

IRENE LANIUS KELLY A founding member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church and mother of seven, died June 5, 2003. She was 85 years old. Born in Alexandria, Louisiana, and raised in Baton Rouge, she attended St. Joseph's Academy, Sacred Heart Parochial School and Bernard Terrace Public School. She graduated with a bachelor's degree in business administration from Louisiana State University in 1940 and worked for the school and the Selective Service Administration before joining the American Red Cross in 1945. After training in Washington, D.C., she was sent to Calcutta, India, where she met her husband, Patrick G. Kelly, a career U.S. Army officer, on a blind date. They were married in 1946 at Sacred Heart Church in Baton Rouge and lived in Wurzburg, Germany and Augusta, Georgia before settling in Atlanta in 1955 for the remainder of their 55-year marriage. She was an active parishioner of Immaculate Heart of Mary since its inception in 1958, and a member of the Legion of Mary and the church's women's organization. She is survived by her brother, John St. Paul Lanius; her sister, Kitty Lanius Day; seven children, Kathleen Meriac, Michael Kelly, Nancy Kelly-Jones, Dennis Kelly, Gary Kelly, Timothy Kelly and Carol Kelly; three daughters-in-law, Jane Kelly, Beverley Kelly and Debby Kelly; two sons-in-law, Ivan Meriac and Clyde Jones; nine grandchildren, Jason Kelly, Wynne Kelly, John Meriac, Paul Meriac, Geoffrey Kelly, Laura Kelly, Sam Kelly, Ian Kelly and Max Kelly; two great-grandsons, Owen Kelly and William Kelly. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Monastery of the Visitation, 2055 Ridgedale Dr., Snellville, Georgia, 30078. The family will receive visitors from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday, June 8 at A.S. Turner and Sons Funeral Home, 2773 N. Decatur Rd. The Rosary will be recited at 7:30 p.m. at the funeral home. A funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, June 9, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 2855 Briarcliff Rd. A reception for friends and family will follow in the parish hall. Burial services will be held at 1:30 p.m. at Westview Cemetery.

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