



Helen Laughlin McNamara

March 7, 1923 - March 14, 2015

McNamara, Helen "Sancy"

Helen "Sancy" McNamara passed away March 14, 2015. Sancy was born on March 7, 1923 to Roy and Helen Laughlin of Elwood, Indiana. She was a member of St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church. In her early years she was an avid golfer who spent weekends on the course with her family and friends. She also loved playing bridge which she did up until her death. She could often be found running the gift shop at Mercy Hospital serving as a Pink Lady. Sancy was dedicated to her family and spent many hours volunteering in classrooms at St Margaret Mary and on the PTA at Bishop Moore. She also loved attending the sporting events for her sons throughout their high school years. As her children grew into adulthood and started families of their own, Sancy looked forward to the family gatherings where she was surrounded by those she loved most. One of her favorite family events was the annual beach reunion. Watching her family grow from year to year was what kept her young. In her seventies and eighties, she spent much of her time as a volunteer in her daughter's kindergarten classroom at Good Shepherd Catholic School. To hundreds of children who passed through those halls, she was affectionately known as "Grama Mac".

She had mastered technology, and used her iPad and Social Media sites such as Face Book, to stay connected with her children, nieces and nephews, grand children, and even a few great grand children. She was a fierce competitor on Words With Friends. She also led her team in Jeopardy and

often collected the winnings at Chambrel/Brookdale's Bingo!

Next to her family, her greatest loves were Notre Dame, NASCAR, and most recently, Duck Dynasty! If any of these three were airing on the TV, chances are Sancy could be found tuning in.

Sancy is preceded in death by her husband Joseph and daughter-in-law Susan, sister Mary L. McNamara and brothers, Roy and Dick Laughlin.

She is survived by her sisters, Martha Heidrich, Patsy Banks, Dorothy Meagher, and brothers Ted and Don Laughlin. She is also survived by her nine children, Mike McNamara, Pat McNamara (Bev), Danny McNamara, Maury McNamara (Bev), Kevin McNamara (Nancy), Theresa Hall (Jeff), Ted McNamara (Marie), Margie Brannon (Tracy), and Ellen Fahey (Tim). She will be missed dearly by her 34 grandchildren and 52 great grandchildren. A wake service will be held on Wednesday, March 18th from 6-8 p.m. at St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church in Winter Park. The Funeral Mass will be held at St. Margaret Mary on Thursday, March 19th at 9:30 a.m. A reception will follow in the Parish Center.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Good Shepherd Catholic School Foundation, 5902 Oleander Dr, Orlando, FL 32807

If you are unable to attend the services, you can still unite with Sancy's family, Please see below:

PRAYER VIGIL:

Real time viewing beginning 6:25pm (5 minutes before the Prayer Vigil begins):

<http://www.stmargaretmary.org/livestream/event/HelenMcNamaraPrayerVigil.html>

Delayed viewing until 11:00 pm Wednesday:

<http://www.stmargaretmary.org/livestream/event/HelenMcNamaraPrayerVigilar>

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MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL:

Real time viewing beginning 9:25am (5 minutes before the Mass begins):

<http://www.stmargaretmary.org/livestream/event/HelenMcNamaraMassofChristianBurial.html>

Delayed viewing until 11:00 pm Thursday:

<http://www.stmargaretmary.org/livestream/event/HelenMcNamaraMassofChristianBurialarch.html>

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAR 19. 1:30 PM (ET)

Woodlawn Memorial Park
400 Woodlawn Cemetery Road
Gotha, FL 34734

Tribute Wall

KM

“ Was sad to hear of the passing of Aunt Sancy. I enjoyed my games of Word with Friends with her. See was very good at it! Sorry I was unable to make the services. My thoughts and prayers...
Kevin Meagher

Kevin Meagher - March 19, 2015 at 02:08 PM

PB

“ To all my Joe Mc cousins ~ I am so sad to hear of Aunt Sancy's passing, but I'm sure she and all the Mc's (and Laughlins) who have gone before her are celebrating their reunion! I never got to know your mother very well, but I know she had to another beautiful, loving McNamara bride and mother. We have all been so blessed to experience that. Thank you to the parish (and to all of you) for sharing the beautiful service via live-stream. I "attended" and was honored to have had the privilege. My prayers go out to all of you at this time.

Love you all~
Peg (Jim McNamara) Brantman

Peg Brantman - March 19, 2015 at 09:53 AM

JB

“ Dear Family, Our thoughts and prayer's are with you this week. Wish we could be there. It seems strange that the oldest of the 74 grandchildren is gone. What a wonderful roll model for the rest of us.

There will be a Mass for Sancy at S.S. Peter and Paul Cathedral here in Indianapolis from Frank and Carol (Biltz) Krack, Emily Krack, and Joe Biltz.

Our love to all of you.

Joe Biltz - March 18, 2015 at 07:50 PM



“ Simply Lily was purchased for the family of Helen Laughlin McNamara.



March 17, 2015 at 10:41 PM

TH

“ Mother taught me so much! She taught me how to sew and needlepoint. She exposed me to art, music, and theater. She dedicated herself totally to the raising of her children so that we could and would succeed in life. For these reasons and more I will cherish our memories.

For the past several years I called her on Tuesday nights for our weekly update. It was our link that helped us stay connected. This is the first Tuesday I won't be dialing her number. I miss that.....I miss her.

Theresa Hall - March 17, 2015 at 08:22 PM

EJ

“ *Sending all our love to celebrate the life and legacy of your Mom. All of our prayers: Diane and Bill Treat, Carol and Don Kinney, Eileen Jordan and Ken Treat.*

Eileen Jordan - March 17, 2015 at 01:17 PM

YF

“ *Your Family purchased the Simply Lily for the family of Helen Laughlin McNamara.*



Your Family - March 17, 2015 at 01:15 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Todd DeGusipe - March 17, 2015 at 11:22 AM