



Mrs. Frances Ann (Ireland) McCarthy

January 30, 1937 - November 12, 2023

Frances Ann (Ireland) McCarthy, 86, of Sturgeon Bay, died peacefully on Nov. 12th, 2023. Fran was born Jan. 30th, 1937 in Glens Falls, NY., to Francis A. and Mary Louise (Jones) Ireland. She grew up with two sisters: Rosemary and Mary Louise. She graduated from South Glens Falls High School in 1955. She met her loving husband (John H. McCarthy Jr.) at St. Lawrence University where she asked him to attend a skating party on the Grassy River as her date because he was an excellent skater. Fran and John were married Aug. 20th, 1960. Fran had two main ambitions in her life: to be a teacher and a mother. She taught English in elementary schools and English-as-a-Second Language at Fox Valley Technical College.

Fran enjoyed reading poetry, gardening, walking, playing cards, traveling to Sanibel Island and spending time at Sunshine Lake with family. Fran loved all things chocolate and a good scoop of ice cream. Fran was an exceptional grandmother and loved the time she spent with her grandchildren with whom she has created special memories.

Fran was a wonderful Mom to six children and 13 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild. We, who are left, will miss her beautiful smile, kindness, and love. She inspired us by her beautiful relationship with God and she modeled a life of quiet prayer, meditation and sincere faith. We have lost our matriarch, but we celebrate the memory of a woman richly and abundantly blessed. She was our mentor, teacher, and advocate. We shall honor her always by living the legacy she has given us, holding onto the values and traditions she developed

within each of us. Fran is survived by her husband, John H. McCarthy Jr., children: Kathleen (Nikos) A. McCarthy, John 'Jay' H. McCarthy III, Patrick (Kelly) I. McCarthy, Amy (Amy) C. McCarthy, Michael C. McCarthy, Sarah (David) E. McCarthy Neumann; 13 grandchildren; and 1 great grandchild. End of life care was provided by Prairie Home Assisted Living which was built and run by Fran and John. We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for their loving care of Mom. Their dedication and compassion will never be forgotten.

VISITATION: 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. with celebration of life at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 21st at Hamlet Creek, 3562 Finger Road, Green Bay, WI; burial at 2 p.m. at Hainesville Cemetery in Sturgeon Bay, WI.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Doctors Without Borders or Smile Train.

Cemetery Details

Hainseville Cemetery

Sturgeon Bay, WI 54325

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **21**. 9:00 AM - 11:00 PM (cst)

Hamlet Creek
3562 Finger Road
Green Bay, WI 54311

Funeral Service

NOV **21**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (cst)

Hamlet Creek
3562 Finger Road
Green Bay, WI 54311

Tribute Wall

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“ *Frances was one of my best friends in high school....we lost contact when she went to St. Lawrence University and I went to Alfred University....but she had a special place in my heart....and I am blessed to have known her. My condolences to her family....the picture is perfect, she never changed. Mary Cavanaugh Graves, Bellbrook OHIO*

Mary Cavanaugh Graves - March 10, 2024 at 07:05 PM

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“ *Paul and Lee Ann Rubsam want to extend our prayers and appreciation to the family for all Fran meant to us. Blessings and the Peace of Jesus be with you all.*

Paul Rubsam - November 20, 2023 at 07:22 PM