



Geraldine McCarthy

November 17, 1938 - December 15, 2018

TRAVERSE CITY – Geraldine (nèe Cody) McCarthy, 80, died at Munson Medical Center on Saturday, December 15, 2018 after a brief illness. Born in Saint Louis, Missouri, the second of six children, to Thomas Cody and Geraldine (Coleman) Cody, Gerry graduated from Saint John's Hospital in Saint Louis as a Registered Nurse, a profession she worked in until she was 72. Gerry married Tom McCarthy in 1960. She loved her family, her faith, and her Irish heritage.

Gerry is survived by her husband and their three children; Chris McCarthy of Colorado, Karen McCarthy and husband John Noonan of Traverse City, and Matt McCarthy and wife Nora Maria Murphy of Ireland. Gerry was preceded in death by a son Dann in 2012, a brother Chris in 1960 and a sister Edie Mayse in 2007. She is also survived by sisters; Barbara Perez of Missouri, Fran Cody of California, and Emily Hofmeister of Illinois and brother-in-law Ron Mayse of Missouri, as well as nine grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial will take place at 11:00 am on Tuesday, December 18, 2018 at Immaculate Conception Church with a visitation held one hour prior to mass. Father James Hayden will officiate.

A luncheon will be held immediately following mass in the church fellowship hall. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be directed to, Dann's House, P.O. Box 1711 Traverse City, 49685.

Events

DEC **Visitation** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
308 Cedar Street, Traverse City, MI, US, 49684

DEC **Mass of Christian Burial** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ Just a special person that few people get to know. My wife Ruth and I were lucky enough to have that friendship.. Wishing the family every help they need to get by this situation to have Gerry as your Mother or friend... We were so lucky to know her...

John Tomatore - January 08 at 10:28 PM



“ I am fortunate to be one of the lucky 'adopted' members of the McCarthy Clan - because when Gerry saw a person in need, she did something about it. In my case, she invited me over to a pre-Thanksgiving gathering of the McCarthy Clan. Tom & Gerry were my neighbors, I was new to Traverse City and had recently had a series of losses in my life. I was hesitant, but my faith overrode my head and I knocked on the door & Gerry with her beautiful smile and twinkling eyes (always it seemed with just a little mischief behind them...) welcomed me and said, I'm glad you decided to come... That simple act of sharing her time and opening her door led to a lifelong 'belonging' to Gerry, Tom and the McCarthy family - for which I will forever be grateful. We will miss being able to hear the voice, gather in the sage advice, join in the laughter, share the embrace, and see that smile. You are missed Gerry - but, I am so very grateful for your Love and for the Blessing of knowing you, Tom and your family.

Tom McDevitt - December 22, 2018 at 06:59 AM



“ Tom and family, the St Louis Cody's are so sad to hear of Gerry's passing. Though we haven't seen you all in many years, she has been fondly remembered at many a family reunion. Prayers for peace for Gerry and all of you.
Kathy Farrar

Kathy Farrar - December 20, 2018 at 12:00 PM



“ Gerry will surely be missed. What a sweet soul. I enjoyed our women's Bible study last summer at Traverse Bay...pizza at their house with Tom...and our visit in November.
Thinking of you Tom.
God Bless!
Xoxo
Kristi (Mark) Gawne



kristigawne - December 19, 2018 at 12:20 PM



“ Gerry was a dedicated and caring nurse when I worked with her. She loved March Madness, as well. My condolences to her family, may her strength and memories sustain you.

Melissa Sole - December 19, 2018 at 07:35 AM



“ Gerry was the best friend you could ever have - caring, compassionate, humorous and non-judgmental. She'd never say "No", and when God called her, she didn't say "No". We miss her, but hopefully, we'll meet again. God be with you, Gerry.

Agnes & Leonard Farkas - Trumbull, CT

Agnes Farkas - December 18, 2018 at 05:21 PM



“ Tom, condolences to you and your family. Gerry was a good friend to our family through the years. I have many fond memories of those camping trips in the old Sears canvas tent then years later seeing you try to park that big rig in the driveway! We were blessed to have Gerry in our lives....John Trainor

John Trainor - December 18, 2018 at 12:50 PM



“ Tom, I am so sorry to hear this news. My condolences to you and the rest of your family.

Joe Doria



Joe Doria - December 17, 2018 at 09:21 PM



“ Simply Chic Mixed Plant Basket was purchased for the family of Geraldine McCarthy.



December 16, 2018 at 09:07 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Geraldine McCarthy.



December 16, 2018 at 09:04 PM



“ Such gentle and sweet soul. She raised a family of champions that lives on to the next generation.

Ryan Hannon - December 16, 2018 at 07:02 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Geraldine McCarthy.





“ Photos of Gerry:
<https://photos.app.goo.gl/1Szi7zQSahbXk8ay8>

John Noonan - December 16, 2018 at 02:43 PM



“ Thanks for sharing these, John. Such a pleasure to see Karen's family through the various ages! <3

John Jermano - December 17, 2018 at 10:25 AM



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Agnes & Leonard Farkas - Trumbull, CT

Agnes Farkas - December 17, 2018 at 11:52 PM



“ I met Gerry at the Father Fred Foundation where we were both volunteering. She was always full of good spirit and sharing with her wonderful humor. If there was a topic you needed information, she would find answers or lead you to a source. What I remember the most was her lack of hesitation when others needed assistance.
She will be missed.

Judy Baker

judy baker - December 16, 2018 at 12:05 PM



“ Thank you for sharing this. She really did live to help others.

Karen - December 16, 2018 at 09:49 PM



“ I so many fond memories, but the one that has been sticking out the most this week is a memory she shared with my youngest son Cody. He sadly doesn't remember himself, only through being told about it over the years. When my Cody was young and met Aunt Gerry for the first time she told him that she was a Cody too, and his response was " then we must be belated" it was a memory we all loved to share and laugh about for the past 18 or so years. She was a jewel!

Carey Talbott - December 16, 2018 at 10:40 AM



“ I'll never forget my Beautiful Aunt Gerry. One of the first times she met my son (her great nephew) she asked if he could sing her a song. Of course my son sings “My humps.” She looks at me and says doesn't he know something like Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star. She was very special to all of us and will be greatly missed by so many.

Anne Janiesch - December 16, 2018 at 10:48 AM



“ Oh, Anne, I can so hear her voice saying that! Too funny!

Karen - December 16, 2018 at 09:52 PM



“ Karen so very sorry to hear about Geri. We worked together for a very long time at the Pavilions. Sending you and your family prayers



Cathy Geitman - December 16, 2018 at 09:35 AM



“ Thank you, Cathy.

Karen - December 16, 2018 at 09:52 PM



“ Every year for Geraldine's Birthday, her daughter Karen McCarthy would request her friends to send a Happy Birthday email to Geraldine. I wasn't able to personally meet Geraldine but I heard about her good character and heart, strength and resilience from Karen.



Cricket Elizabeth - December 16, 2018 at 08:16 AM



“ Trish Schulte lit a candle in memory of Geraldine McCarthy



Trish Schulte - December 16, 2018 at 06:22 AM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Trish Schulte - December 16, 2018 at 06:21 AM



“ My first memories of Gerry are as a 5 year old wrestling my brother Tommy to the floor. The objective was to tickle him so we could steal his change! Gerry was always looking for a laugh. She will be missed and remembered for her laughs and artistic gifts

Mary McDaniel - December 15, 2018 at 07:08 PM