagination. I loved that you didn't take too many things too seriously. I enjoyed listening to your stories, even those you retold! I enjoyed your embellishments, and I could see in your eyes you were teasing me. And you couldn't quite keep from smiling - that too, gave it away! I even appreciated your (sometimes) feisty temper!

Your relationship with Jesus, the Saints and all your loved ones in Heaven was evident in how you spoke and how you lived; your sharing let me know that you were a beautiful soul and God had a special place in His heart for you! He has a special place in His heart for each of us... The difference is that you were not shy about letting everyone know this through your lived experiences and how you lived and spoke. You had a strong and courageous faith and because of this, you were an exemplary evangelizer through your actions and words.

My greatest regret is that I didn't spend enough time with you. But of those times I did spend with you, I think my most cherished time and special blessing is the time we spent singing together shortly before you went home to Heaven. What an exquisite gift from you and God! I am eternally thankful!

Rest in the arms of Jesus for a little while, dear Mother-In-Law, but know we still need you! God's missions for you on earth may be completed, but you still have much work to do through interceding to our Lord, on our behalf. I know you are watching over us, praying for us, and yes, I imagine you will probably remind us to watch our Ps and Qs, too!

I love you. You are precious to me...

Eva Fitzgerald

Eva Fitzgerald - June 17, 2022 at 11:38 PM

KW

“ *I feel so blessed to not only have known Jean Marie, but to be related to her. She was one of the most positive, giving and caring souls to have ever walked the Earth. She and Bill were the perfect example of what a loving Christian couple should be. I loved the sound of her laugh! She also could really tell a story! I will always cherish the conversations we had, and all the information she shared with me about my grandparents. She was the closest thing to a sister that my dad ever had, and my family will be forever grateful for that. May she enjoy eternity with her loving husband, Bill and Our Savior Jesus Christ. She surely went directly into his arms upon leaving this Earth.*

Kathy Womeldorph

Kathleen T Womeldorph - June 16, 2022 at 10:32 PM

MC

“ *Bill & Jean were such a special part of our Lives as you know... her faith and her guidance throughout the years made me a better person (actually ALL of us) and we will truly miss her! Our love and prayers go out to the whole family and may memories bring you some comfort in the difficult days ahead... I'm sure it made Bill's birthday better that one day later he got his beautiful bride back 😊 We love you all and all our love and prayers are with you now and always. xoxo*



MaryAnn Chesky - June 16, 2022 at 05:20 PM

PD

Dear Joe, Mimi, and Family,

I was so sorry to hear about the passing of your mom, Jean. I remember warm, fun times with you all when we were growing up. Please accept my deepest condolences.

Patty Dunn

Patricia Dunn - June 22, 2022 at 09:27 AM

JF

We too remember those "happy times." Mom loved life and people ... family, friends, neighbors, and of course her students!

Joe

Joe Fitzgerald - June 22, 2022 at 12:16 PM