



## Kathleen A. "Kay" Diamond

October 18, 1936 - May 30, 2020

Kathleen A. "Kay" Diamond, 83, of Elgin passed away peacefully Saturday, May 30, 2020, after a short stay in hospice at Advocate Sherman Hospital.

Daughter of Miles P. and Helen (Ciraulo) McKeown, she was born on October 18, 1936, in Elgin. She attended St. Mary's Grade school and was a 1954 graduate of Elgin High School. She became an RN after graduating from the Oak Park School of Nursing in 1957. She married William Diamond on October 10, 1959, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Elgin. Kay worked as an RN and later, as her family grew, she joined her parents in their real estate business. She left nursing in 1970 to concentrate on real estate, and enjoyed over 50 years in business with Hoover Burnidge and then Starck Realtors. Kay spent countless hours volunteering through the years at her kids' schools and activities. She enjoyed her bridge clubs, garden club, and trips with her girlfriends. She was involved in her community through PEO, her past service on the police and fire commission, and most recently her time with friends helping out at Shop n Share. She loved spending time in the Northwoods of Wisconsin, where she never turned down a boat ride and Marco Island Florida where she never turned down a walk on the beach. Kay was an incredible Mom and Grandma and will be deeply missed by family as well as her many friends.

She is survived by her husband of 60 years, Bill; children, Kathy (Mario) Karayannis, Dan (Jean) Diamond, Kiki (Mike) Kellams, Mary (Matt) McGrath, and Mike (Kim) Diamond; grandchildren, Katy & Nick Karayannis, Miles & Faith Diamond, Zak & Logan Kellams, Ellie McGrath, and Ian, William, & Sabrina Diamond.

She is preceded in death by her parents; and sister, Pat Smithing.

A private, family funeral mass will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in her name may be directed to JourneyCare Hospice and St. Thomas More Catholic Church, Elgin.