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Georgia Baranowski Fallon

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November 25, 2006. left to right: Georgia Fallon, Jeffrey Burnett, Meghan Burnett, Maureen McGovern Burnett, Phil McGovern, Emmett McGovern Sr., Emmett McGovern, Jr., Colleen McGovern Sobie, Jimmy Sobie, Eileen McGovern, Maeve McGovern, Mary Kate McGovern, Carly Burnett

Born October 15, 1932

Died February 27, 2022

Funeral March 5, 2022

Georgia was born to George and Bertha (Young) Baranowski at [Lewis Memorial Maternity Hospital in Chicago](#).

She was baptized November 6, 1932 at [St. Josaphat's Church](#) on Southport Avenue in Chicago.

Her first Communion was May 12, 1940 at [St. Robert Bellarmine Church](#), Chicago.

She was married June 27, 1953 to Edward J. Fallon at [St. John Berchmans Church](#), Chicago, Illinois.

Georgia and Eddy were my Aunt and Uncle. Eddy was my mother's older brother. I have so many good memories of these two special people in my life.

Author

I have been interested in preserving family history for many years. Hope you enjoy.

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Georgia loved life and was always ready for fun. Her ancestry was Polish, but she embraced Eddy's large Irish family. At family weddings, she was the first on the dance floor when the Polka music started. Eddy grew up on the West Side of Chicago in Presentation Parish and kept in touch with many friends and families from this parish. He was a best friend to my father who also grew up in Presentation.

I was looking through photos of Georgia this last week and one caught my attention. The photo here of the McGoverns singing a song in memory of my Dad.

The tune was called "[Jelly Bean \(He's A Curbstone Cutie\)](#)"; made popular in the late 1930s by Phil Harris and other artists. Whether this Phil Harris version inspired my Dad to enjoy the song, we don't know. My Dad died young and we never had the chance to ask him. For many years, he entertained friends and family with his rendition. He sang this when he had a few beers, but as we grew older, we would urge him to sing for us. And he did. Eventually, my siblings and I would sing the song ourselves. Once or twice in front of my Dad and once or twice with my Dad. The song has become one of those memories we like to keep alive. One such moment was at my sister's wedding in 2006. About halfway through the reception during a break in the music, the McGovern Family, young and old, took the microphone and sang Jellybean to my sister. It was so fun. And who was standing with us singing? Aunt Georgia. Every time I think of this, I smile and get emotional. She stood and sang with us; relishing the moment to be with us, and celebrate my Dad's memory. Classic Aunt Georgia.

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Peggy Hanley

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Phil I remember that song so well, was honored to hear it, use to have to really talk him into it. I remember one time Uncle Ed was singing an Irish song and forgot the words, Aunt Georgia bailed him out. Did a few Polkas with Georgia, damn she swung me around that dance floor, she loved to dance and she was really good at it. Being the second oldest grandchild it seemed I was, in later years with the aunts more than my cousins. Have to say I had a Fantastic time with them. When Jeannie was about 3 months old Georgia knew we were going to a picnic and called to say bring her over and I'll watch her for the afternoon (who does that? Aunt Georgia does) When we picked her up Georgia told me she cried all day but anytime I needed her she was there. I will never forget her for that. Her & Uncle Ed's impromptu stop ins on Sundays. Uncle Ed would have his mixed 6 pack of beer from his fridge, Ray would send him home with it and give him what we had (Schlitz). The condo that Patsy got from the bank, how great that was? Georgia and I drinking stingers for the first time, oh boy. I could go on & on. Georgia you have been such a wonderful part of my life. I love you Georgia, give a kiss to Uncle Ed (my favorite) for me. Thanks for the memories, Peg

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Phil McGovern

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Such beautiful - fun memories. Thanks for sharing Peg.

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