



Erma M. McGee

October 24, 1937 - August 23, 2015

Erma May McGee, age 77, of Albia, formerly of Melrose, passed away August 23rd, 2015 at Mercy Hospice in Johnston.

Erma was born October 24th, 1937 to Harry and Alice (Barker) Thompson in Hiteman. She grew up and attended school in Hiteman and later graduated from the Albia High School, Class of 1955. On November 9th, 1957 Erma married John A. McGee at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Melrose. They shared 40 years of marriage before John's passing on October 16th, 1998.

Erma worked as a medical receptionist for Dr. Bates and Dr. Adler for many years. She was a lifelong member of the St. Patrick's Parish in Melrose, and in her later years, she attended St. Mary's Parish Albia. She was a founding member of the Green Hat Society. She enjoyed traveling and spending time with her family and friends, especially her grandchildren.

She is survived by her children, Joe McGee of Des Moines, Steve McGee of West Des Moines, Mark McGee of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, Bill McGee of Van Meter, and Debbie (Tom) Salato of Knoxville, grandchildren, Katelyn McGee of Des Moines, and Tony and Jordan Salato of Knoxville. Erma is also survived by many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Erma was preceded in death by her husband, John A.; her parents, Harry and

Alice; a brother, Don Barker; and a sister, June Kosmach.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, August 26th, 2015, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Melrose, with Father Jacob Greiner officiating. A luncheon will follow along with a private family burial at Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Melrose.

Visitation will be held from 2:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 25th, 2015 at the St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Melrose with Erma's family present from 3-8 p.m. A rosary will be held at 6:00 p.m.

A memorial has been established to the Mount Calvary Cemetery Improvement Fund.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.tharpfh.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Erma M. McGee*

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



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Tim Ryan - Chicago, IL - August 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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CI

“ Debbie,
So sorry to hear of your Mother's passing - such a great lady! Am sure you have so many wonderful memories. Thoughts and prayers for all of you.

Colette Kenworthy Mason - Ottumwa, IA - August 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ Joe,
My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family! Keep all those precious memories close to your heart!
Kathy Lientz

Kathy Lientz - Austin , MN - August 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ I'm sorry to hear about your Mother Erma M, Passing. You have my deepest sympathy.

Jermaine E McGregor - DES MOINES, IA - friend of Joe McGee - August 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ *My condolences to Erma's Family. She was a special Lady. I always enjoyed seeing her at our Class Reunions. May she Rest In Peace.*

Bernard A. Judge - California City, CA - Class Mate - August 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ *Very sorry to learn of Erma's death. She was classmate, friend, vibrant personality; will be missed by all who knew her. Sarah Hindman*

Sarah Hindman - Albia, IA - Classmate, friend - August 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ *Thinking of all the McGee families! Your mom was the best!*

Kit Crane - August 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *My prayers are with your family. Much love, Joann Gergely*

Joann Gergely - Ottumwa , IA - Friend & cousin - August 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ *Erma was always the life of the party & hardest working volunteer! I loved seeing and talking to her at the DM St Patty's parade. She was so welcoming when I stayed for days at the McGee house during the summer. She will be missed. xoxo Love Cindi*

Cindi Donaghy-Trevillyan - West Des Moines, IA - friend - August 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

WF

“ You've been such a good friend over the years. Seems like I followed you everywhere you went. And lastly you were in Assisted Living along with me. Enjoyed talking with you so much. I know you had a lot of health problems, but you really took them all in stride. I was so happy you could be back here after having hip surgery in DM. You were really a very strong person. Love you.

Wilma templer

Wilma Templer - Albia, IA - a good friend - August 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Our sympathy to all the McGee family in the loss of your wonderful Mother. She was truly a gem.

Tom & Patty Hannam

Tom & Patty Hannam - Albia, IA - Friend - August 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TI

“ Was sorry to hear of Erma's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.

Teresa (Scieszinski) Kostelecky - Ankeny, IA - August 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ We are so sorry for the loss of your Mother...Erma..she was a wonderful person and will be missed by many..Prayers and condolences

Marti Hawkins - Cedar Rapids, IA - friend - August 24, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ So sorry for your loss. I will be thinking of you guys. It was a blessing being able to know her. We always had a good laugh with each other.

Libby b - Homestead - August 24, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ So sorry to hear Emma has left us. It was a pleasure knowing her Mark. I'm sorry for your loss.

Ceil Kerstetter - East Stroudsburg, PA - friend - August 24, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DI

“ Mothers are a wonderful treasure in our lives. Erma was such a treasure to all she met. May the family find comfort in her wonderful zany memories. Our love and prayers are with you.

In His Care, Duane and Gina Stewart

Duane and Gina Stewart - Runnells, IA - August 24, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ We will miss Erma's visits to Fort Lauderdale, Fl. We will never forget her help in our one and only yard sale and the fun conversations by the pool. Erma had a sunny and engaging personality. She left many good memories and we feel blessed for having the opportunity to know her.

We hope for Erma's family to find peace in knowing her suffering has ended. With deep condolences and sympathy!!

Susan Lundeen & Eun Jung Kang - Fort Lauderdale, FL - Friend - August 24, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *Debbie - I'm so sorry to learn of Erma's passing. Someone else described her as sunny and I think that is very fitting. Sunny, lively, cheerful, she was all of these and more. It's rare the person who can leave a room and the people left in that room are either laughing or smiling, but that was Erma. May you find comfort in your memories and peace knowing she is back with Johnny. Hugs to you my friend!*

Jane Scieszinski - Windsor Heights, IA - friend - August 24, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ *Prayers for a wonderful lady and her neat family. Blessings to all of you.
Chuck and Margaret Mordan*

Charles & Margaret Mordan - Albia, IA - friend - August 24, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ *Just received notice of Erma's passing from a Classmate of Mine in Albia. Thoughts and Prayers are with the Family. A wonderful lady and May God Speed and Bless her Soul on her Continued Journey. May she rest in Peace.*

Andy Simmons - Fulton, IL - Friend - August 24, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *We were so sorry to read of Erma's death. You have our deepest sympathy. We will keep the family in our prayers.*

John & Darlene Hannam O'Brien - Decatur, IL - Friend - August 24, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *Our deepest sympathies to the McGee family. Hold onto all the great memories that I know she gave you.*

Mike & Bobbi Molloy - Des Moines, IA - Family Friends - August 24, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ *Sorry about your mom she was a cool Erma definitely enjoyed life*

Paula and John Nordstrom - Indianapolis, IN - Friend - August 24, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ *So sorry to hear of this. Erma was the light in every room she entered. She will be dearly missed. Hold on to the many memories, she was a special lady, She is pain free and dancing with our other angels. Hugs and Prayers to everyone as I don't think I will be able to attend. Love ya all, Jodie*

Jodie (Bos) Cross - Fremont, NE - Niece - August 24, 2015 at 12:00 AM