



## Deirdre Eileen Fitzpatrick

March 21, 1954 - February 7, 2018

Deirdre E. Fitzpatrick, 63, died on February 7th from complications arising after spinal surgery.

Born in 1954 on Long Island, New York, she spent most of her life in South Florida. Derry received her Registered Nursing Degree from Dade Community College in 1974 and worked in adolescent psychiatry at Jackson Hospital in Miami until she took on the more challenging role of full-time mother. Later on, she returned for a brief stint helping mothers with postpartum depression and she was proud to have kept her nursing credentials current throughout her life.

She is survived by her husband, Tom - their children, Kieran, Siobhán, and Desmond - and their six grandchildren, Juniper, Willow, Olive, Brigid, Fionn, and Riley, all of whom brought her great joy.

Thank you to those who have reached out already and offered support. If you feel so moved, in lieu of flowers, we're sure Derry would appreciate a memorial donation to the Natural Resources Defense Council whose mission is, "To safeguard the Earth, its people, its plants and animals and the natural systems on which all life depends."

Please join us for a Memorial Remembrance  
Saturday February 17, 2018 at  
Palms West Funeral Home and Crematory  
110 Business Park Way, Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411

Memorial remembrance to start at 3pm  
Prayer service to follow at 4pm

There will also be a mass in celebration of her life  
Monday February 19, 2018 at 10 am  
St. Therese De Lisieux Catholic Church

11800 Lake Worth Rd, Wellington, FL 33449

# Events

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**FEB 17 Memorial Gathering** 03:00PM  
Palms West Funeral Home and Crematory  
110 Business Park Way, Royal Palm Beach, FL, US, 33411

**FEB 17 Memorial Service** 04:00PM  
Palms West Funeral Home and Crematory  
110 Business Park Way, Royal Palm Beach, FL, US, 33411

**FEB 19 Memorial Mass** 10:00AM  
St. Therese de Lisieux Catholic Church  
11800 Lake Worth Road, Wellington, FL, US, 33449

# Comments

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“ Seamus Kavanagh lit a candle in memory of Deirdre Eileen Fitzpatrick



**seamus kavanagh** - March 01, 2018 at 02:19 PM

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“ Dear Fitzpatrick Family. You are in the thoughts and prayers of all of us here at St. Therese de Lisieux Catholic Church in Wellington. May Diedra and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, Rest In Peace.  
God bless you all during these painful days.  
Fr. Downey - Pastor, the Deacons and Parish Staff.



**Fr. Downey** - February 18, 2018 at 03:05 PM

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“ I was so incredibly sad to hear the news about Derry , I've been doing her hair for years now ( adding her signature Irish green streak ) . She was such a sweet lady , always a big smile on her face & lots of beautiful stories about her family she loved so much. Even though I haven't met most of the family , I feel like I know each & every one of you through Derry's stories . I'm so, so sorry for loss & will be praying for all of you

**Kathi Moye** - February 17, 2018 at 06:52 AM

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“ Kathi Moye lit a candle in memory of Deirdre Eileen Fitzpatrick



Kathi Moye - February 17, 2018 at 06:37 AM

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“ Memories that stand out for me include the one afternoon I was standing at the bus stop outside my high school (AC-ND). I waited for the number 9 Miami MetroBus. Not the most pleasant of rides typically but in 20-30 mins, I'd be home in Biscayne Park. Mrs. Fitzpatrick was pulling out of campus in her big hunter green Chevy Suburban and saw me. I think she was alone. Her daughter, Siobhan..who I was friends with...wasn't with her I don't think. But sure enough, Mrs. F stopped and told me to hop in. She didn't ask where I needed to go, but she had a ready ride with air conditioning and I was in need of getting home. No questions asked. After that day, I affectionately and jokingly called her car the "Irish Jitney" which usually elicited a hearty laugh from her.

Deirdre was the wife and mom that wives and moms aspire to be. I wasn't particularly close to her- only on social media since Siobhan and I and our friends scattered to the winds a bit after 2001 graduation. But when I think back on my days at St Rose and Curley, I clearly recall Deirdre. She was the room mom every year. She was visible on campus, in the church pew every Sunday, and had a family she was so so proud of. Her heart was so big. I don't recall her ever \*not\* smiling. It was her living room that I spent most Friday nights in high school with Bonnie and our friends making Blockbuster runs. It was her house where we met for Prom. It was her station wagon that took us on field trips with St Rose. I have nothing but wonderful, happy memories associated with Deirdre.

I can only imagine the people who were truly close to her- her family-must have a treasure trove of memories. I pray that those happy memories flood your lives in the next few days, weeks, months. I know she will be sorely missed. She has an amazing legacy in the form of her children and her grandchildren to follow after her. My very deepest condolences to Mr. Fitzpatrick, Kieran, Desmond, and Siobhan.



