



Patricia Anne McCarthy

February 25, 1945 - January 3, 2025

Known for her kindness, generosity, and unique sense of humor, Patricia A McCarthy dedicated her life to education and community service. She passed away on January 3, 2025, after a short illness, leaving behind a legacy of compassion and commitment to those around her.

Born in Rapid City, South Dakota, on February 25, 1945, Patricia was proud of her family's resilience during challenging times in their small town. She graduated from Mount Marty College in Yankton, South Dakota, earning a degree in teaching. Patricia's passion for education led her to teach at various public schools, including positions as a substitute teacher at Battle Creek Public Schools and as a teacher at Belleville Public Schools. She also shared her love for music as a music teacher.

An active and devoted member of St. Mary Catholic Church and St. Philip Catholic Central Church, Patricia found joy in volunteering at the church thrift shop, participating in bible studies, and engaging with the Council of Catholic Women. Her faith and commitment to her church communities were evident in all she did.

An avid puzzle enthusiast and sports fan, she enjoyed attending semi-pro basketball games and cherished the fellowship these activities brought. Her outgoing nature and ability to make friends easily endeared her to many.

Patricia met her husband, James McCarthy, through a local singles group. Together, they built a life rooted in love and mutual support. She is survived by her son, Shawn Levi McCarthy; sister-in-law Kathleen Kiellman; nephews, Alan and Dan Ryan; cousins, Jane Smith Gorman and Sam Smith; and dear friends, Virginia Hendrickson, Ron Petty, and Sondra Petty. She was preceded in death by her parents, Francis M Ryan and Mary Ryan; her brother, James Ryan; sister-in-law, Shirley Ryan; and grandfather, Edward Ryan.

Friends are encouraged to support Patricia's family by attending services or sharing memories on her tribute Page at www.prayfuneral.com. A memorial service will be held on January 9, 2025, at Pray Funeral Home in Charlotte. Visitation will take place from 9 to 11:00 a.m., followed by the Memorial Service at 11 a.m. with Fr. Dwight Ezop officiating. The funeral will be webcast so you may watch it from any computer, smartphone, or mobile device that has internet access. Go to www.prayfuneral.com, click on Patricia's tribute, then click on Photos and Videos from your computer (or Media from your smart phone). In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to St. Mary Catholic Church or St. Philip Catholic Central Church, reflecting Patricia's deep connection to her faith and community. The family is in care of Pray Funeral Home.

Patricia's generous spirit and dedication to service have left an indelible mark on all who knew her. She will be remembered for her unwavering commitment to uplifting others and her lasting impact on the community.

Cemetery Details

Maple Hill Cemetery

801 Tully Brown Rd.
Charlotte, MI 48813

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 9. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home
401 W. Seminary St.
Charlotte, MI 48813

Memorial

JAN 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Burial

JAN 9. 12:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Webcast in memory of Patricia Anne McCarthy*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - January 09, 2025 at 01:20 PM

JH

“ *My condolences to the McCarthy family on your loss. I grew up with Shawn and we were best of buddies when we were little. The McCarthy family was like a second family for me growing up.*
Jeffrey Holden

Jeffrey Holden - January 09, 2025 at 09:30 AM

DR

“ *Hugs to Cousin Shawn and Uncle Jim. Patty will be missed. There are so many wonderful memories and laughs shared over the years. Trips to Onida SD, Sioux Falls SD, and Patty visiting Mobridge SD. Patty was a loving and caring aunt. I always looked forward to Patty's holiday cards and letters all decorated in creativity. I enjoyed visiting with Patty hearing updates and adventures of Shawn and Jim. Patty loved her church, family, and friends. Of course Patty was always ready to cheer on the Notre Dame Fighting Irish and the Green Bay Packers.*

Dan Ryan - January 08, 2025 at 10:42 PM

JR

“ Dan has enjoyed calling Patty and you Jim up and chat on the phone to see how everyone is doing. When we have visited them in Michigan, Patty has made our day by showing us memories that she has had around her home. God Bless and rest well Patty. We will miss you! Dan and Jan Ryan

Janice Elaine Ryan - January 08, 2025 at 10:18 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Patricia Anne McCarthy.



January 06, 2025 at 11:21 PM

KK

“ Kathleen K. purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Patricia Anne McCarthy.



Kathleen K. - January 06, 2025 at 09:31 PM

AR

“ My condolences to Shawn and Jim, and to all of Patty's friends. I have know Aunt Patty for my entire life, my Dad Jim was her brother, Mary and Francis Ryan were her parents, and my grandparents. Patty was always sweet and giving and gentle and compassionate, and very devoted to her faith and to her family Shawn and Jim. Patty had a very distinct laugh which I loved to hear. I will certainly miss Patty but she left me and my family (Ben, Nate, Jean) with many nice memories.

Alan J. Ryan

Alan J Ryan - January 06, 2025 at 09:06 PM

LM

“ LaTonya McClinton lit a candle in memory of Patricia Anne McCarthy



LaTonya McClinton - January 06, 2025 at 01:21 PM

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Eaton Community Palliative Care

LaTonya McClinton - January 06, 2025 at 01:21 PM

JF

“ Jeremy & Erin Scott and Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Patricia Anne McCarthy.



Jeremy & Erin Scott and Family - January 06, 2025 at 11:05 AM

JS

“ One of the nicest, loving, generous people I’ve know. Mrs. McCarthy was always a gentle force of good in the world. She adored and loved Shawn and Jim and it was evident by all who knew her. She was a true believer in our Lord and led her life by example. She’ll be welcomed into Heaven by a chorus of Angels. Rest in peace Mrs. McCarthy.

Jeremy Scott - January 06, 2025 at 10:58 AM