**DEPUTY GRAND MARSHAL - EILEEN BAUMANN**

Eileen was born in Amityville, New York in 1954, but raised in Massapequa, she moved to the quaint little beach town of Roxbury, within the Breezy Point Co-Operative, one year after the Co-Operative itself was officially formed. Her parents, Rosemary and John Diffendale, had four children: her older sister Rosemary, Eileen herself and her two younger brothers John and Patrick. she attended St. Genevieve's Catholic Church with her family every Sunday, as well as enrolled in St. Francis De Sales Catholic Academy from fall of '61 until Spring '66. After graduation, she completed her junior High School and High School curriculums at J.H.S 180 and Far Rockaway High School, respectively.

In 1974, Eileen Claire Diffendale began dating the love of her life, Lawrence Martin Baumann. -Eileen and Lawrence celebrated their love for one another by engaging in matrimony. Their love bore them three beautiful children: Erin, Kathleen and Brian. Eileen and her family moved to the East Midwood section of Flatlands, Brooklyn in 1976 Eileen returned to Roxbury, where she resumed her catholic faith in St. Genevieve's Church. Laurence, meanwhile was an Honorably Discharged Veteran from the U.S Navy, having served more than a quarter-century to that historic branch of our military, notable during the Vietnam War. On May 2nd 2011, however, Laurence tragically passed away, though his memory has never faded with the family members and friends he was closest to in life, most especially his loving wife Eileen.

Eileen is retired from banking, after serving nearly two decades in the industry. She currently works part-time as a home care aide In terms of Irish ancestry, one of Eileen's four great-grandmother Mary Needham, was born in County Mayo.She still resides in Roxbury, where she enjoys gardening, photography and being an active member of local clubs. She's been a member of the Roxbury Catholic Club for ten years. The for 11 years. As a member of The Hibernians, she held the position of Officer of Missions and charities and was also a member of the organizing committee for the annual St. Brigid's mass and reception. Also, since July 2016, she has helped organize a very popular Independence Day block party event called "Band in the Sand" with her children and neighbors in central Roxbury. it a fun-filled community event for all, which Eileen diligently assists with every annual event. Lastly, she also helps organize a Christmas Tree Lighting each December.

Eileen is deeply honored to be chosen for this Deputy Grand Marshal position and is looking forward to representing her Irish heritage, American culture and catholic faith as she proudly marches down the streets of Rockaway in the 2024 Queens County St. Patrick's Day Parade.