



## Genevieve (GiGi) Raclaw Griffin Keel

January 8, 1921 - March 26, 2017

Mrs. Genevieve (Raclaw) Griffin Keel, daughter of the late Joseph and Antoinette (Szymanski) Raclaw, was born January 8, 1921 in Izbica, Poznan, Poland. Her family immigrated into the United States and resided on the South-east side of Chicago, IL. She graduated from Saint Michael the Archangel Catholic School, Chicago, and attended some years of college study at Mundelein College (now Loyola University), Chicago. She was a member of Mu Sigma Upsilon.

Genevieve was a Receptionist for Visking Corporation, Chicago, when she met, on the golf course, Jimmy Griffin, an Accountant at Visking Corporation. They were united in holy matrimony in September, 1946, and blessed with two children; James F. Griffin III and Paula Jean Griffin (Anderson).

As a result of her generous spirit and effervescent personality, she was a volunteer that served on the Boards of The Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago(Chicago Rehab), The Misericord (The Heart of Mercy), active member of Opus Dei and her parish churches: Immaculate Conception, Highland Park; St. Mary's Catholic Church, Lake Forest, Saints Faith, Hope, and Charity, Winnetka, St. Helen Catholic Church, Vero Beach, FL, and St. James Cathedral, Orlando, FL. Being attentive of her children's school activities(Woodlands Academy of the Sacred Heart, Lake Forest, and Loyola Academy, Wilmette), she was a Brownie, Cub Scout, Girl Scout and Boy Scout Leader and an advise leader of fund raisers and charitable events. She gave of her time freely and often. Genevieve was an advise Golfer and Curler

at Exmoor Country Club in Highland Park.

Genevieve and her husband, Jim, moved to Orlando in 1989; after Jim's death, she was fortunate to fall in love and marry another wonderful man; a true "southern gentleman", Walker Keel. Genevieve was a compassionate and fun-loving person that was forever giving! In her "quiet" time Genevieve loved to garden, be in the sun; she loved music and to dance; and she knew how fortunate she was to have traveled the world!

Genevieve passed in peace, in her sleep. She is preceded in death by her husbands James F. Griffin, Jr. and J. Walker Keel; son, James F. Griffin III, and daughter, Elizabeth (Keel) Wolf; brother, Stanley Raclaw; and sisters Sophie (Karwatka), Frieda (Karson), and Evelyn (Broze). Her spirit, class, and love of life will forever be cherished by a host of nieces and nephews and friends.

She was a super-hero for those closest to her! But no one will embody her legacy more than her daughter Paula Jean (Anderson) and her son-in-law, Troy D. Anderson, of Orlando. She laughed with them, lived with them, and loved them... And is now and will always be loved by them, forever and ever..... AMEN!

# Previous Events

## Funeral Mass

APR **22**. 11:45 AM (ET)

St James Catholic Cathedral  
215 North Orange Avenue  
Orlando, FL 32801

## Funeral Mass

MAY **13**. 1:15 PM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church  
175 East Illinois Road  
Lake Forest, IL 60045

# Tribute Wall

BJ

“ Of the time that I knew Genevieve when caring for her, she was sweet and bubbly. Thank you for letting me care for hmker during her transition, may she rest in the bosom of Jesus. Paula and Troy thank you for Being awesome with your Mom, you both Truely showed the love of God. Continuously praying for you.

*Love Bonnie Johnson*

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**bonnie johnson** - April 02, 2017 at 08:54 PM

FF

“ Ms. Genevieve made the world a better place for many years. We are all fortunate to have been here to be a part of it. Her love and caring for people is continuing through you Paula. She is at peace now because she had you and Troy to love and care for her in a way that few people get to experience. Always remember, "What is loved, always remains in our hearts." Our prayers and deepest sympathy are extended to you.

*Marguerite, Mike and Scott Ferguson*

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**Ferguson Family** - April 01, 2017 at 08:40 PM

NA

“ *Many memories of our families together when we were younger. Our parents played golf and went on trips together, spent so much time together. But the most fun was when our two families vacationed together at Camelback Inn in Scottsdale, Az at Christmas time. I loved Genevieve and admired the very close, loving relationship between her and Paula. She will be missed by many.*

*Paula, dear friend, you know my heart is with you although so far away in distance.*

*My the Lord wrap his living arms around and comfort you in your sadness.*

*Love you,*

*Nancy Armstrong* 💕

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**Nancy Armstrong** - April 01, 2017 at 03:08 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Genevieve (GiGi) Raclaw Griffin Keel.*



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April 01, 2017 at 01:58 PM

RF

“ *My family would like to send sincere condolences to the Keel family for the loss of your dear loved one. May you find comfort and hope from the Bible promise at Isaiah 25:7. Please, pray constantly, avoid isolation, and lean on God as you cope during this most difficult time.*

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**Richardson Family** - March 31, 2017 at 04:18 AM

JM

*Me and mom send our most sincere condolences. Nurture strength of spirit during sudden misfortune.*

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**Joseph Miller** - April 01, 2017 at 12:53 PM

DN

*Me and my husband send our most sincere condolences.  
Dowling Richard and Najat*

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**dowling najat** - April 03, 2017 at 12:23 AM