



Mrs. Olive A. Kavanaugh

November 27, 1927 - November 28, 2022

Olive A. Kavanaugh, 95, of Chateaugay, died Monday, November 28, 2022 at CVPH in Plattsburgh with her son and daughter-in-law by her side.

Born on Sunset Road in Lyon Mountain on November 27, 1927, she was the daughter of Clarence and Addie (Doody) Gillett. They predeceased her.

She spent the first several years of her life living at the Owly Out when it was a boarding house, with her Uncle Lyle and Aunt Eleanor Gillett, before moving to Chateaugay with her grandmother, Alice Gillett and her other uncle, Mort Gillett.

She graduated from Chateaugay High School. She worked at the Chateaugay Slipper Factory and Chic Toggs before marrying Francis D.

Kavanaugh on September 27, 1952. He predeceased her on January 6, 2008.

After her marriage, she was a homemaker dedicated to raising her children, and she cared for her eldest daughter, Karen, until Karen's death in 2019.

Mrs. Kavanaugh was a member of the Chateaugay American Legion Ladies Auxiliary, the First Presbyterian Church of Chateaugay, and a very active member of the Burke Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star. In her younger years, she was a member of several bowling leagues, traveling the state for competitions. She loved going to bingo several times a week, and she enjoyed puzzles, reading romance novels, and collecting anything with a cardinal on it. She was beloved and cherished by her grandchildren, and she loved going to watch her granddaughters' sporting events and concerts at school.

Olive was an exceptionally kind and funny woman, whose sense of humor

shocked even those closest to her.

Olive is survived by two sons, Jim (Brenda) Kavanaugh of Henrietta and David (Lisa) Kavanaugh of Plattsburgh; a daughter, Patti Robertson (Rob Stout) of Chateaugay; eight grandchildren: Gary (Tiffany) Nye, Rob (Krissy) and Jill Kavanaugh, Taylor Robertson (Brandon LaShomb), Cammi and Chloe Champagne, and Alex and Noah Stout; four great-grandchildren: Shaelyn Nye, Josie and James Kavanaugh, and Samuel LaShomb; three brothers: Kimball (Alice) Gillette, Donald (Nancy) Gillette, and Jeff (Lucy) Gillette; a sister, Barbara (Leon) Miller; and a sister-in-law, Anne Gillette. She is also survived by her friend, Veronica Miller.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was predeceased by a daughter, Karen Kavanaugh; a sister, Ida Wilson; and a brother, Clarence "Jr" Gillette. There will be no calling hours. A Celebration of Olive's life will be held at a later date.

Burial will take place in the spring at St. Patrick's Cemetery in Chateaugay. Donations in Olive's memory may be made to the Special Olympics and the Chateaugay Fire Department.

Cemetery Details

St. Patrick's Cemetery

Chateaugay, NY

Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall

PM

“ *Olive always went out of her way to say Hi to everyone. She was a good friend to my mother. Always had a welcoming smile. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.* ”



Paula McDonald - December 01, 2022 at 06:18 PM

WS

“ *Mrs. Kavanaugh was a very kind person. She always welcomed me over to play with her kids when I was very young and living next door.
May God give strength to the Kavanaugh family in their time of grief.* ”

Wolf Shield - December 01, 2022 at 03:42 PM

SD

“ *Shasta Dailey lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Olive A. Kavanaugh* ”



Shasta Dailey - December 01, 2022 at 11:12 AM

WS

Our neighbour, Mrs. Kavanaugh was very kind to me as a child. Moreso than even my own mother ever was

Wolf Shield - December 01, 2022 at 02:23 PM

SN

“ I’m so sorry to hear of Olive’s passing, she was a wonderful person. She and Mel worked at Tangier Lodge many, many years ago. Sending thoughts and prayers to family.

Sharon Nemier - December 01, 2022 at 10:03 AM

DK

I remember mom telling a story about Mel locking her in the ice house! Thanks for the memories. David

David Kavanaugh - December 06, 2022 at 10:55 AM

LH

“ What a sweet, funny, and social lady Olive was. What a dynamic duo she and Karen were. Always tough to lose such a huge presence in your lives but, the wonderful memories you have to ease the difficult time ahead. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Take care.

Lynn Harrigan - December 01, 2022 at 07:16 AM

SL

“ Olive and I shared many Sundays of traveling to American Legion Auxiliary Franklin County meetings together, some good chats and lots of laughter. She was a good friend and always willing to help any one in need. Sincere sympathies to her family at this sad time. Rest In Peace, Olive. You will be missed! Love, Sharon

Sharon LaFlesh - November 30, 2022 at 10:45 PM

PP

“ So sorry to hear of Olive's passing. I will always remember the good times and laughs we had at Bingo. Prayers and thoughts to the family. Phyllis Palmer

Phyllis Palmer - November 30, 2022 at 06:43 PM

SF

“ Wally and I send our condolences to Olive’s family. She and my mom were great friends. I really enjoyed working alongside her at the Chateaugay Legion. Such a fun and loving lady. RIP dear Olive.



Sally Farrell - November 30, 2022 at 02:25 PM