



Cynthia Ketterer Gibbons

May 7, 1925 - May 27, 2021

Cynthia Ketterer Gibbons 96, of Houston passed away May 27, 2021. Cynthia was born May 7, 1925 in Bucks County, PA. She is preceded in death by her husband Patrick. She is survived by her daughters Carrie Porterfield (Allan), Patti Barry (Steve), and Kate Klein (Larry); grandchildren Chris (Amanda) and Aaron (Tamara) Barry, Beth Bryan (Kirby) and Suzy Porterfield, and Peter and Mark Klein; and great grandchildren, Evelyn and Eleanor, Seth and Jeremiah, and Jackson and Kennedy.

Cynthia grew up in Nutley, NJ and graduated from Cedar Crest College in 1947. She did graduate studies in costume design at Catholic University in Washington DC. After living at home for several years she drove to Houston in her little blue MG. She met Patrick, her husband of 60 years, at St Anne's Catholic Church and they were married in November 1957.

She continued to use her creative and artistic talents to guide her three daughters in developing their own talents. She was an adept seamstress and made many beautiful dresses, including a treasured baptismal gown, wedding gowns and interview suits. The family enjoyed many years at their beach house on Bolivar Peninsula, which Pat and Cynthia built themselves from lumber the family reclaimed from an old school building. Cynthia designed the house to effectively reuse the lumber and she painted Pennsylvania Dutch designs on the storm windows.

Cynthia was active in the community as a girl scout leader and swim instructor. She was also involved in several ministries at St Albert Catholic

Church, where she was a eucharistic minister and led the setting up of a thrift shop. After raising three independent young women she took up quilting, square dancing, and became a master gardener. In 2005, she and Pat were early residents at Eagle's Trace Senior Living Community. While there she started the quilting group and enjoyed many game nights with friends.

A Funeral Mass will be held at 10:30 am Tuesday, June 15, 2021 at St. John Vianney Catholic Church 625 Nottingham Oaks Trail, Houston, TX 77079.

Burial will take place immediately following services at Forest Park Lawndale Cemetery 6900 Lawndale St. Houston, TX 77023. In Lieu of flowers please consider a charitable donation to Eagle's Trace Scholarship fund or the educational institution of your choice.

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

JUN **15**. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. John Vianney Catholic Church
625 Nottingham Oaks Trail
Houston, TX 77079
(281) 497-1500

Graveside Service

JUN **15**. 12:30 PM (CT)

Forest Park Lawndale Cemetery
6900 Lawndale
Houston, TX 77023

Tribute Wall



“ Cynthia Ketterer Gibbons

October 08, 2023 at 10:52 AM



“ Cynthia Ketterer Gibbons

October 06, 2023 at 01:12 AM



“ Cynthia Ketterer Gibbons

October 05, 2023 at 09:45 AM



“ Cynthia Ketterer Gibbons

October 05, 2023 at 01:54 AM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Praying for your family. My family enjoyed watching your parents build the beach house! We have so many great memories with your family. When my parents bought that beach house from your parents we continued to have great memories! Our sincere condolences. May God bless you during this difficult time.*

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Cynthia Ketterer Gibbons.



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