



Carolyn Jane MacAskie

September 16, 1932 - May 25, 2026

Mrs. Carolyn Jane MacAskie (née McCoy), aged 93, passed away peacefully on May 25, 2026, in St. Paul, Minnesota. Born on September 16, 1932, in Scrubgrass Township, Pennsylvania, she lived a long and fulfilling life devoted to her family.

Carolyn was the beloved daughter of Frank E. McCoy and Gladys Smith McCoy. She grew up alongside her siblings, brother F.D. McCoy and sister Mary Jo Hollis. She married the love of her life, Roger MacAskie, with whom she shared 54 cherished years before his passing.

A devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, Carolyn's greatest joy was her family. She is survived by her four children, Don(Rose)MacAskie, Anne(Steve) Eckhardt, John(Marcella) Macaskie, and Stuart(Rosie) MacAskie; ten grandchildren, Ashley Graves, Gordon MacAskie, Kate(Ben)Preston, John(Chantal)Eckhardt, Paul(Anna)Eckhardt, Andrew(Ellen)Eckhardt, James(Hannah)Eckhardt, Lindsay MacAskie, Lance MacAskie, Ramona Teo; and ten great-grandchildren, Jett, Aurora, Roger, Henry, Hannah, Harriet, Charlotte, Rosalie, Zena, Raphael, all of whom brought her much happiness.

Carolyn Jane Smith MacAskie wore many hats (including some that fit in with the Camelot style in the early 60's) and touched many people on her journey

through life.

She was born in the house on the Fairview Dairy Farm that her father built as a wedding present to her mother. It was located on land that was given to the family by the noted surveyor George Washington in the 1790's for service in the Revolutionary War. Run by her father and uncle, it at one time boasted 50,000 chickens and a productive herd of registered Jersey dairy cows. She learned to pluck chickens after fetching one from the chicken house for Sunday dinner.

As a student, she attended grades one through eight at the McCoy School, a one room schoolhouse located on the western edge of the farm property by the Emlenton-Clintonville road. She was valedictorian of her class of 29 students at Emlenton High School in 1950. She graduated from Penn State with a BS in Home Economics in 1954, certified to run commercial kitchens.

As a coed in the 50's, she was in charge of organizing dry cleaning for her dorm at Penn State and caught the eye of the driver who picked up and returned the dry cleaning, Roger MacAskie. They were married at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Emlenton on June 19, 1954.

As a worker, after joining her new husband in Detroit, she was hired by Hudson's flagship department store in downtown Detroit to run their restaurant, a position she held until spending her first wedding anniversary in the hospital birthing her first child. She also worked as a seamstress for word-of-mouth customers. She taught sewing classes in the Grand Rapids area. She worked for the Bureau of Labor as a Consumer Price Index employee. She served as election judge in Kentwood, Michigan and Kerrville, Texas. She and Roger volunteered at the Cowboy Art Museum in Kerrville, Texas. And, the real work, was raising four independent children.

She was an unofficial first responder: She kept her youngest from getting seriously burned during an incident with a gas powered lantern on a camping trip. She was also known as "The Sheriff" who gently but firmly kept her loquacious husband on track.

The hat for which she always will be remembered by everyone who ever knew her was that of grande dame.

Carolyn was preceded in death by her husband Roger MacAskie; her parents Frank E. McCoy and Gladys Smith McCoy; and her sister Mary Jo Hollis.

Her memory will be treasured by all who knew her as a loving matriarch whose warmth and dedication to family left an indelible mark on their lives.

A Memorial Service will be held on June 15, 2026, 11:00am, at North Heights Church, 2701 Rice St., Roseville, MN 55113. Visitation will begin at 10:00am.

The service will also be livestreamed at 11:00 am (and available after 3 weeks) @ northheights.church Click on "Watch Live" and then choose "Roseville Livestream".

More details available @ www.washburn-mcreavy.com

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to:

<https://www.dietertcenter.org/meals-on-wheels.html>

Upcoming Events

Visitation

JUN **15**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

North Heights Lutheran Church (Roseville)
2701 Rice Street
Roseville, MN 55113

Memorial Service

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