



Patricia Welch Moriarty

June 24, 1932 - December 3, 2016

Patricia Welch Moriarty passed away on Saturday, December 3, 2016 surrounded by her loving family at age 84. Patricia was born on June 24, 1932 in North Attleboro, Massachusetts. She graduated Cum Laude with a BS degree in biology, from the College of New Rochelle. She worked as a Lab Research Technician at Boston Hospital in Boston, Massachusetts where she met the love of her life, Dr. James Aloysius Moriarty. They married on October 5th, 1957 at St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Church in North Attleboro, Massachusetts. Soon after moving to Minneapolis, the newly wedded couple started a family and later found permanent residence in North Oaks, Minnesota. Patricia was a beloved wife, loving mother, adoring grandmother ("Nana"), gracious aunt, and loyal friend. She was and will always be loved by all who were fortunate to be close to her. She treated everyone she met with total acceptance and love. Patricia was full of life and a contagious joyful energy that filled the room. Patricia was a doer. She knew what needed to be done and just did it. She could cook up a meal for unexpected company before they even realized they were staying for dinner. All were made to feel welcome and loved by our very dear mother, Patricia. She was an amazing example of selfless love, graciously putting everyone else's needs before her own. She was known for her natural elegance and grace. Patricia especially loved children, be it the neighbor children who visited regularly or her own grandchildren and great grandchildren, each knew she loved them by how special she made them feel whenever they were with

her. Patricia was generous volunteer, offering to help where needed in a variety of organizations throughout her life. She was a Home of the Good Shepard board member and in 1991 was the auxiliary president. Patricia delivered the Eucharist to the sick and dying at Saint John's Hospital (Maplewood, MN) with the Befrienders Hospital Ministry. She was on the Archdiocesan Respect Life Board and a Family Life Planning Commissioner. She was one of the founding parent volunteers of the North Oaks Preschool where her children attended. Through Catholic Charities, she opened her home to expectant mothers needing a refuge until their babies were born. She volunteered countless hours for Minnesota Citizen's Concerned for Life and was the Chairperson of the White Bear Lake Chapter, advocating for the protection of unborn children and their mothers. More recently, she was a volunteer with St. Mary's funeral mass ministry. While raising a family and through to the present, Patricia was active in Minnesota politics. She was frequently a delegate to county and legislative district conventions. One year she was a delegate to the state convention in Duluth Minnesota and just last May, at age 83, was a delegate to the state legislative district convention. She also served as an election judge for her precinct for about 35 years. Patricia loved the beach and being near water. Growing up, Patricia spent summers at Silver Beach on Cape Cod. On Sundays, her family, including relatives, would spend part of the day at Silver Beach and then sometimes enjoy a lobster or clam boil dinner, followed by a game or two of cards. Later in life, she stayed very active with traveling, bike riding, water aerobics and yoga at a local fitness club, and spending time with friends. She loved to read and could always recommend a good novel. She is survived by her loving husband of 59 years, Dr. James Aloysius Moriarty, their eight children; Anne (John Ferry) of Menomonie WI, James (Tracie) of Nome AK, John (Barb) of Blaine MN, Thomas (Monica) of Lake Elmo MN, Daniel of North Oaks MN, Stephen (Melanie) of North Oaks MN, Francis (Rose) of Lake Elmo MN and Katherine (Zeek Ferraros) of Vail CO; Grandchildren, Liam (Sarah), Gabe (Jess), Simon (Maria), Nicole, Jeremiah, Vanessa (Robin), Elise, Anna,

Marco, Brogan, Nolan, Nessa, Ezequiel; Great grandchildren, Zacchaeus, Andromeda, Ophelia, Jaiden and Mahlia; brother, Robert Welch D.D.S. (Patricia) of Mashpee MA; sister-in-law, Jeannine Welch of West Hartford CT and many nieces, nephews, and other relatives. Patricia was preceded in death by her parents, Agnes (nee McManus) and Edmund T Welch D.D.S., and her brother, Edmund T Welch II M.D. The Moriarty family would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to the medical staff at Hennepin County Medical Center, for the all the kind and attentive care given to Patricia, and also for all the patience and understanding given to us. Visitation Friday Dec 9th from 4-7 PM (parish prayers at 4:30PM) at Holcomb-Henry-Boom-Purcell Funeral Home, 515 Hwy 96, Shoreview. Funeral Service 2PM Saturday, Dec 10th (visitation 1PM) at St. Mary of the Lake Church, 4741 Bald Eagle Ave, White Bear Lake.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Dr. James Moriarty and Family, We are saddened to learn of the passing of Patricia. The obituary highlights a wonderful life of giving, something not enough of us have. Patricia will be registered for prayers perpetually with the Marianist priests, sisters and deacons. K of C Council 4145 extends our sympathies to fellow Knight Dr. James Moriarty and his family.*

Knights of Columbus, Council 4145 - December 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *Our deepest sympathies for your loss the bonus family*

Jr bonus - December 10, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *Dear Moriarity Clan--- We have wonderful memories of being at your house, living at your house with sometimes 13 people; it was like running a hotel. Your wife and mother/grandmother was the most giving, generous person, always could laugh. As we Irish say: May the Lord hold you in the palm of His hand. W We are all in this together." Blessings, Mary and Frank and Family*

mary catherine medved - December 10, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *Our deepest condolences to the Moriarty family in this time of sorrow. We are thinking of you and silently praying for you all.*

Montalbano family - December 08, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ What a woman! Our family celebrates her life. Love to all the family and friends. The Cooper family

David H Cooper - December 07, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ We are very sorry for your loss. We were privileged to meet and visit with Patricia (Nana) at Maria and Simon's wedding. She was a beautiful, kind and intelligent woman. Our sympathy to a lovely family.

Peter and Janet Steinhagen - December 07, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your mom. My you find comfort in your memories and family. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. -Colleen McGuire-Ales

Colleen Mcguire-Ales - December 07, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ So sorry to hear about your sudden loss of you Mom. Lonny & Julie Heiden

Lonny Heiden - December 06, 2016 at 12:00 AM