



Mary (McKeon) Murphy

August 12, 2012

Murphy, Mary Florence (McKeon) of Edina, MN and Naples, FL died peacefully on August 9, 2012. Preceded in death by her parents, Dr. Joseph and Grace McKeon, and brother, James McKeon. Born on July 26, 1928, Mary had fond memories of her early childhood in Montgomery, MN. Later moving to Mpls, she graduated from Washburn HS, class of 1946. Mary attended the University of Minnesota, where she made many lifelong friends, and spent her time serving as President of Kappa Alpha Theta, modeling for Dayton's Dept Store, and meeting her future beloved husband, Bill. In 1950 she earned a Bachelor's degree in Social Sciences, and in 1951 she married "the life of the party" William JD Murphy, who kept her laughing for 61 years. Together they raised six children, spending their summers on Sugar Lake and taking many family ski trips. Mary's devotion to her family was unmatched, and they returned that love with tender care in her final years after she suffered severe strokes. Mary was truly dependable, loving her friends in their Sandbag golf group, Bridgeclub and so many others. A member of Royal Poinsianna CC in Naples and a 40-year member of Interlachen Country Club, she enjoyed both golf and tennis. She was a voracious reader, and dedicated volunteer to multiple causes. She'd served as a volunteer social worker for the Mpls. school system, and was a long-time guild member and wedding coordinator at St Patrick's Church. Co-owner of Business Forms & Systems, Inc. with her husband, Bill, he lovingly referred to her as Vice President in Charge of the President, a role she cherished for 61 years. Mary will live on in

the hearts of her loving family: her husband, Bill; her children, Jim (Janet), Molly, David, Martha (Kelly), Annie (Pat) Olk, Tom (Amy); and grandchildren, Tommy Olk, Megan Olk, Katie Murphy and Abby Murphy; her sister and brother-in-law, Tricia and Dr. S. Robert Maxeiner, nieces, nephews and cousins. They'll remember her bright welcoming smile, and that incredible sense she gave you that you were valued, accepted and loved. A memorial mass will be held Friday, Aug. 17, at 11 AM, with visitation one hour prior at Church of St Patrick, Edina. Visitation also Thursday, Aug. 16, 4-7 PM at Washburn-McReavy Edina Chapel. Memorials preferred, to N.C. Little Hospice, Church of St Patrick Edina, or donor's choice. www.Washburn-McReavy.com Edina Chapel 952-920-3996 West 50th St. & Hwy 100

Tribute Wall



“ *Uncle Bill, Jim, Molly, David, Martha, Anne, Tom, and all the rest of the family, I loved her, and love you. Her legacy of beauty continues in you.*

~

Melissa Grace Kodaly,

Salt Spring Island, British Columbia

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Melissa Grace Kodaly - August 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Another Irish lass in heaven! A sad day for family and friends, a happy day in heaven. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.
Denise and Dee*

August 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Bill, I have so many fond memories of you and mary. You are a prince and Mary, a princess. God bless you and your family. Ted*

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Ted Anderson,

Alpharetta, Georgia

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Ted Anderson - August 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“*Mary is my Godmother, and she is truly full of grace. There was never a memory of her without a wide warm smile and an encouraging word. She was the greatest.*”

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Tanner Rutledge,

Columbia Heights, Minnesota

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Tanner Rutledge - August 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear William and Family, It was our privilege to provide care for your beloved wife. We share in your grief and send you our love. Your Friends at Little Hospice

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N.C. Little Memorial Hospice Inc,

www.littlehospice.org, Minnesota

N.C. Little Memorial Hospice Inc - August 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Hello Murphy family! I think we are cousins. I am the daughter of James Norbert Grathwol. My father Jim was son of Jack Grathwol and Bozena McKeon. Bozena was daughter of James McKeon and Bozena Hanak. James and Joseph were brothers. Joseph, of course, being your Mary McKeon Murphy's father. There Cousins. My father Jim Grathwol is still living. Born December 19, 1930. If we can we will come to the service and meet you all again. Pook Grathwol (Margaret Mary Grathwol)

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August 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM