



## Mary Rosary Mooney

October 24, 1928 - July 2, 2017

Mary Rosary (McSwiney) Mooney, of Iron Mountain, died Sunday, July 2, 2017 at her home.

She was born October 24, 1928, in Barrakilla, Rostellan, County Cork, Ireland, the daughter of the late Cornelius and Ellen (Redmond) McSwiney.

Mary grew up on the family farm in Whitewell, Ireland. In Ireland she worked at the local butcher shop and as a bookkeeper. She was most passionate about her studies and work with the Nuns of Drogheda County Louth Medical Missionaries. She also played Camogie (women's hurling) she was known to be fearless in the game. She came to the United States in 1962, arriving in Boston, to work as an au pair. At her sister-in-law's (Eileen Mooney) request she came to Michigan, eventually settling and raising her family in Hardwood. She married Russell B. Mooney in August of 1964.

Mary greatly enjoyed reading, writing, and reciting poetry from memory. She published two books; *Irish Spirits*, and *Roaming in the Gloaming and a Few Fairy Tales*. She enjoyed traveling, moving back and forth between Michigan and Ireland many times. Keeping up on world politics, participating in rallies, and voting with her family were very important to her.

She is survived by her two children, Mike (Karen) Mooney of Iron Mountain, and Maureen Mooney of LaCrosse, WI, two brothers; Bryan "Bobby"

McSwiney of Whitewell, Rostellan and Cornelius (Ellen) McSwiney of Midleton, two granddaughters; Stefanie and Maggie Mooney, sister-in-law, Eileen Mooney. She also leaves behind many nieces and nephews, and dear friends in both Ireland and Michigan.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents, husband Russell, and infant daughter Kathleen.

Ireland, Mother, Ireland

What so 'ere befall

Ever shall I hold you

Dearest best of all

At her request, there will be no services.

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home with arrangements. Condolences to the family can be expressed at [www.ernashfunerlhomes.com](http://www.ernashfunerlhomes.com).

# Tribute Wall

PF

“ So very often Mary would be sitting outside of Hultz Manor visiting with residents and welcoming incoming folks. It was always such a pleasure to spend time with her and have her lovely Irish brogue dance about my ears. Being an Irish lass myself, I am blessed to have made her acquaintance and look forward to getting to know her better in our next life. With much fondness and prayers, Patti Fitzgibbon-Belongie

Patti Fitzgibbon-Belongie - July 08, 2017 at 07:11 PM

MM

“ Miss you, Mom. You were a spitfire and a rebel at heart. Irish to the last.

Maureen Mooney - July 08, 2017 at 06:05 PM

DT

Your mom was a great person and neighbor, I have a lot of great childhood memories hanging out with you and Mike in Hardwood. It was a honor to know her. She will be missed, but not forgotten.

Dale T - July 11, 2017 at 06:17 AM

LG

So sorry for your loss Maureen.

Laurie Gardipee - July 12, 2017 at 03:08 PM

MM

Thank you Dale and Laurie for your kind words. Dale, we really did have some wonderful times out in Hardwood. We loved having you guys as neighbors. My mom will be missed by a lot of people. She still has a handful of childhood friends in Ireland that she was very close to.

Maureen Mooney - July 15, 2017 at 05:30 AM