



Phyllis Devine Brennan

November 17, 1922 - December 5, 2021

Albany-Phyllis Devine Brennan was born in Ridgewood, NJ to B. Frank and Mary Jo (Tilli) Albanese on Nov. 17, 1922. She entered Eternal Life Sunday, December 5, 2021.

Phyllis and her sister, Pat (Aubuchon) lived with their parents in Rochester, Buffalo, Bronxville and Albany. Phyllis attended Stoneleigh Junior College in Rye Beach, NH. She learned to play piano at a young age and enjoyed a very brief career as a model. After college Phyllis returned to Albany where she worked for the telephone company. She met her future husband, Eugene P. Devine Sr. at the wedding of her friend, Peggy, and his brother, John. Phyllis and Gene were married for 26 years, until his death in October 1974. They shared a wonderful life while traveling, meeting Presidents Kennedy and Johnson and two Popes or simply enjoying a game of golf or bridge or a meal or cocktails.

In a fortunate turn of events, Phyllis reconnected with her college boyfriend, John Kent Brennan in 1980 and they married shortly thereafter. Phyllis and Kent loved each other's children as their own. They split their time between Lighthouse Point, FL and Albany, while sailing the Florida coast, often to the islands, and golfing and socializing with their expanded family and many

friends both new and old. It was a rare second opportunity at happiness. They made the most of it until Kent's death in 1994.

Thereafter, Phyllis returned permanently to Albany where she continued to spend many happy hours with family and friends at Wolfert's Roost Country Club golfing and playing bridge well into her 90s.

Phyllis began volunteering during World War II as a Gray Lady and a member of the Intercept Command. She later served with the LaSalle School for Boys, Brady Hospital Auxiliary, St Peter's Hospital Auxiliary, Albany Institute of History and Art, the Daughters of Mary, the Catholic Women's Service League, and with numerous golf leagues here and in Florida. Phyllis was honored to be a Lady of the Holy Sepulcher.

Phyllis is survived by her children, The Hon. Eugene P. Devine (and Debra) and Mary P. Devine (and Marty Barrington), and her grandchildren Kim Devane (Matt and daughters Kendall and Rory), Adrienne Devine, Madeline Devine, Matt Barrington (Ashley and daughter Virginia), Kathleen B. McGregor (Cody, son Lee and daughter Evans); and by Kent's children, Kate McCarthy (John), Karen Szuks (Joe), Mary Sue Burnsed (Louis), Nellie Hensley (Paul), Jamie Brennan (Jody), and Kent's grandchildren, Ryan, Kevin and Michael McCarthy, Alexandra Szuks Cunningham, Mary Kate Jones, Nicholas Burnsed, and Aren Milley Brennan and their 11 children. She also leaves behind her much loved nieces and nephews.

In addition to Gene and Kent, Phyllis was predeceased by her sister Patricia Aubuchon, her granddaughter Tracy Devine, Kent's son Kent, daughter

Bridget and grandson Brennan Hale.

Phyllis loved well and was well loved. She will be sorely missed by her family and many friends.

Funeral services will be private but a celebration of her life will be held at a future date.

Please consider a donation in Phyllis' memory to the Bernard & Millie Duker Children's Hospital at Albany Med c/o Albany Med Foundation, MC 119, 43 New Scotland Ave., Albany, NY 12208.

To leave a message for the family please visit www.McveighFuneralHome.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Phyllis Devine Brennan*

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *To Gus and Mary and the entire Devine Family- A stunningly beautiful woman who was loved and admired by all for her warmth and kindness. No matter how old we are, it always hurts when we lose a mother. You were fortunate that she lived such a long and fulfilling life. Sincerely, The Murray Family (Martha, Neil, Michael, Chris and Mark)*

Neil Murray - December 10, 2021 at 02:54 PM



Many thanks to all the Murrays for your kind wishes. Merry Christmas to you.

Eugene P. Devine - December 11, 2021 at 06:20 AM



“ *Dear Gus and Mary,
I am so sorry to learn of your loss. Seeing your mother's lovely picture triggered many happy childhood memories of Lake George summers, great parties on Euclid and trips to NY and DC with your parents. I remain grateful for their kindness and generosity. May your mother rest in peace after a long and beautiful life. With sympathy, Lynda Griffin*

Lynda Griffin - December 09, 2021 at 07:16 PM

ED

Many thanks Lynda. It's been a long time. Hope all is well. Have a very Merry Christmas

Eugene P. Devine - December 11, 2021 at 06:21 AM

TT

“ *Dear Mary and Gus,
What a huge hole she leaves in so many lives with her passion for everything and everyone. She was my "advisor" for so many things as we grew up. Her warmth and caring will be so missed. Betsy and I sender deepest condolences.
Tom Tracy*

Tom Tracy - December 09, 2021 at 11:55 AM

ED

Thanks Tom!

Eugene P. Devine - December 11, 2021 at 06:22 AM

TT

“ *Gus and Mary, I am so sorry to learn of Phillis' passing. She was a great friend to my parents and always lifted my mom's spirits as she aged. I have so many memories of her on Euclid. What a wonderful person.*

Terry Tracy - December 09, 2021 at 09:50 AM

RD

“ *Gus;
Sorry to hear of your mother's passing. She seems to have lived a wonderful life. May she rest in peace.
Ron & Kathy DeLeonardis*

Ronald DeLeonardis - December 08, 2021 at 04:06 PM

ED

Thanks Ron. Merry Christmas!

Eugene P. Devine - December 11, 2021 at 06:23 AM

TS

“ *Dear Gus & Mary, teal...*

Reading of your mother's passing have brought back many memories of years ago...May your happy memories carry you through these troubled times...Peace....

Terry Shea - December 08, 2021 at 02:15 PM

JT

“ *Gus,
So sorry to hear of your mother's passing.
Condolences to you and your family.
God Bless.
Jim Toomey*

Jim Toomey - December 08, 2021 at 09:34 AM

ED

Thanks Jim. Have a very Merry Christmas

Eugene P. Devine - December 11, 2021 at 06:24 AM

JP

“ *What an amazing woman Phyllis was as she lived life fully and cheerfully! My sincere condolences as you grieve but in faith know she is seated smiling at God's banquet table.
Judy Pinto*

judith Pinto - December 08, 2021 at 08:22 AM

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Thank you Judy!

Eugene P. Devine - December 11, 2021 at 06:24 AM

MR

“ *Phyllis lived a full and meaningful life and will be greatly missed. I enjoyed many visits with her while she lived at Shaker Pointe. I treasure her friendship. My prayers for her family and friends. Sr. Mary Anne Rodgers CSJ.*

Mary Anne Rodgers - December 07, 2021 at 09:42 PM