



## Jean Collins Kelly

December 27, 1927 - September 24, 2017

Jean Collins Kelly, age 89, of Centreville, MD, passed away on Sunday, September 24, 2017. She was born December 27, 1927, in Sulihull, Warwickshire, England UK, the daughter of the late John Herbert and Florence Caroline Carey Collins.

The Collins family has a proud history in England, Ireland and the United States. One of her relatives was a descendent of Anne Hathaway's brother, Bartholomew; another published the first Catholic Bible in the United States; and another assisted Mother Seton in establishing the Mount St. Mary's University in Emmitsburg, MD.

Mrs. Kelly served in the Royal Air Force toward the end of World War II before coming to the USA, where she attended Lynchburg College and Old Dominion University. She was head of the Special Hematology Laboratory at Norfolk General Hospital upon her retirement. She and her husband then moved to Centreville, where they ran the Oak Tree Kennels, while breeding Irish Setters and Welsh Springer Spaniels. She trained their dogs in obedience and competitively showed the dogs at national events. She was a member of the Welsh Springer Spaniel Club of America and the Irish Setter Club of America. For many years, Mrs. Kelly played the flourishing tenor drum with the Chesapeake Pipes and Drums of Annapolis.

Mrs. Kelly is survived by her loving husband, A. Grier "Pat" Kelly of Centreville, MD; one sister, Margaret Shiela Brown of FL; a niece; and several nephews. She was predeceased by her parents; her sister, Norma Collins Ware; and her brothers, Dennis and Ronald Collins.

There will be no funeral service, but a Celebration of Life will be held at a future date. Memorial contributions may be made to the Salvation Army, PO Box 3344, Annapolis, MD 21403, or at [salvationarmyusa.org](http://salvationarmyusa.org).

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