

DEPUTY GRAND MARSHAL EILEEN MEAKIM

I graduated from St. Agnes Seminary High School in Brooklyn, Marymount Manhattan College with a B.A. and a B.S. from Brooklyn College. I was an assistant account executive in public relations, fifth grade teacher at P.S. 115, district 18, science teacher, staff developer and teacher trainer at the same wonderful school. In my retirement from the Dept. of Education I am currently vice president of the Catholic Teachers Association, which is a fraternal organization representing Catholic teachers in the public schools presided over by Ed Rice as President for the past twelve years. I do all that needs to be done as a volunteer including taking care of membership, and running two major events. In recognition of my work for the Catholic Teachers Association, they honored me by presenting me with the Dr. Geraldine D. Chapey award in April of this year. This was a perfect award for me because there was no one in the world I admired more than Geraldine, a long time member of our organization. When her daughter Geraldine called to tell me Geraldine had passed away she said that her mother loved me. And I certainly loved her. I know we can all pray to her because she certainly was an angel while she lived. My membership in organizations include The Cathedral Club, Dept. of Education Emerald Society, Irish Teachers Association and, of course, the Catholic Teachers Association.

Respectfully submitted,