



Elizabeth Anne "Betty" McElroy

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Elizabeth Anne "Betty" McElroy, 81, of Decatur, died Saturday, December 31, 2011 in Decatur Memorial Hospital.

Betty was born to Hugh Clark and Ida Hilary Cox Kleckner January 18, 1930 in Aurora, IL. She married Richard Dick McElroy March 31, 1951 in Aurora. The family moved to Decatur, IL in 1957 and became members of St. Patrick Catholic Church. Betty worked as a sales associate for many years retiring in 1989.

Survivors include three sons: Michael T. Lynn McElroy, Patrick T. Barbara McElroy, Timothy P. Leslie McElroy of Decatur; two daughters: Ellen M. McElroy-Kenworth of Springfield and Anne E. McElroy of Decatur; grandchildren: Hilary and Colin Runion, Byrnes Kenworth, Conor and Brennan McElroy, Matthew McElroy, Dixie McElroy, and Colleen and Hayden Athey; sisters-in-law: Shirley Kleckner of Aurora and Sally Tom Cocks of Tomahawk, WI; several nieces, nephews and cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; two brothers: H. Malburn Dorothy of Sequesta, FL and Bill Kleckner of Aurora.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 11 a.m. Thursday, January 5, 2012, in St. Patrick Catholic Church, Rev. John Burnette celebrant. Visitation will be Wednesday, January 4, 2012 from 4 to 7 pm in the Moran & Goebel Funeral Home. Burial will take place in Boiling Springs Cemetery. Memorials may be made to St. Patrick School or St. Teresa High School Education Department.

Special thanks to Dr. K. Scribner, Angie Clark and Liz Shultz.



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DA

Debbie Aldridge posted:

I met Betty when I worked with her at the Ginny Lee. I learned to love her immediately. She found the good in everyone and never met a stranger. My granddaughter Megan Rose was born while I worked there naturally she became close to Betty. I have pictures of her and Betty on the staircase, they mean so much to me. And of course she fought a snowstorm to be a Megs first Birthday party. She was a Special Lady. I remember how happy she was the day her kids surprised her and her husband with the anniversary party. She did so much for others. I will always remember her welcoming smile and be grateful I knew her.

February 15 at 12:59 PM

BS

Bob Strong posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with the McElroy family in their time of need. Bob and Doris Johnston, IA US

January 20 at 7:00 PM

SR

Sally Rex posted:

Betty was my favorite person in the whole world. I loved the way she made fun of herself even when she was suffering. Geriatric was her favorite word. I first met her when she came into my lighting shop in 1996. She had a little lamp that needed a new socket. When she came to pick it up I asked her if it was the only lamp she had in her home and she asked me why I would say that. My reply was it had such a long cord, approximately 30 foot, that I thought she might carry it room to room. She couldn't stop laughing and told me Dick had put the cord on. That was the beginning of our friendship. Decatur, IL US

January 5 at 7:00 PM

KK

Ken Kleckner posted:

Uncle Dick and Virg the party is over. Betty is arriving soon to set you two straight. Seriously, Betty was a saint. She had to be because all of the things you put her through. She'll be greatly missed. Welcome to the orphans club. Ken Kleckner Minneapolis, MN US

January 4 at 7:00 PM



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MH

Mark Haskell posted:

so sorry for your loss mothers are such great people my thoughts are with you all decatur, IL US

January 4 at 7:00 PM

PV

Pat & Mary Lou Vaughan posted:

We were saddened to hear of your mother's passing, Please accept our sincere condolences. We will keep her and the family in our prayers. Decatur, IL US

January 3 at 7:00 PM

MB

Mrs. Peggy Bell posted:

My sincerest condolences for your loss, your mother was a lovely lady. Decatur, IL US

January 3 at 7:00 PM

CR

Cathy Rees posted:

Your family is in our thoughts and prayers. Dan & Cathy Rees Lincoln, NE US

January 3 at 7:00 PM

MB

Mary Garfield Busch posted:

Dear McElroys...I was so sad to learn of Betty's passing and I have to share with you how much she meant to me. She always made me laugh, she always made me smile and it was always fun to see her!! It was my privilege to take care of her on many occasions at the doctor's office and hospital and I always loved that she was as excited to see me as I was her...she was a class act and will be missed by so many. She was especially comforting after my husband Jeff died. I send thoughts, prayers and hugs to all of you and may she rest in peace forever as she deserves...love, Mary and family Decatur, IL US

January 3 at 7:00 PM



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KK

Kathleen Tangney Kunzeman posted:

My love and sympathy to all of the McElroy family. I hold very special memories of dear Betty. I know she and Dick are probably sitting at a table with my mom and dad talking old meomories and laughing. Take care and know that you all have our love and prayers. Hugs K.K. Windsor, IL US

January 2 at 7:00 PM

BS

Bob Shiel posted:

My condolences to Mike, Pat, Tim, Ellen, & Ann. Betty was one classy and great lady in the Decatur community. What a bunch of characters she & Dick raised. What characters she & Dick were. I fondly remember 120 N. Dennis like it was yesterday. Countless school & sports memories with Tim & Pat. Winery memories with every member of the McElroy family. Betty was quite amused in church by my dad in his senior years sitting at several locations in St. Pat's throughout the course of the mass. I remember the Christmas Eve mass when Betty needed medical attention & Mike Daly was the first to attend to her. I remember working at K's Merchandise Mart in Sporting Goods at the same time Betty worked there. I am certain that both Betty & Dick are proud of their kids. Decatur is a better place because of the McElroy family. Betty loved the friends of her kids, & she loved me. I will be sending up prayers for all McElroys Wednesday and Thursday this week. God bless the soul of Betty McElroy ! Chicago, IL US

January 2 at 7:00 PM

BW

Bill Whitley posted:

Pat, We're so sorry to hear of Betty's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Bill & Tracey Whitley Omaha, NE US

January 2 at 7:00 PM

JL

James And Nanci Lemaster posted:

We are deeply sorry for your loss. Our thoughts are with your family. Decatur, IL US

January 2 at 7:00 PM

DS

Don Stolz posted:

Sorry for your loss. As parents, we hope that our children are strong of character, full of grace, and show goodwill to all. Your parents would be very proud. decatur, IL US

January 2 at 7:00 PM



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ER

Ed And Karen Root posted:

We were so sorry to learn of your loss. We are sure that your family strength will see you through this hard time. We will be out of town and unfortunately unable to convey our sentiments in person. We will however keep you in our thoughts and prayers. Decatur, IL US

January 2 at 7:00 PM

SS

Sheila Snyder posted:

Dear McElroy family, I had the pleasure of working with your mom for 8yrs. She was a class act & had a wonderful sense of humor. Can't count the number of times she would have us all cracking up at work! I always remember her running around the store in the morning before opening time with her huge coffee mug looking for her next refill! It was a comforting sound, her bracelets on her wrist jingling against her coffee cup. You knew it was Betty Mac when you heard that sound! I always thought how attractive she was & how nice she always dressed & she talked so much of all of you that, even as an outsider, you felt like you knew the whole family! You could tell how much she loved all of you! Another good one is gone. I am so sorry for your loss. What a great lady! Peru, IL US

January 2 at 7:00 PM

TN

Tim Newman posted:

To the entire McElroy clan-This is never an easy thing to face- the loss of a loved one. Hopefully the pain of the next few days will give way to a peace and reflection of a terrific woman and the great family she was part of. Our thoughts are with you all. Tim, Diane & Alex Newman Lake Forest, IL US

January 2 at 7:00 PM

LS

Lesha Schaive posted:

Anne, I was so very sorry to learn of the passing of your dear mother. I had the pleasure of meeting your mom, on several occasions, and she was a classy lady. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Springfield, IL US

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MP

Marilyn K. Pierceall posted:

2011 will be remembered with sorrow as another good friend has passed. My friend Betty, friend Kathy and I went to lunch every month, always celebrating each one's birthday as the date would come around. She was such a good person and my heart goes out to the family. She is at peace now and can smile once again, love from the Pierceall and Moore families. Decatur, IL US

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DW

David&Jackie Wilhour posted:

To the McElroy Family: Sorry to hear of your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers. May God Bless Decatur, IL US

January 2 at 7:00 PM

KB

Kevin & Carol O'brien posted:

Tim, We are very sorry for your loss, our prayers will be with you and your family. Decatur, IL US

January 2 at 7:00 PM

RL

Roger Lowe posted:

I am saddened to hear about the passing of Mrs. McElroy. I never fail to think of her when I am eating a bowl of chili, as one night over at 120 N. Dennis, she served me a bowl of chili when I was staying over night with Pat. She knew that Rudy Phillips, a running back from MacArthur was my hero, and when I said that I didn't like chili, only because I had never tried it she said, "well, you know that Rudy Phillips has a bowl of chili before every game". After literally hundreds of bowls of chili since, I have Mrs. McElroy to thank for conning me into loving this food. You all will be in my thoughts. We have truly lost a beauty! Princeton, IL US

January 1 at 7:00 PM

KR

Kathy & Ken Rakowski posted:

We will always remember Betty for her sharp sense of humor. She always made everyone smile and laugh, and we imagine she is cracking them up in Heaven! Our thoughts and prayers are with Betty's family. Our Love, Kathy & Ken Rakowski Lake Forest, IL US

January 1 at 7:00 PM



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JE

Jeaninekennedymccoy posted:

Laughing with Mom and your Dad in Heaven!! hope your memories will always make you smile.
St.Charles, MO US

January 1 at 7:00 PM

CC

Carol And Tom Condon posted:

Sending our love and sympathy to you all. May God Bless and keep you during this sad time. – Tom, Carol and Tommy Glendive, MT US

January 1 at 7:00 PM

JS

Jeanine Mullen Smith posted:

From the age of 10, I grew up living next door to the McElroy's. For 25 years our families "neighbored". Betty fondly called my Dad "Dino" Dean. On hot summer nights Betty would come sit on our front porch in the dark and we'd all laugh and tell stories- Betty laughing and slapping her knee at my Dad's jokes. She'd load up the old car with her 5 kids and my sis and me and take us to the Surf Club to swim. She'd laugh one minute, and swat the air in the back seat as she tried to get us to settle down. Betty worked very hard her whole life; both in the home and in retail and she took pride in her family. My mother Sherdell Mullenwho now lives in Arkansas says she has lost one of her best friends. They confided in each other, shared child rearing stories, borrowed cups of sugar and shared glasses of iced tea for many years. Mom also sends her condolences. My heart goes out to Mike, Pat, Tim, Ellen and Anne and their families. Many people of Decatur knew Betty and will miss her and her laughter. Many have Betty stories and her memory will last in our hearts forever. Love to you all. Allen, TX

January 1 at 7:00 PM

MP

Maura Potter posted:

I keeping all of you in my thoughts and prayers. Love you all. Maura Rockledge, FL US

December 31 at 7:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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