



Eunice Arlene McCoy

April 8, 1928 - December 23, 2011

Eunice Arlene McCoy, age 83 of Ottumwa formerly of Albia, passed away Friday, December 23, 2011 at Sunrise Terrace Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Winfield, Iowa.

Arlene was born Easter Sunday, April 8, 1928 to Ernest Elester and Hattie Elzoria (Pilcher) Long in Ottumwa, IA. She married Louie William McCoy on November 1, 1953. After sharing 57 years together, he preceded her in death on December 8, 2010.

Arlene worked three years at Iowa-Pacific Butter & Egg Co., and 30 years at John Deere Ottumwa Works, retiring as Senior Buyer.

Arlene enjoyed cooking, family gatherings, reading, and her pets.

Arlene is survived by a sister, Nancy Eileen Buffington of Winfield, IA; and many loving nieces, nephews, and friends.

Arlene is preceded in death by her husband, parents, three brothers, George Elester, Ernest Rex, and Donald David Long; two sisters, Betty Elzoria Gharrett, and Marilyn Marie Jacks.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 A.M. Wednesday December 28, 2011 at

the Tharp-Winfield Funeral Home with Rev. Lois Williams officiating. Burial will follow services at Pleasant Corners Cemetery in rural Albia.

Visitation will be held from 9:30 A.M., until time of services on Wednesday December 28, 2011 at the Tharp-Winfield Funeral Home, with Arlene's family present.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to Heartland Humane Society, P.O. Box 1149, Ottumwa, IA 52501 or to Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1901 West 2nd St., Ottumwa, IA 52501.

Tribute Wall



“ *Eunice Arlene McCoy*

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



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“ *She was like a Grandma to me and my siblings. I Miss picking cherries out of the cherry tree and fishing in their ponds. She always had sweets for us kids.*

Brian McClurg - Groves, TX - January 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *We knew Arlene through my mother, Blanche Rowley. Arlene was such a sweet and kind person-she will certainly be missed by all of those who knew her. May God bless and be with Arlene and her family and friends on her final journey.*

Lou Ellen (Rowley) Swinney - Del Rio, TX - Friend - December 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Arlene was an Aunt to so many, whether by blood or not. She was an amazing neighbor to have for many years! She will be greatly missed, and I promise my children are happy because of myself knowing Arlene as she and I always hung out in the kitchen, and that's how I learned how to cook all those years ago. May there be comfort with the family.*

Latisha Clouse - Albia, IA - Old neighbor - December 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Family,

So many fond memories flood through my mind. Arlene and Louie were part of my life from the day I was born. They were part of our extended family with Daddy(Cookie) and Louie having been friends since early childhood. They were more like an aunt and uncle than neighbors or friends, which they also were. Your loss is also our loss and I can only tell you that Arlene will be greatly missed; since words cannot express the rest of the feelings I am having at this time.

May God in His Grace console you and keep you very close at this time of grief and sorrow. And, may you seek His love and His Commitment so you can rejoin both Arlene and Louie in heaven.

Linda (Cook) Spears - Hedrick, IA - Close Friend - December 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Arlene has always had a way of making each and every person feel so very special and important. She was kind and generous, with a wonderfully wicked sense of humor. She took in every stray that came around and made sure there was food out, even when she didn't feel like making the effort. She didn't have children, but she sure did a lot of mothering to all of us nieces, nephews, and friends. Their house was always a bustle of activity, with friends coming and going all the time. Arlene was known for her baking, and when she gave that up a year ago, we knew her zest for life was waning. When the doctors at the hospital asked her about heart problems, she replied, "It broke a year ago when my husband died". So now they are together again, and her heart is no longer broken. But ours are.*

Rhonda Connop - Winfield, IA - Niece - December 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM