



Catherine Mary Wentworth-Sheilds

June 20, 1937 - January 18, 2015

Catherine M. "Kay" Wentworth-Sheilds, age 77, of Ohio, Illinois, died Sunday, January 18, 2015, at Perry Memorial Hospital in Princeton. She was born June 20, 1937, in Princeton, the daughter of Everett "Doc" and Marie (Lally) Johnson.

She was a stewardess for Pan Am Airlines during the golden age of air travel, when air travel was a luxury. While working for Pan Am she flew on the press plane that accompanied President Kennedy, on his trip to Dallas. She was riding two cars behind the presidential limo when President Kennedy was shot. She was also a Personal Assistant to Film Director Stanley Kubrick, while he was working on 2001: A Space Odyssey, Clockwork Orange, and did research on his project about Napoleon, by some accounts, "The Greatest Film Never Made". She co-authored a book with her husband called "Clarice Cliff" about the pioneer Art deco ceramic artist, of the 1930's.

She married Peter Wentworth-Sheilds in London, England, on January 14, 1974.

She was preceded in death by her parents and 1 brother Felix Johnson.

Survivors include her husband of Ohio, IL; 1 son William Wentworth-Sheilds of Chicago; 1 brother Art Johnson of Dixon, and sister-in-law Patsy Johnson of Ohio, IL.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Thursday, January 22, 2015 at 11:00 AM in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, in Ohio, IL, with the Rev. Tom Shaw, officiating. Burial will follow in St. Mary Cemetery in Ohio, IL. Visitation

will be held on Thursday, from 9:00 AM until 10:45 AM in the church.
Memorials have been established to Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
and the Illinois Math and Science Academy in Aurora, IL.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 22. 9:00 AM - 10:45 AM (CT)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
103 South Main Street
Ohio, IL

Service

JAN 22. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Catherine Mary Wentworth-Sheilds*

October 08, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *Catherine Mary Wentworth-Sheilds*

December 31, 2022 at 02:40 AM



“ *Sandy Shadle lit a candle in memory of Catherine Mary Wentworth-Sheilds*



sandy shadle - January 21, 2015 at 09:41 PM



My thoughts and prayers are with your family. Kay was a great lady and always enjoyed visiting with her.

sandy shadle - January 21, 2015 at 09:44 PM



“ *I am sorry for your loss. Our thoughts are with you and your family during these difficult times.*

Marcel & Diane van den Borre

Marcel van den Borre - January 21, 2015 at 11:45 AM

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“ Kay tried so hard to teach me and the other kiddies of the Pan Am stewardess to tap dance. Whenever I hear the tune, Tea for Two, I laugh remembering Kay ... She entertained us with her grand entrance as Miss America. I remember the outrageous fun of the Pan Am reunions that lasted weeks on Nantucket, trying to listen to their hysterical stories about their escapades flying. Who knew ladies did that in the 1960s. I remember the girlfriends buzz and excitement around the house in London when Kay began dating Peter, and the joy around Williams birth, Kay was glamorous, funny, brilliant and the life of the party. The world is darker without her spirit.

Daughter of a Pan Am buddy
Kate Bahen, Aurora, Ontario

Kate Bahen - January 20, 2015 at 07:13 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Catherine Mary Wentworth-Sheilds.



January 20, 2015 at 10:43 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Catherine Mary Wentworth-Sheilds.



January 20, 2015 at 07:48 AM

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“ *Several years ago, Kay came to Chicago to be with William when he was sick. She welcomed us into the family as we rallied around him, embarrassing him and doing what we could to help. We were so happy when Kay and Peter joined us several more times. William and his family are treasured. --Alyson & Nick Russo*

Nick Russo - January 19, 2015 at 08:36 PM

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“ *All of the Billingsley's purchased the A Full Life for the family of Catherine Mary Wentworth-Sheilds.*



All of the Billingsley's - January 19, 2015 at 05:42 PM