



Nancy Catherine McKeown

August 8, 1930 - October 14, 2014

Nancy Catherine Downing McKeown entered peacefully into rest on October 14, 2014, after a courageous battle, surrounded by her loved ones. Loving wife of James E McKeown, they celebrated sixty years of wedded bliss this past August 14th. She was the daughter of the late John Maurice and Nellie Reilly Downing of County Kerry Ireland. Also predeceased by her sisters Eleanor Downing, Mary V. Maloney and two infant brothers. She was loved and adored by her children, James E. (Anne) McKeown of Milford, CT, Maura Erin McKeown of Hamden, CT, John Downing McKeown of Tampa, FL and Nadeen Ellen McKeown of West Haven, CT, Her beautiful granddaughters; Brennan Ellie of Manhattan, NY and Tiernan Emma McKeown of Milford, CT, loving sister and friend Joan Connor of West Haven, CT, loving sister-in-law Mary Savoie of Westbrook, CT and many kind and caring nieces and nephews. A talented artist and painter, she attended Paier School of Art and classes at Wesleyan. She took her artistic talents to interior decorating and creative projects with her children and granddaughters. Nancy volunteered at Gaylord Hospital and the Girl Scouts in earlier years. She had been employed at the former CT. Savings Bank in Human Resources. After retiring in 1987, Nancy opened the Creamery at Savin Rock, West Haven, along with her husband and daughter Nadeen, which she ran for ten years. Nancy lived with her family in Northford for 42 years and was blessed with a wonderfully lively group of true friends. She and Jim later moved to West Walk, West Haven where Nancy was a long time member of the West Haven Irish American Club

and a parishioner of St. John Vianney Church. Many thanks to the West Walk family of friends for their visits and support. Nancy's family would also like to thank all the caregivers at Apple Rehab of West Haven, CT. and Vitas Hospice for the gentle and loving care she received. Memorial contributions can be made to the McKeown Scholarship Fund at Notre Dame High School in West Haven, CT. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Wednesday October 29, 2014 at 11:00am at ST. John Vianney Church West Haven, CT. Interment will be in All Saints Cemetery, North Haven, CT. Arrangements are with Sisk Brothers Funeral Home, 3105 Whitney Ave., Hamden. www.siskbrothers.com

Cemetery Details

All Saints Cemetery

700 Middletown Ave.
North Haven, CT

Tribute Wall

CL

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



Claire - November 01, 2015 at 04:53 PM

CL

“ *It is with great sadness that I have just learned the news of the death of Mrs. McKeown. My mother, Myrtle Downing Breithaupt and Nancy were cousins and had known each other for many years. Just in the last few days I have been looking through some of my mother's papers for information about my grandfather, Patrick Downing. I found several pictures that I believe are of your beloved mother Nancy and her sister Joan. I have attached one of them to Mrs. McKeown's memorial page. Although we have never met, please know I am sincerely sorry for your loss. My mother passed away in 2008 and I can assure you the Downings are all meeting up in heaven to once again talk of old times. From your cousin, Claire Breithaupt-Bennett, Alexandria, VA*

Claire - November 01, 2015 at 04:51 PM

CB

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Claire Bennett - November 01, 2015 at 04:46 PM

MB

“ On behalf of Girl Scouts of Connecticut, we offer our condolences for the passing of your loved one, who was a sister in Girl Scouting. Her dedication to girls was remarkable and respected by all. We offer you our sincerest thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Mary Barneby, CEO
Girl Scouts of Connecticut

Mary Barneby - November 11, 2014 at 01:01 PM

CD

“ Nadeen and family - I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your Mom...I hope all your wonderful memories of her will help you through this difficult time...

Cheryl Dziurgot - November 02, 2014 at 04:08 AM

CM

“ To Nadeen and the McKeown family , Nadeen I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your mother . I am so sorry to have to contact you on this sorrowful time since we have not seen each other in years . Not since the Temple Surgical days ,when our hearts were young and filled with such carefree times and when we thought that we were invincible to all heartaches and the reality this world can bring . My heartfelt sympathy to you and your family at such a difficult time . God Bless , Always , Cliff Mascia

cliff mascia - October 31, 2014 at 11:26 AM

FC

“ Maura and Nadeen, my deepest sympathies to you and yours. I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers.

Fred Cotter - October 28, 2014 at 11:09 PM

MG

“ Nadeen & family--- so very sorry for your loss,
this poem gave me comfort during my losses
hope it does the same for you --- Love
MaryAnn Gambardella Warner



*When tomorrow starts without me, and I'm not
there to see,
If the sun should rise and find your eyes all filled with tears for me;
I wish so much you wouldn't cry the way you did today,
while thinking of the many things we didn't get to say.
I know how much you care for me, and how much I care for you,
and each time that you think of me I know you'll miss me too;*

*But when tomorrow starts without me, please try to understand,
that an angel came and called my name and took me by the hand,
and said my place was ready in heaven far above,
and that I'd have to leave behind all those I dearly love.*

*But as I turned to walk away, a tear fell from my eye,
for all life, I'd always thought I didn't want to die.
I had so much to live for and so much yet to do.
it seemed almost impossible that I was leaving you.
I thought of all the love we shared and all the fun we had.
If I could relive yesterday, I thought, just for a while,
I'd say goodbye and hug you and maybe see you smile.*

*But then I fully realised that this could never be,
for emptiness and memories would take the place of me.
And when I thought of worldly things that I'd miss come tomorrow.
I thought of you, and when I did, my heart was filled with sorrow.*

*But when I walked through Heaven's gates, I felt so much at home.
When God looked down and smiled at me, from His great golden
throne,
He said, "This is eternity and all I've promised you,
Today your life on earth is past but here it's starts anew.*

*I promise no tomorrow, but today will always last.
and since each day's the same, there's no longing for the past.*

*But you have been so faithful, so trusting, so true.
Though there were times you did some things you knew you
shouldn't do.
And you have been forgiven and now at last you're free.
So won't you come and take my hand and share my life with me?"*

*So when tomorrow starts without me, don't think we're far apart,
for every time you think of me, please know I'm in your heart.*

maryann gambardella - October 28, 2014 at 08:37 AM

GM

“ *To the McKeown Family:
I was deeply sadden to hear of the death of your beloved wife &
mother. Nancy will be an angel shining her light & love on all of you.
You all are in my thoughts & prayers. I pray that God will give you
the strength you need to make it through each passing day.
Love, Grace Zichichi Marriott*

Grace Marriott - October 28, 2014 at 06:44 AM

KG

“ *Pawkutawak Rhode Island..Six or seven years old, My Mom locked
keys in the back of the station wagon..Nancy says...Jim, you need
to go find those keys...I*

Kathleen Gallogly - October 27, 2014 at 09:27 PM

AB

“ *Maura, John and Nadeen,
Many heartfelt thoughts are with all of you this week. I look forward
to seeing you Wednesday to express my sympathy in person and
celebrate your moms life while she was with us.
Xoxoxo
Annie Ballard*

Ann Ballard - October 27, 2014 at 02:31 PM

BE

“ *Maura and Nadeen
Very sorry for your loss.

Brian Enright*

Brian Enright - October 27, 2014 at 12:44 PM

JC

“ *Big Jim and family,
My sympathy on the passing of your wife/mother. Himself has called
one of the good ones home. He must have needed someone like
her to brighten up heaven,
Sincerely,
Jay Cannon*

Jay Cannon - October 27, 2014 at 12:40 PM

BM

“ Our deepest sympathy to the McKeown Family. Many wonderful memories of our times together growing up in Northford. Somehow, I just felt “Irish” when with Jimmy and the family on Alling Court West! Mrs McKeown was a great lady and very kind to me always. May the peace and light of Christ be with her and all of you at this time. Beautiful Irish eyes are smiling in heaven! Love and God Bless!

Berny and Rick Mazzoli - October 27, 2014 at 11:10 AM

KS

“ Maura and Nadeen, I am very sorry for your loss.

Kevin J. Smith

Kevin J. Smith - October 27, 2014 at 10:31 AM

MC

“ Nadeen and the McKeown Family,
My sincerest condolences to you all on the passing of your mom and wife... I can still recall coming to Northford to visit and how welcoming she always was. My you all find comfort in all your memories and continued love for one another.

*In Peace,
Marcy Carlone*

Marcy Carlone - October 27, 2014 at 09:27 AM

FB

“ Dear Jim, Maura and family,
I am so sorry to get this sad news. I am sure the fond memories you all have of her will get you through this difficult time. Be assure we have you all in our thoughts and prayers.
Thinking of you all,
Fred and Susan Bennetto

Fred bennetto - October 27, 2014 at 09:19 AM

MM

“ Dear Nadeen
I am so, so sorry for the loss of your Mother.
Remembering fun times at TakeHeart with your family.
Kind regards to the whole family.
Mary Maloy

mary maloy - October 27, 2014 at 06:59 AM

KC

“ To the McKeown Family:

You were all blessed with a wonderful Mom. I remember sitting at the family table after the Easter Uprising on the New Haven Green. What a sweet women she was. She just sparkled, and Maura and Deene you both sparkle also.
I will keep your Mom in my prayers, she was a wonderful lady, with a great personality.
Love to all of you.
Kathleen Causgrove-Flanagan

Kathleen Causgrove-Flanagan - October 26, 2014 at 02:58 PM

JK

“ *I love you Mom and feel so blessed because I am your son. I do miss you very much but know you're in a much better place and are always by my side. Love you, miss you, and feel you.
Muawh XXOO*

john Mc Keown - October 26, 2014 at 01:12 PM