

Nora Paulette (Hurley) Casey was born in Cork City, Ireland. The Hurley family first immigrated to the Bronx and then moved ,to Rockaway Beach a few years later. She attended both St. Camillus and Stella Maris schools in Rockaway. Her first career was in banking, where she was an officer at both Westside Federal Savings in Manhattan and Century Federal Savings in Rockaway. Along with her husband Jim Casey, Paulette then embarked on her second career, of which she is most proud. She became a stay-at-home mom, raising their children, Mary, Brendan and Liam. They also now have two granddaughters, Emily and Eliana. Her third career was in special education, working in Malverne and Manhasset school districts on Long Island, for a total of 23 years.

Besides being an active member of the Knights of Columbus Columbiettes, Paulette has been a member of the American Legion Auxiliary for 36 years, holding the office of President five times and has been their treasurer for the last 20 years. She has organized their fundraisers for hospitalized veterans for many years. Paulette is also a member of the LAOH Division 25. Her parents, Bill and Georgina Hurley, were founding members of the Hibernians in Rockaway. In conjunction with the American Legion, Paulette assisted in getting the LAOH their parade flag carriers to make marching easier and helped them send supplies to our troops. Now retired, Paulette enjoys traveling, especially to Ireland every year, and baking, reading and gardening. She is honored and prouder than ever to march as a Deputy Grand Marshall in this year's Rockaway parade.