



Lillian (Grzybowski) McDonough

March 4, 2012

McDonough, Lillian Rose (nee Grzybowski) Age 86, of Bloomington, on February 28th. Preceded in death by devoted husband of 59 years, Francis; parents Joseph and Mary, nee Platkus, and brothers Vladislovas and Joseph. Survived by loving sisters Irene, Jeanette and Frances (Clarence); beloved children Francis Jr. (Nancy), Maryann McGraw (John), Thomas (Victor), Brian (Ruth) and Robert (Jonathan); cherished grandchildren Thomas and Daniel McGraw, Patrick and Faylenn McDonough; and a multitude of nieces and nephews. Lillian was a graduate of Jones Commercial School of Chicago. During WWII, she was secretary to General Clewell assigned to the Manhattan Project. After raising her 5 children, she became property manager at International Village as well as an executive secretary at Control Data Corp. Lillian overcame a paralyzing stroke 23 years ago to become an accomplished and prolific oil painter. She was also an avid card player and enthusiastic Twins fan. Her apple pie was the envy of all. Memorials preferred to Trappist Monks of New Mellerrey Abbey, Peosta, IA 52068. Mass of Christian Burial at 11am Saturday March 10th at the Church of St. Edward, 9401 Nesbitt Ave. S., Bloomington. Interment at Ft. Snelling National Cemetery on Monday March 12th. Visitations are 3-9pm Friday March 9th and 9-10am Saturday followed by a procession to the church at: www.Washburn-McReavy.com Bloomington Chapel 952-884-8145 2300 West Old Shakopee Rd.

Tribute Wall

DS

“ To the McDonough Siblings - I have so many wonderful childhood memories of your parents. I always looked forward to when my parents would host bridge parties, because the Mr. and Mrs. McDonough would be there! I even remember when they were at our house to watch the moon landing - your father snuck candy to me through the broadcast. And your Mother's pastries were the best I've ever had. She had such a talent for making people feel special and loved. You were truly blessed to have such wonderful and loving parents.

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Dorothy Shepard,

Omaha, Nebraska

Contact Me

Dorothy Shepard - March 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ My dear sister Lillian was everything a sister can possibly be. Her talents were apparent from our early childhood. When there was something to be done at home, we sisters would say, " Let Lil do it because she does it better." Other times if you said you could not do something, Lil would say, "Just do it." Lil and Fran were responsible for me marrying Thomas Treacy and having three wonderful daughters. I will miss her terribly for the rest of my life. My God welcome her into heaven with family and friends ready to greet her. And may God bless her loving and caring children. Love, Aunt Jeanette

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Jeanette Treacy,

St. Louis, Missouri

Jeanette Treacy - March 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ *May God's peace and blessings fill your hearts and may the beautiful memories of your beloved mother, grandmother, sister and aunt never fade and forever bring you comfort. A memory is a photograph taken by our hearts that will make special moments last forever.*

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David Weber,

Catonsville, Maryland

David Weber - March 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ *My prayers are with the McDonough family. A Mother is God's gift to all of us. May peace be with you.*

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Mary Burbul,

Baltimore, Maryland

Mary Burbul - March 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Our prayers go out to all of Lillian's family. We have very good memories of Lillian. She always had a great smile and was a very lovely person. Just look at the photo you posted. Our hope is that as time goes on your fond memories will replace the grief and pain you are experiencing now. May the God of all comfort grant you peace and grace as you go through these difficult times. Jim and Cyndi McGraw

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Jim McGraw,

Blaine, Minnesota

Jim McGraw - March 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ *A mother's love, one of God's greatest gifts. Carry that love in your heart and share that gift with others. Our prayers for the McDonough family.*

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Brenda & Michael Larsen,

Pasadena, Maryland

Brenda & Michael Larsen - March 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ *My heartfelt sympathy goes out to the McDonough family and all others who were close to her. She was a wonderful, beautiful lady. I thought of her as my own mother. She will be dearly missed forever. I send you all my love.*

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Jonathan Damesyn,

Wethersfield, Connecticut

Jonathan Damesyn - March 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ I have such fond childhood memories of Aunt Lily and all the McDonoughs. The best summers EVER were spent in Minnesota. I can remember Aunt Lily being so capable of everything. Her garden was always loaded with zucchini. We had zucchini and eggs, zucchini bread, zucchini with everything! We would sit on the deck in the summers and launch rocks at the woodchucks who dared to eat the zucchini in her garden. She taught me and my sisters how to shop at Loehmann's, and said if it wasn't FABULOUS, don't buy it. She hated the color black, especially on blondes. The best artwork in our home was from Aunt Lily. Her oil paintings were simply amazing. I can remember watching her give my mom a perm in the kitchen, apply false eyelashes for special occasions and reupholster a couch as if it were a simple project. My mother adored her sister and we were always so excited when she was coming to town. I named my daughter after Aunt Lily as she had so touched my life. Hanging out with Aunt Lily and Tom in Michigan last Fall will forever be cherished. I am so glad I got to spend time with her. Tom, you taught me what it is to really take care of a mother. You made it all so very entertaining. There was so much kindness, laughter and adventure. Never once did you make it look burdensome. May you rest in peace Aunt Lily. Love always, your niece Janie

March 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

HS

“ *Extending my deepest sympathy for your loss and sorrow. I will always remember her.*

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Harold Sand,

Edina, Minnesota

Harold Sand - March 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you all. I am very sorry for your loss. Aunt Lil was an amazing woman. I will always remember her beautiful smile and her soft spoken kind words. May she rest in peace. Love to you all.*

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Susan Polan,

Onsted, Michigan

Susan Polan - March 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *You have my sympathy in the loss of Lillian. God's garden received another rose.*

March 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM