

Geraldine DeMarkey

ANAHEIM HILLS, Calif. — Geraldine Lucille Kennedy DeMarkey was called to her Heavenly home by her Savior, Jesus Christ, to rejoin her husband on Jan. 9, 2017. She died peacefully in her sleep at her apartment in Brookdale Anaheim Hills Assisted Living Center, Anaheim Hills.

She was born in Bradford, Pa., on Sept 7, 1915. Her parents were Robert and Olive Pike Kennedy. Geraldine was a member of the Bradford Senior High School Class of 1932. She was also a long-time member of the Bradford Landmark Society.

In 1940, she moved to Washington, D.C., to work for the Census Bureau. She transferred to the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, where she worked until 1944. During this time, she met her husband, Joseph DeMarkey.

They married in Glenville, Conn., on Nov. 8, 1943. Joseph then shipped out with the U.S. Coast Guard for duty aboard an escort vessel.

After the Second World War ended, along with their first-born, Robert, they moved back to Greenwich, Conn. In 1947, they built their lifetime home in the Pemberwick neighborhood.

Gerry was a member of the PTA but also served as president of the Pemberwick Parents Playground Association, which she helped found. She later served as secretary of the Glenville Chapter of the AARP (Chapter 3020), of which she was a charter member.

She worked for a number of years at Arnold's Bakery and Fawcett Publications. Mrs. DeMarkey was also an active member of Summerfield United Methodist Church in Port Chester, N.Y., for 55 years.

After the death of her husband, Geraldine moved to Anaheim Hills. Shortly after moving there, she was honored as the Mrs. Senior Anaheim Hills of 2003.

She is survived by her daughter, Sophie DeMarkey of Boulder, Colo., and sons David of Portland, Ore., and Bernard and his wife Nina of Orange, Calif.; and by her sister, Gladys Beppler and her husband Carl of North Canton, Ohio; plus numerous cousins, nephews, nieces, grandnephews and grandnieces.

She was predeceased by her parents, her son Robert, her husband Joseph, her brother Bernard Kennedy and her sister Esther Graff and their families.

Memorial services will be held at Brookdale Anaheim Hills on Saturday, Jan. 21 and at Rose City Park United Methodist Church in Portland, Ore., on Feb. 11. An interment of her cremains will be held at the family burial plot in St. Mary's Cemetery in Greenwich, Conn., in the spring.

Geraldine wished to be remembered by gifts to the charities of your choice.