



Mary Ellen McGrath

April 7, 1926 - August 2, 2024

McGrath

Mary Ellen

Age 98 of Roseville, MN

Passed away Aug. 2, 2024 Peacefully with her family by her side. Born in Elma, Iowa, she married Merle McGrath in 1948, and raised their 3 children in Roseville. Preceded in death by her husband, Merle McGrath; her siblings, and many friends. Survived by children, Mike (Linda), Patrick (Julie), Michele (Steve) Smentek; grandchildren, Shannon McGrath, Peter Miller, Jessica and John Smentek; great grandchildren, Margo and Freddie; nieces, nephews, and friends.

A 10:30 AM Mass of Christian Burial will be held Thursday Aug. 8 at St. Odilia Catholic Church, 3495 Victoria St. N., Shoreview, MN. (visitation 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM).

Cemetery Details

Fort Snelling National Cemetery

7601 34th Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55450

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 8. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Odilia Catholic Church
3495 Victoria Street N.
Shoreview, MN 55126

Mass of Christian Burial

AUG 8. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

KD

“ Mary was a second mom to me and a grandma to my kids. She was part of every single special occasion in our lives. We learned early on NEVER to argue with Mary.....she'd always win (Irish Stubbornness). One thing that stands out is that every single time when calling Mary, before hanging up she'd say, " thank you for calling!". It was stated in such a pure heartfelt tone of gratitude. Little did she know, the honor was always mine.
I feel so lucky to be a recipient of her love my entire life.
I will miss our visits, and all the fun memories we'd talk about time after time. We never ran out of things to talk and laugh about. To the entire McGrath family, thank you for sharing Mary with me. I loved her so much and grieve her loss, yet celebrate and honor her life. We'll all march forward and keep her (and Merles) spirit alive. 🍀❤️
Love, hugs, blessing for peace and comfort.

Kathy Dunleavy

Kathy Dunleavy - August 08, 2024 at 08:09 PM

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“ Debbie Ingram purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Mary Ellen McGrath.



Debbie Ingram - August 06, 2024 at 07:02 PM

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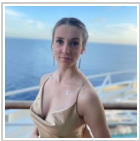
“*Mary Ellen was born to my uncle Ed and aunt Ester in Elma, Iowa. My sister dearly loved going to Elma and playing with Mary Ellen and Carlie and Luva and Ernestine. I got to know Mary Ellen and Merle as well as Carlie and Janes's families quite well when I was in my internship at Univ of Minnesota hospitals in 1970. Both families were so very kind and welcoming, had wonderful family meal gatherings, and were the epitome of hosts. Mary Ellen's meals were always divine, her home always spotless (including the garage so clean you could eat off the floor- even with 3 kids!) and the basement a joy for play and conversations. She had a beautiful smile, comforting presence, and was one of the best cousins ever! May your family be always comforted and at peace with the precious memories of her long well-lived life.*

Debbie Ingram - August 06, 2024 at 06:46 PM

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“*My first memory of Mary Ellen was when I first came into the family and went to her house to eat dinner. She was so welcoming and so kind and just was one of those people that you just want to hug. I love that she was so organized and her laundry and ironing skills were legendary. She will be missed! Alicia Richmond*

Alicia Richmond - August 06, 2024 at 05:06 PM



“*Many fond childhood memories of having pizza at her house in Roseville, and being fascinated by her basement full of stuffed bears. As a kid I considered this the epitome of luxury to have a room dedicated to her stuffed animals. She was very patient with me as I asked for the stories on each one. ❤️*

Kelly Thomas - August 06, 2024 at 04:53 PM

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“ Mary Ellen was a wonderful, sweet and always appreciative lady. I enjoyed knowing her at Johanna Shores. I will miss her daily and will always remember how she made me smile. Debbie Fenhouse

Debbie Fenhouse - August 06, 2024 at 04:48 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary Ellen McGrath.



August 06, 2024 at 02:18 PM

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“ Gary & Grady planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Ellen McGrath.

Gary & Grady - August 06, 2024 at 02:18 PM

BD

“ I'm so grateful for the memories that I share with Mary and her beloved family. I'll never forget all of the pizza nights she hosted at her house, playing the classic slot machine in her basement, or the impressive Beanie Baby collection she held. I will always remember Mary for her unwavering kindness, love for her family, and making me feel as though I was one of her own. May her family find comfort in knowing just how many lives she touched and what a beautiful life she lived.

Wishing you peace and comfort,

Brittany Dunleavy

Brittany Dunleavy - August 05, 2024 at 07:04 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Mary Ellen McGrath.*



August 04, 2024 at 03:30 PM

GS

“ I met Mary about 50 years ago, back when Pat, Merle and I could have a beer together. She was always welcoming, engaging and tolerant whenever I was at their home. My favorite memory was when my oldest daughter was less than two years old. Upon arriving at the McGrath house with her one day, Mary insisted on watching her so that Pat and I could go out for a little while. At that point, it was a real treat. As Pat’s mom, she was still pretty current on handling babies. When we returned, my daughter was hysterical! Mary was beside herself and more hysterical! Actually, my daughter was sleeping peacefully and Mary was relaxing on the couch. I’ve always remembered that day and always will. A very nice memory.

Gary Stang - August 04, 2024 at 03:02 PM