



## Carolyn Coolidge

March 23, 1920 - January 7, 2018

Carolyn Coolidge, 97, of Bloomington, passed away on Sunday, January 7, 2018, at Golden Living Health Center. She was born on March 23, 1920 in New York City, New York, the daughter of Richard Sweringine Tobin and Carolyn Benezet Tobin.

Carolyn obtained her Master's Degree from Barnard College, Columbia University in New York. She served as a teacher and ultimately as an administrator for the East Meadow School System in Long Island, New York before retiring to Bradenton, Florida. After retirement, Carolyn taught part time at Ringling College of Art and Design and the Manatee Community College. Carolyn was an active member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Bradenton. Both she and husband John participated in music ministries there, including the Clown Ministry (visitation to hospitals) and the church choir. A highlight for both Carolyn and John was performing for the Pope with their choir in Rome, Italy. Carolyn and John relocated to Bloomington in 2008 to be closer to daughter Jan Kreager, and both became members of St. John the Apostle Catholic Church, which they attended regularly until John's death in 2013.

Carolyn loved the Lord and people – her eyes and smile made everyone feel welcomed and special. She was beloved for her sweet personality, especially by congregation members from St. John the Apostle Catholic Church and nurses from Golden Living. We are forever grateful for the many visitors from

St. John, and the kind and loving care of so many nurses at Golden Living including IU Hospice and Heart to Heart Hospice.

Carolyn is survived by her children: Caryn (Patrick) McDermott, John Stockton Gettler, Jan (George) Kreager, and Lynn Anne Coolidge; grandchildren: Paul McDermott, Jeremiah (Kathleen) Gettler, Jacqueline Gettler, Annette (Brad) Brown, Eric (Ashley) Fields, Karen (Scott) Sharrock, Tracy Rytwinsky, Barbara Kiernan, Camille (Tom) Doroski and Jeffrey Coolidge; thirteen great grandchildren, numerous great great grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

Her parents, her first husband of 27 years, Joseph Gettler, and her second husband of 49 years, John Coolidge, preceded her in death.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11am on Saturday April 14, 2018, at St. John the Apostle Catholic Church with Rev. Daniel Mahan officiating. Family will receive friends from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the church. Lunch will be provided after the service at the church. You are invited to share a memory or leave an online condolence to Carolyn's family at [www.allencares.com](http://www.allencares.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 14. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St John the Apostle Catholic Church  
4607 St Rd 46  
Bloomington, IN 47404

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