



Maureen McCree

February 8, 2009

McCree, Maureen "Mo" Arden Hills, MN. Maureen was a lover of life with a gypsy spirit. After 64 years of near perfect health, she survived breast cancer, heart failure, and a stroke all in the last year and a half. Instead of becoming dependent on family or just staying home, Maureen spent most of 2008 traveling around the world. On the heels of a trip to Venice, Italy, she spent most of the month of January 2009 traveling to Guam and then all over Southern Asia. She barely had time to unpack her souvenirs when she died quickly and unexpectedly at her house in Arden Hills, MN on February 2, 2009, shortly before her 66th birthday. Maureen was preceded in death by her father, Kingsley Anderson, her loving son, Sean McLeod, and former husband and great love, Arleigh McCree. Maureen leaves behind the following loving but broken hearts: Mother Liz Payne; daughter Kellye MacLeod and son Scott MacLeod; granddaughters Kaicy and Shelby MacLeod; niece Jessica Anderson; brothers Ed, Bill, and Robert Anderson; great friends Maggie Murphy, Diane Supernant, and Leslie Merial; as well as way too many other people to name. Maureen had the gift of bringing out the best in her friends and family. She worked most of her life in benefit plan administration, most recently at Wells Fargo Retirement Plan Solutions in Roseville, MN. Memorial Services will be held in both Minnesota and Calif. California Services will be held the last weekend in March 2009 in Ventura, CA. Memorial Service Saturday, February 14, 2009 at 2 pm with gathering 1 hour prior to service at: Washburn McReavy Strobeck Johnson Chapel 1400 Mainstreet, Hopkins 952

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Tribute Wall

KW

“ *Maureen was step mom to my step brother and sister. She was such a cool, happy go lucky lady. Her and Arliegh definitely lived life to the fullest:)*

Kim W - January 09 at 08:28 PM

LG

“ I just learned that Maureen has passed away last February. My deepest condolences to her family. We were second cousins. Several years ago, Maureen reached out to me and requested information on her Anderson genealogy which I provided. Since then, I have obtained a photo of our great grandparents viz: George and Johanna Anderson of Malmo, Sweden. I would be happy to share this with her family.

~

Les Grimmell,

Colonie, New York

Contact Me

Les Grimmell - December 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *Kellye, Thank you for the beautiful memorial for your Mom. Just wanted to share this with everyone.*

~

Daniel Shelley,

Thousand Oaks, California

Contact Me

Daniel Shelley - March 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to the family of wonderful Bunny Maureen. I will miss you so much.*

~

Mary Klein,

Tallahassee, Florida

Contact Me

Mary Klein - March 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RK

“ I don't know whether to feel guilty or joyful that Wayne and I spent most of Maureen's last month with her. Maureen and I had been friends since 1962 but except for the first couple years, we have never lived in the same town, and visits were short and infrequent. We had even lost track of each other a couple of times. Maybe that's part of what made our time together in January so special. We had a wonderful time, first showing Maureen Guam and our home and then traveling and seeing new things together. We shared new experiences and observations and talked for hours about where we were and what we were seeing, and also of things that had nothing to do with the trip. At the airport, before Maureen got on the plane to fly home, we talked about where we might go on another trip. The trip and our time together will be one of my most cherished memories for the rest of my life.

~

Ruth Kruckenberg,

Malojloj, Guam

Contact Me

Ruth Kruckenberg - March 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Hi Kellye and family-I am one of your mom's neighbors in Arden Hills. I first met your mom when she moved in to our cul-de-sac. I would invite her to our annual Octoberfest Party each year. She did make it to one or two. I didn't get a chance to know her well, but when she would be driving by and I happened to be outside, we would always smile and wave at each other. When I first met your mom, she had a big smile and she reminded me of Mary Tyler Moore. Hold on to all of your precious memories of your mother. I am so saddened to find out today that she had passed away in February. Our prayers are with you and your family at this difficult time.

~

Mary Samuelson,

Arden Hills, Minnesota

Mary Samuelson - March 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TO

“Maureen was 'Mom' to everyone- I met her in 1977 in Agoura Hills, CA. when I was very young. I had the honor of knowing her and seeing how much she loved her kids, Kellye, Sean and Scott. She was an incredible lady, full of love, life and laughter and she made everyday shine for everyone, took me in at one time and will never know how much she impacted my life. A beautiful woman and a selfless human being. May she rest with peace and the rest of us keep her memory alive and her family in our hearts! Love you Mo, TJ (Ogden)

~

Teresa Ogden-Swartzbaugh,

Guthrie, Oklahoma

Teresa Ogden-Swartzbaugh - February 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ I am Maureen's neighbor in Arden Hills. It was a pleasure and honor to have known her. She had no problem sharing her joy in life, her love for flowers, and her pride in doing something new and creative in her house. Maureen did not like my dogs (who shared her feelings for some reason) so we met outdoors to talk and catch up on each others lives. I loved hearing about her adventures in travel. I will remember her as the bright, shining star that she was and will miss her in the neighborhood. To Maureen's family - she talked about you often and was so proud of all of you. She always had a story to tell for she loved her family most of all! Susan

~

Susan Matson,

Arden Hills, Minnesota

Susan Matson - February 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Kellye, It has been many years since I last saw you. I was not able to come to Cathy's daughter's wedding. I wanted to let you know that your mom was very important to me. During all the visits Herb and I made to visit Arleigh and your mom I always felt welcomed and loved by your mom. We had many long talks and she was a source of strength to me. Our oldest daughter is named Elizabeth Maureen after your mom. Kellye you and your brother are in my prayers. It is hard to lose a loved on, but I pray the peace of our Saviour is with you at this time. Love, Maureen

~

Maureen Lucille McCree,

Brighton, Tennessee

Maureen Lucille McCree - February 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DE

“ Kellye, Just last month I had the pleasure of seeing Maureen after 40 years. We had a chance to talk about our Air Force days in the 60's. My wife and I took her around the Philippines and kissed her good by when she left for the next leg of her trip to Bangkok. I will miss her bright red hair and warm sweet smile. God Bless

~

Dave/Vanessa Ecret,

Bacoor, Cavite Philippines

Contact Me

Dave/Vanessa Ecret - February 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ I have had the opportunity of meeting Maureen at her step-daughters house. She is my sister-in-law, Kathy McCree Matranga and I just want to say it has been hard hearing her in such deep pain. You see I am struggling with breast cancer. I have been going thru chemo for awhile and Kathy has been my backbone and my strength for all of my Doc. and chemo appointments. She has given up so much of her family time to be their for me and my family, and I know a part of the way she is, is due to the way she was raised. So Maureen I know you're proud, I just wanted others to know how wonderful she is due to people like you and your husband, her father Arleigh McCree. Thanks for being an inspiration in hers and so many others lives.

~

Cindy Matranga,

Santee (San Diego), California

Cindy Matranga - February 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ Dearest Kellye & Kathy, How blessed you both were to have Maureen in your lives. I remember us sitting on Kathy's deck, when the kids were still young. We laughed and talked for hours. It was the first time I had met Mo. I knew then why my Kathy loved her so much. I am sorry she was taken from you. I know you will never forget her. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Love, Tina

~

TINA MATRANGA,

SAN DIEGO, California

TINA MATRANGA - February 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ I have so many wonderful memories of all the special times we spent together as a family, you were a Beautiful and loving Mother, just as if I was one of your own, your in Gods hands now im sure of it. Say hello to my Dad and Sean for me !Thanks for your Love John McCree Vista CA

~

John McCree,

Vista, California

Contact Me

John McCree - February 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KC

“*Maureen's laugh was contagious. Although we rarely were able to be together, being with her was like being with your best friend. I remember laughing till I cried at her funny stories. She will be much missed but never forgotten. Heaven has a new shining star!!! All my love and prayers to all who knew and loved her Kerry*

~

kerry cosgrove,

milwaukee

Contact Me

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KC

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kerry cosgrove,

milwaukee, Wisconsin

Contact Me

kerry cosgrove - February 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

NS

“*Maureen, I'll miss you. You gave your love freely and always took time for everyone who asked. You held a special light for our daughter, Libby, and I'm happy she's old enough to have known you and remember you. I'm so glad you have had you in my life as another sister. You never judged but took time to listen. Your love remains with those of us left.*

~

Nancy Seiler,

Missoula, Montana

Contact Me

Nancy Seiler - February 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *Kellye, My prayers are with you and your family during this tough time. Although, I never did meet your mother I see thru you how wonderful she was to all around her.*

~

Jen Callahan,

Plymouth, Minnesota

Jen Callahan - February 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ *Kellye, You are an amazing person and I know that you got that from your amazing mother. Know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Give Kaicy a big hug from me. Love ya, Sarah*

~

Sarah Brustad,

Bloomington, Minnesota

Sarah Brustad - February 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

E(

“ To Maureen's family and friends - my heart is with you. I have lost several family members in the last 2 months so I know how sad it is to loose them, but try to remember how joyful they must be to see the ones that left before them. (I am the oldest daughter of Herbert & Maureen McCree).

~

Elizabeth Maureen Jones (McCree),

Trenton, Tennessee

Contact Me

Elizabeth Maureen Jones (McCree) - February 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RA

“ *My beloved sister, Maureen, was a fountain of sorrow and a fountain of light, as the man said, and a bottomless well of love and caring for everyone she knew. She was the best sister imaginable. I loved her imperfectly and she forgave me my limitations. I'll remember Maureen laughing.*

~

Robert Anderson,

Missoula, Montana

Robert Anderson - February 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

VM

“ Kellye & Scott !Your mom always had a special place in mine and Peggy's heart. I will always cherish the trip to Utah and the good time we all had together. I'll never forget that lovely flaming redhead and all the good memories we share together.

~

Vernon McCree,

Mayfield, Kentucky

Vernon McCree - February 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

HM

“ *Maureen was a wonderful woman. My brother loved her, always. She was a great sister-in-law and I have many fond memories. Kellye, Scott, my mom died on Jan 19th, so you know my heart is with you. Love, Uncle Herb.*

~

Herb McCree,

Brighton, Tennessee

Contact Me

Herb McCree - February 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KM

“Maureen was a beautiful and shining gift to any and all that were blessed with meeting her. She had an amazing talent to make anyone she came into contact with feel special. She listened to you with her whole heart and mind. She always had the best stories to tell and led a life filled with hope, adventure and happiness. Maureen was an inspiration to all she met. I thank her for being a second mother to me and for the many times we shared laughing, telling stories, sharing books and singing songs. Most importantly I thank her for all the times she shared with me in the loss of my Father, even after all these years. They are finally together again... She will never be far from my heart. Love and tenderness always Kathleen

~

Kathleen McCree Matranga,

San Diego, California

Contact Me

Kathleen McCree Matranga - February 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ *My prayers are with you and your family. Loosing a parent is one of the hardest challenges in life. Kellye, I didn't know your mom, but I can tell that she was an amazing person. God Bless and stay strong. Barbara (Bloomington, MN*

~

Barbara Latham,

Bloomington, Minnesota

Barbara Latham - February 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KG

“ Kellye, I met your mom only once, and even though it was a tough time for you both, you each radiated happiness just to be together! Losing your Mom is probably the hardest thing to get through, but I know your strength and determination (you get that from her) will get you through. She will always be with you watching and guiding you through life's sometimes bumpy road. The Irish tend to do that! Love to you and Kaicey. Kathy Gervais

~

Kathy Gervais,

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Kathy Gervais - February 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Kellye, my best good friend, I am so sorry about your Mom's passing. I know this is one of the hardest things you'll ever face in life. Its such a blessing to know that your Mom got to travel and enjoy the world before she left us, it could've been, well, it could've been an awful last year, but it wasn't and that's good. We'll all miss her - she was definatly one of a kind (the good kind!) See you soon. Love, Jenny

~

Jenny Bell,

Bloomington, Minnesota

Jenny Bell - February 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *Maureen, An amazing person and an inspiration to me. You changed my life. Sean welcomes you and we will see you soon. God bless you and much love to Kellye and Scott.*

~

Daniel Shelley,

Thousand Oaks, California

Contact Me

Daniel Shelley - February 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ Mosey was the BEST! she was there for everyone. She was a shoulder to cry on and a second mom to me. She always made me feel important and not just another silly teenager. i used what she taught me about letting people be who they are and loving them for it in the raising of my own children. I love you Mosey, Good-bye for now and God speed.!

~

Kimberly Shanks,

Franklin, Virginia

Kimberly Shanks - February 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM



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Frances Hathaway,

Denton, Texas

Frances Hathaway - February 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ *May God bless you and your family in this time of sorrow. Kellye, I've only known your mom from stories you have related to me and you can tell you are your mother's daughter. You have the spirit that she seem to have and hopefully this will keep you and Kaicy with a lot of good memories. I love you Mary*

~

Mary Brooks,

Arlington, Washington

Contact Me

Mary Brooks - February 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Kellye, I met your lovely mom only once...and that was more than enough time to see where YOU get your loving, generous and beautiful spirit. I share in your loss and honor your Mother. Love from Deb Frederickson

~

Deb Frederickson,

Asheville, North Carolina

Deb Frederickson - February 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CZ

“ I loved and admired Maureen very much! She had a zest for life and a sparkle in her eye, and she was always ready to share a story or memory. When my Mom died she shared an anecdote about my Mom that I have never forgotten. Maureen was special, and she will be remembered.

~

Clarita Zeppie,

New York, New York

Contact Me

Clarita Zeppie - February 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ *Mamacita Carmelita, I told you recently that I've never missed anyone and thought that maybe that there was something wrong with my heart. Well, I miss you terribly so I guess my heart works after all. You were always behind me and by my side. I was at my best when we were together. Thank you for everything you taught me, all the songs we sang together, being the perfect travel companion, and loving me unconditionally. Your loving daughter, Kellita-Miha*

~

Kellye MacLeod,

Hopkins, Minnesota

Contact Me

Kellye MacLeod - February 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM