



## Dolores M. McCarthy

September 2, 1930 - March 8, 2024

Dolores “Dee” M. McCarthy, a longtime resident of Livonia, went to be with the Lord on March 8, 2024, at the age of 93. She passed away at home, as she wished with her sons, by her side.

She was born on September 2, 1930, in Iron Mountain, MI, the daughter of the late Dominic Ruffatto and the late Margherita “Rita” (Benso) Ruffatto. Dolores attended the Iron Mountain Schools, graduating with the Class of 1948. She was a majorette with the marching band and often shared memories about old classmates and the wonderful times they all had together. Always a Mountaineer, her yearbook was always on her bed or dresser, filled with notes, clippings and bits of information about old classmates.

Following graduation, she worked at WMIQ, then at Michigan Bell as a switchboard operator. During that time, she was able to do some traveling with her girlfriends and spoke of their adventures to Colorado and to Dearborn to visit her older brothers who were working with the auto companies.

Dolores married William “Mac” McCarthy on May 25, 1956. Mac was with the Michigan State Police, so they moved around the State to Traverse City, Ithaca, Iron River and finally to Livonia. Once settled in Livonia, she made many lifelong friends and in addition to being a mostly stay at home mom, she worked part time as a Franklin High School Lunchroom Monitor and was the

neighborhood Avon lady. She was a longtime member of the Hawthorne Swingers Golf League from 1972 until they disbanded the League 30 plus years later. She was also a member of the Devonaires and Merri Mergers Bowling Teams.

After retirement she and Mac became snowbirds, wintering in Naples, Florida where she stayed active in Condo Association Events and the Red Hats Club.

She and Mac celebrated 54 years together before his passing in January 2010. In her later years she relished time with her granddaughters, relaxing with crossword puzzles and sitting on her front porch in the evenings, visiting with neighbors or friends and handing out treats to the little ones and any dogs being walked. Grandma Dee was known by the neighbor kids and she loved it.

Dolores is survived by her sons, Mike McCarthy, and Jon (Teresa) McCarthy; grandchildren, Sarah Jensen, Sydnie McCarthy, Megan (James) Rosati, and Dan (Jane) DeJaeger; her sister, Lucille (Henry) Bartolameolli; a brother-in-law, Thomas (Charlene) McCarthy; William's son and daughters, Francis (Marianne) McCarthy, Mary McCarthy Bray, the late Holly (Tony) Biolo and their children: Matt (April) McCarthy, Erin (Scott) Hoffman, Rae Anne (Kevin) Seat, Taylor McCarthy-Teasley, Tony (Jodi) Mortier, Reed Mortier, and Shainna (Matt) Szwet. She's also survived by many nieces, nephews and great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, Dolores was also preceded in death by her daughter, Lynn Marie; her brothers, Nick, Dominic and Joseph Ruffatto; and sisters, Anne Spigarelli, Eva St. Arnauld and Adeline Ruffatto.

The family will receive visitors at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home, 901 Carpenter Avenue on Thursday, March 21, 2024, from 2:00 PM to 6:00

PM. The Funeral Mass will be held the following morning, Friday, March 22, 2024 at 11:00 AM at Immaculate Conception Church, 500 Blaine Street, Iron Mountain, MI 49801 with Fr. Mike Chenier officiating. Burial will be at Iron Mountain Cemetery Park.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Dolores M. McCarthy online at [www.ernashfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com)

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain with the arrangements

# Cemetery Details

## Cemetery Park

101 Cedar Ave.  
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 21. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home  
901 Carpenter Ave.  
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

## Mass of Christian Burial

MAR 22. 11:00 AM (CT)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church  
500 Blaine St.  
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

# Tribute Wall



“ Love, your Cal-Tex Family purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Dolores M. McCarthy.



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**Love, your Cal-Tex Family** - March 20, 2024 at 11:23 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Dolores M. McCarthy.



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March 20, 2024 at 10:06 AM



“ Our sincere condolences to the family of Dee McCarthy. She and Mac were our friends and neighbors in Iron River. Al and Gerry Silfven

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**Albert Silfven** - March 17, 2024 at 01:07 PM