



## Noreen T. Cunningham

March 29, 1949 - August 23, 2019

Noreen T. Cunningham, age 70, of Millsboro, DE and formerly of Port Washington, WI, passed away on Friday, August 23, 2019 after a courageous three year fight with cancer. She was born on March 29, 1949 in New York City, daughter of the late Thomas O'Connor, Sr. and Anne O' Connor (nee Patwell).

Noreen was an honors graduate of the Sacred Heart of Mary Catholic girls High School in Upper Manhattan. She continued her Catholic education at both Mercy College in Dobbs Ferry, NY and Cardinal Stritch University in Milwaukee, WI. She was an extraordinarily expert homemaker, home remodeler, and home designer for most of her adult life.

Noreen is survived by her beloved husband, George Cunningham, who is a retired partner of the law firm, Foley and Lardner, Milwaukee, WI. She is also survived by her three brothers: Doctor Thomas O'Connor of West Palm Beach, FL, Patrick O'Connor of Doylestown, PA, and Timothy O'Connor of Claremont, FL; two sisters, Maureen Whiteside of Oakridge, NJ and Anne O'Shea of Westgrove, PA; 12 loving nieces and nephews, three of whom, Tim O'Shea, Kelly Loeb, and Dr. Tracey O'Connor, were especially supportive during her illness. Noreen was also the proud godmother of a dozen children, including again Tim and Kelly and most recently, Dr. Tracey's son, Eamonn. She was also loved by hundreds of friends in Delaware, Wisconsin, and elsewhere, as well as by every dog, especially every basset hound, in the known universe.

A Celebration of Noreen's Life will be held on Wednesday, September 4, 2019 at 3:00 PM at the Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium, Atkins-Lodge Chapel, 16961 Kings Highway, Lewes, DE 19958, where friends may visit beginning at 2:00 PM.

A second Celebration will be held in Port Washington, WI, during the summer of 2020, date, time and place to be announced.

Noreen loved flowers but she also loved our country's Veterans. All three of her brothers and her brother in law, Tim O'Shea, served during the Vietnam War Era, her brothers Tom

and Patrick in Vietnam itself. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Operation Seas the Day, a local hands-on organization dedicated to Vets. Donations may be sent to P.O. Box 811, Bethany Beach, DE 19930.

Please sign Noreen's online guestbook located on this site.

FLORIST NOTE: PLEASE HAVE ALL FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS DELIVERED BY 10:00 AM WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2019 TO PARSELL FUNERAL HOMES, LEWES, DE.

# Events

---

**SEP** **Visitation** 02:00PM - 03:00PM

**4**

---

Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium-Atkins-Lodge Chapel  
16961 Kings Highway, Lewes, DE, US, 19958

**SEP** **Memorial Service** 03:00PM

**4**

---

Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium-Atkins-Lodge Chapel  
16961 Kings Highway, Lewes, DE, US, 19958

# Comments

---



“ My daughters and I remember her making cookies with them afternoon when they were in grade school. Poor Noreen was exhausted but the girls had fun and the cookies were delicious. The DuPuys

**Edith DuPuy** - September 04, 2019 at 10:43 PM

---



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Noreen T. Cunningham.



August 31, 2019 at 03:54 PM

---



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Noreen T. Cunningham.



August 30, 2019 at 11:05 AM

---



“ I am so thankful for the special bond shared with my Aunt Noreen. She took me in at a very difficult time in my life and I am forever grateful. One could never underestimate this fierce woman who constructed steps to get from their A-frame house to the shore of Lake Michigan. Nothing would stop her from that beach!! Her soul lives amongst us, and what a wonderful one it is!! She is forever gardening, constructing, cooking, laughing and loving. Much love Auntie Nor!! RIP.

**Eileen Potts** - August 28, 2019 at 07:39 PM

---



“ She was a wonderful, gracious lady who always had a smile on her face. The conversations that we had about everything will be the greatest memory that I keep. She is right now missed so much by so many.

**Donna** - August 27, 2019 at 01:13 PM

---



“ Noreen Cunningham had such a beautiful soul. In all the time I knew her, and with all she has gone thru, she was never without her smile and some kind words or compliment. But the thing I will remember the most, is how her eyes lit up every single time she talked about Mr. Cunningham. She will truly be missed.  
Beth Firidin

**Beth Firidin** - August 26, 2019 at 05:42 PM



“ My heart is heavy learning of Noreen's passing. As I think back now I see her at the table having a meal with George and then I see her walking her "pup". My thoughts and prayers are with the entire family.

**Diane Susalis** - August 27, 2019 at 01:17 PM



“ My condolences to George and the family. I remember our conversations about our pups at water aerobics and bring my Charlie to visit her when he was a puppy as Noreen had just lost one of her Bassetts. My thoughts are with you all; Noreen will be missed by many.

Sharon Ward

**Sharon Ward** - August 27, 2019 at 01:33 PM



“ I agree with everyone that Noreen was so lovely and never complained with all she went through! We used to talk about our Irish connection.. but my favorite memory that I believe typified Noreen -

Back in 2007 our Brian had a really crazy, loud weekend here for all of his lax buddies after graduation. They were on the porch until all hours playing beer pong, the guitar etc. Those were the days when nobody lived around us except I am sure the noise carried over the water.

When Noreen approached me Monday morning I was sure it was to complain. No, she thanked me for giving her a fun few days filled with laughter and music. She said her only regret was not being here!

God rest her.

**Helen Gargan** - August 27, 2019 at 02:08 PM



“ I,will always remember Noreen as our water aerobics champion. She was so strong and kind. You will be missed.

**May Shanaphy** - August 27, 2019 at 02:11 PM



“ A precious memory:

About eleven years ago now Noreen and George relocated to the Peninsula, as did we.

Our new tradition then was to meet at the beach pier, share hors d'oeuvres, and toast the setting sun.

One such Friday Pier Group, as we called it, a frigid breeze suddenly blew in over the bay. We all stood there shivering, shocked, until Noreen threw open her car trunk where- straight from Wisconsin- were down jackets and vests and wraps and blankets. She saved the day. Toasting could continue!

Just another time Noreen was there- kindly giving generously to all.

**Barbara** - August 27, 2019 at 02:50 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with George and Noreen's family. She was such a lovely lady. Bless you all.

Nora & David Lewis

**Nora Lewis** - August 30, 2019 at 09:14 AM



“ I can recall many fond memories spent in Port Washington with Noreen and George. My thoughts are with you. She was a great lady.

**Jodi** - August 30, 2019 at 11:28 AM



“ A genteel woman with an Irish twinkle in her eye. During our last conversation she said, “I’m still fighting”. And indeed, she did. Condolences George to you, and to the Cunningham and O’Connor families.

**Nancy Pierce** - August 30, 2019 at 01:18 PM



“ A woman of such class, such style! I'll mostly remember her immediate kindness to my Mom and to me. Worldly and intuitive with a beautiful handwriting! I remember she prayed to our BVM when Sybie was born. You are now in God's peace with blessed Mary, Nori. How joyful for you! We will keep your profound memory close in our hearts. God bless your family with comfort in the days ahead. They have loved you deeply and dearly. Frances Paglia

**Frances S. Paglia** - August 30, 2019 at 03:57 PM