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Kathleen Lyons, 78, Longtime Darien Resident, Immigrated from Ireland at Age 17, Loved Irish Music

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Kathleen Keegan Lyons, 78, of Darien, entered into eternal peace on Thursday, June 13.

She was born Oct. 28, 1940 in Barry, County Longford, Ireland, the daughter of the late Michael and Brigid Keegan.

A brave Kathleen immigrated to America at the age of 17, saying a difficult goodbye to her homeland, parents and 10 siblings. She worked in the nursery at The Angel Guardian Orphanage in Brooklyn, New York. She met her husband, James Lyons, in New York and settled in Darien to raise their five children.

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Kathleen was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and sister who had tremendous faith in the Lord and truly loved all her family and friends.

Kathleen was predeceased by her daughter, Bridget Kathleen McGuire. In addition, she was predeceased by her sisters, Betty Butler and Maureen Campbell, and brothers Patrick and Noel Keegan.

Along with her husband, Jimmy, Kathleen is survived by her daughter, Mary, and son-in-law, Sean Sorohan; daughter, Celia, and son-in-law, Michael Beluk; her son, Jim (Seameen); and her son John. Kathleen took delight in her five grandchildren: Lauren, Mike and Matt Beluk and Bridget and Sean Sorohan, who all agree no one could have a cuter, funnier Grandma.

— [an obituary](#) from *Edward Lawrence Funeral Home*

She is also survived by her brothers and sisters in both America and Ireland: Mickey, Jim, Frank, Nan, JJ and Nuala and nearly 50 nieces and nephews. Kathleen was a special part of this big, wonderful family — they loved her as much she loved them. She will be sorely missed.

One of Kathleen's most captivating qualities was her immense kindness toward others. She sincerely cared for everyone who had the good fortune of being a part of her life.

Kathleen was always so thoughtful and made sure you knew you were loved. She had a passion for Irish music and rarely missed listening to her "Irish Program" on Sundays after Mass.

Although we are so heartbroken over the loss of our dear Kathleen, her inspiring presence will live on through treasured memories. We now have the sweetest angel watching over us.

Her family will receive relatives and friends from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m., Sunday, June 16 at the Edward Lawrence Funeral Home, 2119 Post Road, Darien.

Kathleen was a faithful parishioner of St. Thomas More Church for 48 years. As the church is under construction, a Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. John Church, 1986 Post Road, Darien at 10:30 a.m., Monday June 17. Interment will follow at Spring Grove Cemetery.