



Bessie Aileen McElroy

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Decatur-Bessie Aileen (Ozier) McElroy, 89, passed away Saturday, November 16, 2013 in Fair Havens Christian Home.

A Mass of Christian Burial to celebrate Bessie's life will be held 11:00 am, Wednesday, November 20, 2013 at St. Thomas Catholic Church 2155 North Union St. in Decatur, with Father Rick Weltin, Celebrant. A visitation from 10:00 am until the time of service at the church. Interment will be at St. Isidore Cemetery, Bethany, Illinois. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Thomas Catholic Church or to Good Shepherd Manor.

Bessie was born December 4, 1923 in Jonathan Creek, Illinois, the daughter of Ernest and Mabel (Eastin) Ozier. Bessie was a devoted wife and a loving mother and grandmother. Bessie was happiest when she was surrounded by her family. Some of her family's fondest memories of their mom were the camping trips, board games and the family get togethers. Bessie was a member of St. Thomas Church. Bessie enjoyed drinking coffee, being outdoors, gardening and bird watching. Bessie married Edward M. McElroy in Chicago, Illinois on October 20, 1945. They had sixty five years together before he passed away on May 30, 2011.

When I Think of You!!

I can still smell the scent of Palmolive.

And the feel of your warm soft hands upon my cheek.

I smell the Ben Gay you have rubbed upon many

A child's leg. And feel the soft warm kisses you

Planted on our cheeks.

We cannot forget famous stories you have told

Like the "Tail-Lee_O" and when baking it was Oleo.

Sliding on the basement floor, cocktail table

Made from a door.



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I had no idea of your sacrifices until I

Had children, Now....

You always let us venture out into the nearby woods or creek.

The scarifies you made were many....

The hopes and dreams you had for yourself would wait because of six hungry children that couldn't wait.

I can smell the white shoulders, big problems that seemed like boulders you would reduce

To small pebbles.

As a child, I worried about nothing, you

Did the job of making me feel safe and secure.

Tho, I know your worries must have been

Many, if there were major probs....

I wasn't aware of any.

And so I know you did the best job

Ever, of being a mother

And that is why, I will love

You, forever.

Bessie is survived by sons, Marc McElroy of Momence, IL, Matthew McElroy and wife Tammy of Decatur, and Michael McElroy of Decatur, daughters, Mary Sampson and husband Gary of Decatur, and Margo Probst of Effingham, grandchildren Meredith, Kurt, Shannon, Taylor, Max, Zach, Jared, Eric, Mallory, Mitchell and Timothee, son-in-law, Dennis Dumyahn, brother Wayne Ozier and wife Cynthia of Shelbyville, sister Dorothy Albert and husband Roger of Iowa.

Bessie is greeted into Heaven by her parents, husband Edward, daughter Monica Dumyahn, sister Mary Elenora Cooper of Texas and brother Paul Ozier of Lovington.

The family of Bessie McElroy is being served by Moran & Goebel Funeral Home and Cremation Services. 2801 N. Monroe Street, Decatur, Illinois. Online condolences and memories may be shared with the family at www.moranandgoebel.com.



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CC

Carolyn Casteel posted:

Our families go back many years when the McElroy's were our neighbors in Lovington. So many happy memories, adventures and jokes with Eddie, Aileen and the kids. My thoughts and prayers are with all the family. May the happy memories sustain you through this difficult time. Carolyn Casteel

November 21 at 4:55 PM

CC

Carolyn Casteel posted:

Lit a candle in memory of Bessie Aileen McElroy

November 21 at 4:49 PM

DW

David Wilhelm posted:

Thinking of everyone after just receiving the news. Your mom was a wonderful woman and is such a fond memory for me of my years growing up in Decatur and spending countless hours at 4 North Drive. I never will forget her letting us use her flour to mark the baselines in the backyard and keeping stats for all our "big" Wiffle ball games. Seems like those long summer days were only yesterday. You all are in our thoughts! David, Nancy, Ryan and Anna Wilhelm

November 19 at 6:00 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Bessie by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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