

## **PEGGY GILMARTIN**

### **LIFETIME COMMUNITY SERVICE 2011**

Lifetime resident of Kings Park. Attended St. Joseph's Elementary School in Kings Park, graduated in 1970. I am presently a parishioner of St. Joseph's RC Church in Kings Park. I was a lector in church for 5 years. After graduating from St. Joseph's I went to Kings Park High School and graduated in 1974. After high school I started to work for a local Kings Park Dentist, Dr. George Tiernan, who was also a native of Kings Park. I met John Gilmartin in 1978 at a Fire Department function. He was Chief of the Kings Park Fire Dept at the time. We were married in 1979, and we had 2 daughters together, Kiera and Caitlin. After having my children I continued to work part time for Dr. Tiernan, as well as part time for my father, Hugh P. Smith, a native Kings Parker who owned a fuel oil business in Kings Park for over 50 years. John was diagnosed with Leukemia in June 1995 and passed away in February 1996.

After John's death, I went back to school and became a registered Nurse in 1998 and started to work for the Kings Park Central School District. In September of 1998 I began working at Parkview Elementary School. I continued to work part-time in the dental office for Dr. John Gentile, who purchased the business when Dr. Tiernan retired. The Kings Park Heritage Museum Awarded me with the Lloyd Spahr Superintendents Award in 2004 for bringing laughter to the Nurses Office" which I continue to do. I was recently chosen as an Honoree from the Kings Park Education Foundation.

I volunteered at the Special Olympics, as well as the Relay for Life which were both held at the Kings Park High School. I am an active member of the Parkview Parent Faculty Association where I participate in most of their fundraising functions. My favorites being bingo and skate nights. I am also a member of Parkview Site Based Committee. I helped organize the Parkview Family fitness night which was an event that fostered family fitness. This event helped to raise money towards purchasing recess playground equipment at the Parkview Elementary School. I participate yearly in the William T. Rogers community service club which sponsors the Annual Charity Basketball game. As a player I help raise money to assist residents with an illness or tragic event. I continue to participate in the Annual Kings Park Stuff-a-Bus Campaign which collects food for needy families in Kings Park. I also organize a collection of toys, gift cards, and monies from the Park View staff. This in turn will help families in need during the holiday season.

I am a member of Special Education Parent Teacher Assoc., Civil Service Employees Assoc, Suffolk County School Nurses Assoc and the New York State School Nurses Assoc. I am a frequent blood donor for the New York Blood Center as well as a volunteer marrow donor on the National Marrow Donor Program Registry. I recently volunteered at a bone marrow drive for a local neighbor in need of a transplant.

I was recently given the title of grandmother. Lily Cait was born on June 15, 2010 and she is the love of my life.