Ingrid Rosa Kelly was born on October 25th, 1940 in Cologne, Germany. A child survivor of World War II Ingrid immigrated alone to the United States at the age of 21 with $50 in her pocket. Like many others, Ingrid came to this country with dreams that appeared impossible, but using her signature will, grit, passion and faith, Ingrid made all of them come true. She soon met the love of her life, Jack Kelly, at the first party she ever attended in the US that New Year’s Eve, and they were married just six months later. The joys of Ingrid’s life were her sons, John and Robert, along with her six grandchildren, Emma, Avery, Jaya, Brigid, Lekh and Shail, and her daughters-in-law Jennifer and Vidhya. Starting from humble beginnings, both Ingrid and Jack had a spark in their eye for something bigger and better. Together, with hard work, and as Jack would say, a bit of luck, they built a wonderful life for their family at Windsong Farm in Pottersville, New Jersey. Ingrid and Jack are people of strong faith and have always shared their good fortune with others.

In keeping with Ingrid’s legacy, The Ingrid Kelly Memorial Scholarship Fund has been established in her honor by the Kelly family after Ingrid’s passing in December 2020, to support the many Little Brothers and Little Sisters at Bigs & Littles NYC Mentoring who are first generation college students in need of assistance to pursue higher education including vocational schools. The Fund will support college tuition assistance, living expenses, books and meals for students who demonstrate academic achievement, leadership qualities, and a commitment to service in school, at home or in their community. Earlier in 2020, Jack and Ingrid Kelly provided critical support to the newly launched Mentoring Moms Program at Bigs & Littles NYC, a 118-year old nonprofit organization led by their daughter-in-law and Executive Director Vidhya Kelly.

Make a Donation

Please join us in honoring Ingrid’s memory and ensuring that her legacy lives on.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to:

Bigs & Littles NYC Mentoring, 137 East 2nd Street, 2nd Floor, New York, NY 10009.

Online contributions: https://bigslittlesnyc.org/donate Please list Ingrid Kelly Memorial Scholarship as the dedication.

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