



Deacon Kevin Tracy

November 5, 1954 - March 5, 2025

A life of extraordinary gladness, commitment and service concluded on March 5, 2025 as Kevin Francis Tracy joined his Heavenly Father. He passed peacefully at Addington Place in Alpharetta, Georgia surrounded by family, music, and love.

Kevin was born on November 5, 1954 in Perry, Iowa. The fourth of six children in his Irish Catholic family, he found ways to stand out through academic achievement and talent for performance. He attended Catholic schools in Des Moines, Iowa and graduated from Dowling High School in 1973. He studied at Drake University, earning a Bachelor's of Science in Business Administration. While at Drake, and nearly 50 years to the day before his death, he met Sandra Lee McKee. The couple were married on August 14th, 1976 and moved into a teeny-tiny house in Des Moines, Iowa. There they welcomed two daughters, Renee Elizabeth in 1979 and Sheila Marie in 1981.

Kevin found he excelled at working with the cutting-edge technology known as computers. In 1983, Kevin accepted a job with Information Systems of America in Atlanta, Georgia, building software for insurance companies. He would work at ISA off and on until 2001.

The whole family enjoyed their new home, finding acceptance amongst the small but growing community at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church in Alpharetta, Georgia. Kevin would serve this church for 40 years, giving his time, talent and treasure to singing in the choir, serving as Grand Knight and

District Deputy for the Knights of Columbus, mentoring engaged couples, training altar servers, teaching adult education, leading stewardship efforts, performing in musicals, sponsoring candidates for confirmation, directing traffic in the parking lot, lighting and tending the Easter Vigil fire, and more ministries and organizations than could possibly be listed here.

In 1996, Kevin participated in his first Cursillo weekend. The experience led him to deepen his commitment to his faith by answering the call to become a Deacon. After 4 years of training, study and prayer, Kevin was ordained on February 24, 2001. He was assigned to serve at his beloved St. Thomas, performing baptisms, funerals and weddings, including the union of his daughter Sheila to her husband Evan McBrayer in 2007. In 2012, he earned a certificate of Spiritual Direction from Spring Hill College. He used this training to counsel fellow deacons and community members in faith and wisdom. Not content with serving only through his ministry, Kevin transitioned to a career in non-profit administration. He worked as the Volunteer Coordinator at North Fulton Community Charities and as staff at 3 different churches (St. Thomas Aquinas, Transfiguration in Marietta and St. Peter Chanel in Roswell). In his limited but appreciated free moments, Kevin knew how to have a good time. He enjoyed golf and playing cards with friends. He was active in community theater, playing various roles including Bob Cratchit in multiple productions of A Christmas Carol.

Kevin was devoted to his family and friends. He loved kids, entertaining them with dramatic story readings and silly cartoon voices. He was a caring and supportive "Sweetheart" "Daddy" and "Papa," with a steadfast kind of unconditional love inspired by his faith.

In 2019, Kevin was diagnosed with early-onset Alzheimer's disease. Though it became harder to speak and remember, it didn't diminish his easy smile and caring nature. He charmed the staff at Addington Place, where he moved in September 2024 when he needed more help.

He packed a tremendous amount of life and love into his 70 years on this Earth. Through it all, his commitment to service and his unwavering faith in

God were at the heart of everything he said and did.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Thomas and Loretta (Riley) Tracy, his oldest brother Mike Tracy and sister-in-law Marj (Myers) Tracy, his mother-in-law Dorothy (Mullin) McKee Powers, and his granddaughter Maura Sophia Keilman.

He is survived by his loving wife of 48 years Sandy, his daughters Renee and Sheila, his son-in-law Evan, his grandchildren Owen Kenneth McBrayer and Abby Grace McBrayer.

His siblings and their spouses: Howard and Liz (Tracy) Stewart, Tim and Diane (Staiert) Tracy, Brian and Marcie (Metheny) Tracy, and Chuck Tracy, along with 59 nieces/nephews/grandnieces/grandnephews.

His list of close friends and chosen family would more than double the length of this article, with people whose lives he has touched approaching uncountable.

The funeral will be at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church (Alpharetta) on Friday March 14th, 9:30 am

Visitation and Prayer service at Northside Chapel (Roswell) on Thursday, March 13th from 6-8pm

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to North Fulton Community Charities. <https://nfcchelp.org/>

We are so grateful to have known him, learned from him, loved him, and been loved by him.

"Well done, my good and faithful servant" Matthew 25:23

Cemetery Details

Honey Creek Woodlands at the Monastery of the Holy Spirit

2625 Hwy. 212, SW
Conyers, GA

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 13. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Northside Chapel Funeral Directors & Crematory
12050 Crabapple Road
Roswell, GA

Funeral Mass

MAR 14. 9:30 AM (ET)

St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church
535 Rucker Road
Alpharetta, GA

Tribute Wall

AC

“ Deacon Kevin helped us on our journey when my wife converted to Catholicism and we sanctified our marriage at STA. He was so friendly and funny during our marriage counseling sessions, and we were blessed to be married by him in the church. He had a great spirit and he made us so happy when we worked with him. God truly has another strong angel on his side now.

Anthony Costanzo - June 15, 2025 at 07:30 PM

JH

“ Please accept my sincerest condolences to the family and friends of Deacon Kevin Tracy. I had 3 Memorial Trees planted for him, in the name of the Father, the Son, The Holy Spirit. He will always hold a very special place in my heart. Not only was he our Pre-Cana guide for my husband and I before our marriage in 2008 but also was there for me on our worst day when we lost our baby daughter Savannah at 33 weeks pregnant in 2015. And joyfully he was there to baptize our Rainbow Baby Violet in 2016. I know he is now surrounded in the love and light of Jesus. May you be comforted by all the love he shared with St Thomas Aquinas Church and how much he meant to us all. He will be greatly missed. The photos are of my daughter Violet's Baptism. May God comfort you in your grief and surround you with his love always. —



Julie Hostetter - March 19, 2025 at 07:46 PM

JH

“ Julie H. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Deacon Kevin Tracy.

Julie H. - March 19, 2025 at 07:16 PM

DM

“ Dear Sandy and Family,

Kevin was an incredible blessing in our lives, radiating joy and laughter every time we saw him. As both a wonderful neighbor and a cherished patient, his bright spirit brought so much happiness to my family and staff. His infectious smile and positive energy will always be remembered fondly, leaving a legacy of warmth and kindness. May you find comfort in the joyous memories and celebrate the wonderful life he led.

With heartfelt sympathy and joy for having known him, now and forever

*Love,
Dylan, Jake and Dr. Sean McWilliams*

Dr. Sean McWilliams - March 14, 2025 at 10:54 AM

LB

“ Dear Sandy and Family, Please accept our most heartfelt sympathy. Deacon Kevin was such a blessing in our lives! Every time we saw Deacon Kevin, we saw Our Lord's love smiling upon us! My daughter has difficulty speaking, so she always shared a huge hug with Deacon Kevin, before mass. We know that Deacon Kevin is now resting in God's Glory! Our love and prayers are with you always! Marylynn's Mom - Lucia and Marylynn

Lucia Barrera-Sparkman - March 13, 2025 at 11:54 AM

TG

“ Traci G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Deacon Kevin Tracy.

Traci G. - March 12, 2025 at 02:48 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Deacon Kevin Tracy.



March 11, 2025 at 08:55 PM

TD

“ We will always remember Kevin for his genuine kindness, ready smile, and sincere warmth. He truly made the world a better place and brightened all the lives he touched. Please accept our sincere sympathy with love and friendship, Joe and Teri DiCicco and Family

Theresa DiCicco - March 11, 2025 at 12:54 AM

AC

“ Kevin came to Addington and immediately became my best friend. Everyday it was all smiles and laughs! Kevin, you will be missed so much! - Aijah, Addington Place of Alpharetta

Aijah Carroll - March 10, 2025 at 04:55 PM

AS

“ Kevin, you will be greatly missed. It was an honor knowing you. RIP. Angela Persico Schofield

Angela Persico Schofield - March 09, 2025 at 10:50 PM

MW

Deacon Kevin was to me, such a Christ like man who whenever you talked to him or even saw him from a distance there was such peace that surrounded him. He will be do remember with his wonderful smile and dearly missed.

Marie Wilkins

Marir Wilkins - March 10, 2025 at 07:29 AM

DM

“ *From the first time I saw Kevin in his role as Bob Crachit to all his many roles at STA, he was always smiling! Well, except for once when he was directing traffic after mass and I tried to make a short cut out of the front parking lot. No doubt his light is shining brightly in Heaven. May Christ's Peace fill your hearts. Dianna and Vinny Malta*

Dianna K Malta - March 07, 2025 at 08:43 AM

NG

“ *Every positive description you can think of applies to Kevin ... kind, gentle, talented, loving, dedicated, loyal, leader ... too many to name! When I think of Kevin I smile ... you never saw him without a smile! We met when our kids were in the children's choir many years ago. 😊 That was just the beginning of being around Kevin and music ... singing was a passion that he shared with us all. We connected once again at performances of our grandchildren ... another passion of his ... the love of family!!! He made our world a better place!*

Nancy Gustin - March 06, 2025 at 07:28 PM

JP

“ Dear Sandy, Renee, Sheila, and family,
Deeply sorry for your tremendous loss. I have no doubt that Kevin made it to Paradise. Truly a great servant and trusted friend to all. I had the honor to be his friend and sought his counsel many times. I have great memories of serving together with Kevin. I considered him a mentor. I will treasure his memory forever. Be assured of my prayers for the repose of his soul and for all loved ones now mourning his departure. May Kevin be in Paradise reunited with all his loved ones that preceded him. May he rest in eternal joy and peace. In our prayers.
God bless.
Joe & Lyadel Pupo

Joe Pupo - March 06, 2025 at 07:23 PM