

ABOUT: MARGARET RUSSELL KELLY

Born: 12-25-1896

Place: Lemont, Illinois

Died: 8-27-1974

Ancestry: Irish father and mother

Cause of death: Aplastic Anemia at age 78

Burial: Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne, Indiana

Married: 10-10-1916, to Thomas James Kelly

St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Fort Wayne, IN

Children: Mary Margaret, (Mrs. Aaron Still): Helen, (Mrs. Ben Gia Quinta): Josephine, (Mrs. Don Dolan): Thomas James, Jr., Richard Emmett, Daniel Lawrence, Stephen Robert.

Dwellings: Lemont, Illinois; Chicago, Illinois; 2412 Webster: 3018 Shawnee Dr.; 720 Nuttman Ave.; 4620 Fairfield Ave, all in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Margaret was the fourth child of John and Ellen Cavanaugh Russell. She attended St. Patrick's Grade School in Lemont, Illinois. In 1901 she moved with her family to the south side of Chicago, Illinois. On Columbus Day weekend in 1912, Margaret came to Fort Wayne to visit her sister, Betty, who was living with their aunt and uncle, James and Elizabeth Cavanaugh Finnell. Because her father was not able to provide for his family she never returned to Chicago but stayed in Fort Wayne. She attended St. Catherine's Academy. She began working at the Gas Company where she met and married Thomas Kelly. Before her marriage she lived with her aunt and uncle and with the Voss family, the parents of Fred Shultz who had married her sister, Betty. In 1923, after the death of Margaret's father, her mother, brother, James, and sister, Nellie, all came to Fort Wayne to live.

In 1922, her husband was transferred to Lafayette, Indiana, for the Gas Co. Margaret moved with her husband and three daughters, to Lafayette. There, she gave birth to a son, Thomas, Jr. In 1924 her husband was transferred back to Fort Wayne where he was appointed manager of the Gas Co. She lived in Fort Wayne until her death.

Description: 5' 4", small bones, average weight, brown eyes, auburn hair which turned gray in later years. She was soft-spoken, gentle but determined, non-interfering, reserved and somewhat timed. She cared for her handicapped son, Steve, faithfully and completely throughout his life with patience and tenacity. She was a devout and religious person who attended daily Mass. She is remembered with fond affection by all who knew her.