



Michelle Marie McGrath

December 8, 1954 - July 21, 2019

McGrath, Mickey (Michelle), aged 64, passed away July 21st in Eden Prairie, MN

Funeral Mass Wednesday, August 21st, at 11 am, Pax Christi Catholic Community, 12100 Pioneer Trail, Eden Prairie, MN 55347, Tel. # 952-941-3150. Visitation there to proceed mass (10 am to 11 am), with lunch to follow.

Mickey was preceded in death by her husband, Tom Murphy and her father, John William McGrath

Mickey was survived by her mother, Peggy McGrath; brother, John (Vickie) McGrath; sister, Jeanne (Steve) Karnowski; nephews, Jack (Erin Mohr) McGrath and Donovan (Erin) McGrath; grandnephews, Logan, Arthur and Harlan McGrath; and other family and friends.

Mickey grew up in Bloomington, MN. She graduated from the Academy of the Holy Angels and earned her bachelor's degree in art. Mickey later lived in New Orleans (LA), Seattle (WA), Orcas Island (WA), Ballyheigue (County Kerry, Ireland), and Eden Prairie (MN).

While Mickey traveled to many places, at heart Mickey liked to experience new places by moving to a place rather than just traveling through it. Mickey

would then learn about her new environment, find a job (waitress, artist, flower and vegetable farmer, mystical headdress maker, florist, personal assistant to the ill and the elderly, and restorer of holy statutes). She would then create a home and establish deep relationships within that community. Each time Mickey left a place, she carried the love and friendships from those relationships with her.

Two of the places Mickey most enjoyed living were Orcas Island and Ballyheigue. In Ballyheigue, Mickey met and married Tom Murphy. After Tom's death, Mickey moved to Eden Prairie. There, she created a rich life, retiring but volunteering for: political causes, with the Pax Christi pet ministry, on her townhouse association board, and painting pet portraits for police canines as appreciation for their service. Mickey also enjoyed spending time with her mother and other family members, reconnecting with friends from Holy Angels, and as always making new friends whom she cherished.

Mickey had a gift at giving love and friendship that was irreplaceable. She will be sorely missed.

If you are interested in making a donation to memorialize Mickey, please donate to the Eden Prairie Crime Prevention Fund which helps support the Eden Prairie Police's canine unit. <https://www.edenprairiecrimepreventionfund.org>

Cemetery Details

Hillside Crematory

2610 19th Ave NE
Minneapolis, MN 55418

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 21. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Pax Christi Catholic Church
12100 Pioneer Trail
Eden Prairie, MN 55347

Mass of Christian Burial

AUG 21. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Pax Christi Catholic Church
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Tribute Wall

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“ *Jeanne I am so sorry for your loss.*

Sandy Hein - August 23, 2019 at 08:29 PM

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“ *I loved Mickey so much, feel so blessed to have been her friend, and am so sad not to be able to hear her voice and laughter or see her beautiful face in person again. In addition to her wonderful friendship, she kept our three-person board of directors organized and on track, and we talked and emailed sometimes daily. I miss her! Much love to her dear family.*



Alexandra - August 20, 2019 at 02:31 PM

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“ *From Robert and Elizabeth XXX purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Michelle Marie McGrath.*



From Robert and Elizabeth XXX - August 19, 2019 at 04:57 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Michelle Marie McGrath.*



August 19, 2019 at 10:28 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michelle Marie McGrath.*



August 18, 2019 at 12:53 AM



“ *I loved Mickey & miss her so much. I was her Companion Minister at church helping her w/ transitions & her husband in Ireland's passing. When that ministering was satisfied we became like soul friends. I cherished my first trip out west & to Orcas I island for 5 weeks w/ our dogs. She loved her family; her mom so much. She loved her time w/ John to Orcas island last year. I was jealous!, no she needed your help And she & Jeanne did many memorable things together and spent quality time together. I was so thrilled for her. She was so pleased to return here. I am truly blessed to have known her so personally. Rest in heaven w/ Your loved ones, my Girleen.*



Kathy Ferrara - August 05, 2019 at 06:01 PM



“ *My deepest sympathies to all who loved Mickey. We met at Holy Angels - She was Michelle Marie and I was Lucinda Marie. Both of our last names started with Mc! After graduation we drifted apart - and I consider myself to be one of the lucky ones Mickey reconnected with when she moved to Eden Prairie. I just loved her studio in her townhouse! She will ALWAYS hold a very special place in my heart. God Bless.*

Lucinda McCandless Edwards - July 27, 2019 at 10:28 AM

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“ *I remember her sculpting a beautiful mermaid from the clay I dug out of Lake Independence in the early 1970s. She could make anything beautiful.*

Pat - July 26, 2019 at 06:33 PM