



## Kathleen (Kelly) Lippert Smeriglio

January 16, 1930 - January 7, 2021

Kathleen (Kelly) Lippert Smeriglio, age 90 years, of Cairo, N.Y, passed away peacefully on January 7, 2021 at Montgomery Nursing Home.

She was born on January 16, 1930, in Staten Island, N.Y. to the late James Walter and Winifred (Tighe) Kelly. Survivors include her sons Robert Jr., John (Lorrie), Timothy and Michael Lippert, daughter Barbara Lippert, six grandchildren-James, John, Danny, Stacey, Michael and Sarah. Great-grandchildren include James, Madi, Johnny, Brodie, Brittany, Ashley, Erik, Gavin, Keely, and Alyssa, as well as numerous cousins, nieces and nephews. Besides her parents, she is predeceased by her husband Robert F. Lippert in 1987, husband Richard A. Smeriglio 2015, son James in 1975, daughter Kathleen in 2013 and brother Walter "Skeet" Kelly.

Kathleen grew up in historic VanCortlandtville, attended Peekskill schools, Westchester Community College and SUNY Purchase. She married Robert F. Lippert September 22, 1951. They were the first couple to be married in the new St. Columbanus Parish in Cortlandt Manor. They raised their 7 children at the home they built on School Street in Cortlandt Manor.

In Westchester, she was an officer and active member of the Democratic Party, serving on the Committee on Vacancies and representing Northern Westchester. Kathleen was an active member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians Division 10 for over 20 years, a Charter member of St. Columbanus Catholic Church, serving on the Building Committee for the School and Church, active in Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, Cornell Home

Extension (Toddville Branch), Assumption Mothers Club, and Altar and Rosary Society. She was employed as an administrative assistant at Westchester County Operations, Probation Dept and Community College for many years. When she retired in 1986, she made her home on Sunside Rd in East Durham.

She was a communicant of The Our Lady of Knock Shrine in East Durham, N.Y., where she married Richard Smeriglio on March 4, 2000. While living in Greene County, she was a member of the Clematis Garden Club and served as an ombudsman for the elderly. She enjoyed swimming, camping, traveling, reading, gardening, local politics, and proud of starting libraries in both Assumption and St. Columbanus parishes. With her late husband Robert, they visited many countries.

Graveside services will take place at the family plot of The Cairo Cemetery, Cairo, N.Y. on Friday, April 16, 2021, at 12:00 Noon.

Social distancing and pandemic guidelines will be followed.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hospice of Orange and Sullivan Counties: [www.hospiceoforange.com](http://www.hospiceoforange.com)

Condolences may be made at [www.richardsfuneralhomeinc.net](http://www.richardsfuneralhomeinc.net).

# Cemetery Details

## Cairo Cemetery

County Route # 84  
Cairo, NY 12413

# Previous Events

## Graveside

APR 16. 12:00 PM (ET)

Cairo Cemetery  
County Route # 84  
Cairo, NY 12413

# Tribute Wall



“ *Pleas accept out heartfelt condolences as we mourn your loss of dear Kathleen.*

*Patricia Tighe Fleming and family*

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**Patricia Tighe Fleming** - April 05, 2021 at 03:11 PM



*Thanks Pat, hope all is well with you and yours. Your Godson,John.*

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**JOHN LIPPERT** - April 14, 2021 at 05:51 PM



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**Richards Funeral Home of the Mid Hudson Valley Inc.** - March 03, 2021 at 01:47 PM



“ *When I think of Aunt Kathleen, I always remember her smile. Sorry for your loss.*

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**Grace Zipprich** - January 22, 2021 at 01:05 PM

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**Grace Zipprich** - January 22, 2021 at 01:03 PM

MG

“ So very sorry to hear of Kathleen's passing.  
Please accept my condolences.

*Margaret Gormley-King*



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**MARGARET GORMLEY-KING** - January 18, 2021 at 11:00 PM

GK

“ Please accept my condolences. Gerry Kolosky, formerly of School Street

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**Gerry Kolosky** - January 16, 2021 at 08:38 AM

GK

“ Sorry to hear of your mother's passing. Our deepest sympathies to all of the family.

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**Gordie & Brenda Kelly** - January 12, 2021 at 07:16 PM

BL

“ Mom,

*May the road rise up to meet you.  
May the wind always be at your back.  
May the sun shine warm upon your face,  
and rains fall soft upon your fields.  
And until we meet again,  
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.*

*I miss you more than words can ever say. Love Barb*

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**BARBARA LIPPERT** - January 11, 2021 at 04:09 PM

JL

*The Irish Blessing, she had it memorized .*

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**john lippert** - January 11, 2021 at 07:24 PM

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**BARBARA LIPPERT** - January 11, 2021 at 03:55 PM