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Elvira Kennedy, 96, passed away on Saturday, March 25, 2023, at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital Somerset.

Elvira, affectionately known to family and friends as "Dolly", was born at the Somerset Medical Center (now RWJ Somerset) on December 12, 1926, the first of her family to be born outside of the home. She grew up in a family of 12 children in Bound Brook, NJ. Her large family survived the Great Depression, an experience which taught her the values of hard work and sacrifice that she would carry with her throughout her life. During WWII, she saw many of her brothers join the service, all of whom survived to be honored veterans, and of whom she was profoundly proud. She married veteran Charles H. Kennedy on September 5, 1953; they settled in Hillsborough, where they had two children, Charlene and Kevin.

Many graduates of Hillsborough High School may remember "Dolly" as the friendly cashier in the lunchroom. She had a lengthy career at Roche Labs (currently LabCorp) in Raritan NJ. She was particularly proud of her 20-year career at Walmart in Manville, being one of the very first employees at the

location, before it even opened. During her tenure at Walmart, she made many friends, especially her best friend Carmela Hewitt, with whom she enjoyed frequent trips for coffee at the Dunkin Donuts in Manville. Up to her passing, she had remained very active, making regular visits to casinos with the Manville Seniors.

She hosted family dinners every Christmas and Easter, turning out large meals from her tiny stove. It brought her tremendous joy to cook for her loved ones, and she would never sit down until everyone was served. She was proud of every member of her family and would happily share their achievements with all who would listen. She loved all animals, often rescuing small animals she would find in distress. She was particularly fond of cats, feeding hungry strays who would come to her door. Every feral cat in the county knew "Dolly"!

Elvira is predeceased by her parents Emilio and Elena Consalvo; her siblings Vincenzo ("Jimmy"), Enrico ("Henry"), Maria Rose, Josephine ("Joan"), Sylvia, Frank, Armondo ("Monte"), Vincenza ("Jennie"), Julia ("Judy"), and Eugene; and her husband, Charles ("Sonny"). She is survived by her sister Pearl Rhodes; her children Charlene Correll and Kevin Kennedy; her grandchildren John Correll and Ryan Kennedy Correll; her great-grandchildren Oliver Ko Correll, Autumn Grace Correll, and Stanley Jameson Correll; and all of her nieces and nephews, great nieces and great nephews, and two times great nieces and nephews.

The viewing will be held on Wednesday March 29, 2023 from 5 PM to 8 PM at the Ketusky Funeral Home, 1310 Brooks Blvd., Manville NJ 08835. The Funeral will take place on Thursday, March 30, 2023 8:00 AM from the Ketusky Funeral Home followed by a 9:00 AM Mass at Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church (Christ the Redeemer Parish) 98 S 2nd Ave, Manville, NJ 08835. A burial will follow at Neshanic Cemetery, 688 Amwell Road,

Hillsborough, NJ 08844. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly asks donations be made in Elvira's memory to Tabby's Place (<http://www.tabbysplace.org>).

Cemetery Details

Neshanic Cemetery

Amwell Road
Hillsborough, NJ

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **29**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Ketusky Funeral Home
1310 Brooks Blvd - PO Box 747
Manville, NJ 08835
(908) 575-8512
info@ketusky.com
<https://www.ketusky.com>

Mass

MAR **30**. 9:00 AM (ET)

Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church
98 South Second Ave.
Manville, NJ 08835

Tribute Wall

JE

“ We have so many wonderful memories of Aunt Dolly and are heartbroken to learn of her passing. We will making a donation to Tabby's Place and sending a plant to Charlene. I also have some photos to email to the family. True to her nickname, Aunt Dolly was an absolute doll!

James and Ellynne - March 30, 2023 at 12:58 AM

AZ

I grew up at 118 Taylor ave. Mrs Kennedy was an amazing lady, super friendly and always faring. She will be missed

Anthony zuchowski - August 04, 2023 at 10:34 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Elvira "Dolly" Kennedy.



March 29, 2023 at 03:50 PM

RD

“ Rita Dancsecs my little Dolly we worked together many years at Walmart, her and I bonded right away. She knew many people that I had known and grew up in the same town and then of course we shared many stories about our furry friends. Dolly loved her cats I will really miss her her, and I shared many happy times together, she will never be forgotten. She was a great lady.

Rita Dancsecs - March 29, 2023 at 11:36 AM

PR

“ Pearl Rhodes purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of Elvira "Dolly" Kennedy.



Pearl Rhodes - March 28, 2023 at 01:29 PM

NG

“ To Kevin and Charlene, I loved your Mom very much and enjoyed her cooking at lunch time. Me and Lisa, and you Charlene, had great talk and laughter with Aunt Dolly. I will cherish those time forever. Love Sue

Neice Sue Gomber - March 28, 2023 at 01:20 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Elvira "Dolly" Kennedy.



March 28, 2023 at 10:14 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elvira "Dolly" Kennedy.



March 27, 2023 at 09:13 PM

JJ

“ Joe Jacukowicz purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Elvira "Dolly" Kennedy.



Joe Jacukowicz - March 27, 2023 at 04:27 PM

CA

“ I worked with Dolly at Dunkin Donuts in Somerville when it was the only one around It was 1987 and I was a senior in high school. What a lady. She will be missed - Cathy Barrek Abraham

Cathy Abraham - March 27, 2023 at 02:33 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elvira "Dolly" Kennedy.



March 27, 2023 at 11:25 AM

LB

“ LeRoy& Phyllis Brice purchased the *Divine Light* for the family of Elvira "Dolly" Kennedy.



LeRoy& Phyllis Brice - March 27, 2023 at 10:51 AM

LJ

“ Lenny & Linda Jacukowicz purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Elvira "Dolly" Kennedy.



Lenny & Linda Jacukowicz - March 27, 2023 at 10:31 AM

MR

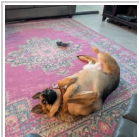
“ I will miss our gatherings at your house and Dunkin Donuts my little friend. Thanks for all the good times we had working together at Walmart. You will always be my "little Chihuahua " as I foundly always ❤️ called you. My heart is broken!

Mary Rodriguez - March 27, 2023 at 09:51 AM

JO

“ Kevin, Charlene, and families,
Just wanted to let you know how sad it was to hear of your Mom's passing.
Growing up, she always made me feel at home whenever I came over for a visit, making sure that I had something to eat & drink.
Years later, whenever I saw her at Walmart, she always took the time to stop what she was doing and talk about each of our families for a while. She will be fondly remembered for her gentle soul. You and your Mom are in our prayers.

John Bukovecky & Ann Marie O,Connor - March 27, 2023 at 09:45 AM



“ What a beautiful obituary. Every word of it is true. Aunt Dolly will be greatly missed.

Marsha Reynolds - March 27, 2023 at 09:06 AM