



## Faith Anne Hennessey

October 2, 1940 - December 16, 2017

Faith Anne (Metayer) Hennessey passed away on Saturday, Dec. 16, near her home in Leesburg, Fla., at age 77. A celebration of life will be held at St. Paul Catholic Church in Leesburg at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 6. Burial will follow at Lone Oak Cemetery.

It is requested that thoughtful donations in her honor be made to her alma mater: Truesdale Hospital Nurses Alumnae Association, ? Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 9215, Fall River, MA 02720. She worked as a nurse for more than 30 years, moving to live in several places across the country: West Chester, Pennsylvania; Coolville, Ohio; Charleston, West Virginia, as well as the Florida cities of Miami, Fort Myers, Davenport, Melbourne and Leesburg.

Faith was born Oct. 2, 1940 in Fall River, Massachusetts, the daughter of George and Eileen Metayer. She married Gerald Hennessey on May 12, 1962, in Little Compton, R.I., and they were married 47 years prior to his death on Dec. 4, 2009. Faith is survived by three daughters: Pamela Hennessey of Newnan, Georgia; Suzanne Hennessey of Palm Harbor, Fla.; and Elizabeth Gisondi of Charleston, Illinois.; seven grandchildren: Alexandra Sanz-Guerrero of Newport, R.I., Andy Sanz-Guerrero of Culpeper, Virginia; David Tingley of Tampa, Fla.; Kristen and Sarah Gisondi of Charleston, Ill; Abby and Randi Tripka of Palm Harbor, Fla.; two sisters: Eileen Stocklinski of Watkinsville, Ga., and Joyce Metayer of Ajijic, Mexico; a brother, George

Metayer, of Tiverton, R.I.; a son-in-law, Joe Gisondi of Charleston, Ill.; three brothers-in-law: Andy Stocklinski of Watkinsville, Ga., Don Lanoue of Mexico and Dale Hennessey of Davenport, Fla.; a sister-in-law, Donna Elshonson of Adamsville, R.I; granddaughter-in-law Shelby Sanz-Guerre. Faith was preceded in death by her parents, husband, daughter Kimberly Tingley, and sisters Colette Ulrich and Mary Vogel.

Faith loved to help family, friends and strangers, although few people remained mere acquaintances after spending time with her. She was active at St. Paul's Catholic Church where she served as a cantor, a singer in the Resurrection Choir, a member of the Council of Catholic Women, and as both a hospital minister and eucharistic minister, tending to the sick. She volunteered for numerous service and charity events at Holiday Travel Resort, where she vigilantly helped friends with chores, errands and personal challenges. And, of course, she was devoted to her family whom she adored - a deep love that was reciprocated.

Faith loved to sing and perform on stage and equally enjoyed seeing live theater performances. In addition, she loved to camp, play cards and travel. A few years ago, she fulfilled a lifelong dream of visiting Jerusalem.

Faith will be always be in our hearts now and forever more.

# Tribute Wall



“ To the family of Faith Hennessey. I truly miss Faith on many occasions. Because I live just south of Holiday Travel Village, I think of Faith every time I pass the entrance to this village. Faith was a special person and it's hard to believe that she's been gone a year already. She was outgoing, devoted, and always ready to lend a helping hand. My prayers are not only for Faith, but for her family members at this difficult time of remembrance. Dorothy Hanson

December 09, 2018 at 10:40 AM



“ I was shocked to hear of Faith's death. She and I were planning to attend the Polk Health Departments Retiree Luncheon after she recouped from her hip replacement.

We worked for the Polk Health Dept in School Health & kept in contact after we both retired. We kept in contact & always enjoyed our phone conversations.

I share with her family my utter dismay @ the way in which Faith died. I will remember our good conversations & laughter, together.

Florrie Deaner - February 09, 2018 at 04:40 PM



“ My heart is broken for her family. May God hold you in his arms during this time of grief.  
Much Love  
Tizzy



Elizabeth "Tizzy" Allen - Elorriaga - January 02, 2018 at 03:48 PM

JS

“ *The best neighbour one could ask for. We met Faith 5 years ago when we came to Florida for our six month vacation. Each fall as we returned for another season she would post a Welcome Back note with a smiley face on our door which always made us smile and feel welcome.*

*We sorely miss you Faith but know you are resting in peace with the Lord.*

*May God Bless your family and friends.*

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**John and Marilyn Sehn** - December 31, 2017 at 10:57 AM

DH

“ *Faith will be greatly missed by the Resurrection Choir. She was so dependable and always came with love and concern for whomever the service was celebrating. Faith truly lived her faith, giving much of her free time to many activities at St. Paul's. May she ring the bells in heaven as enthusiastically as she rang with the Resurrection Choir. We were blessed to have Faith with us.*

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**Dorothy M Hanson** - December 30, 2017 at 11:22 PM

MT

“ *Positive thoughts and prayers to the family. Faith was a wonderful light that warmed all those she came into contact with.*  
*Mark Thurston*

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**Mark Thurston** - December 29, 2017 at 10:19 AM

MB

“ Words may not suffice to express the heartfelt sorrow that I feel for the passing of Faith (Grandma). I am blessed to have known her these past few years.

*She's in a place now where she can watch over those who loved and cherished her.*

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**Mike Bergassi** - December 28, 2017 at 08:55 PM