



## Loretta F. McGuire

April 15, 1938 - October 16, 2022

Loretta F. McGuire

Born April 15, 1938

Entering any room, you'd hear the laughter first. Loretta was "in the house." You would find yourself drawn in, as she regaled story after story of life growing up, eyes brightening as she shared various shenanigans about her children and life events. Everyone who met Loretta found themselves charmed by her beautiful smile, contagious laughter, and feisty spirit; always brightening the hearts of others.

Loretta's story began in Madison Heights, Michigan, born on April 15, 1938. She shared her early life with 5 siblings (John, Herbert, Thelma, Richard and Jim). She survived extremely impoverished beginnings and a challenging childhood. However, her strong spirit carried her through when she met and married her Prince Charming, Thomas J. McGuire, Jr. on April 21, 1956. Loretta and Tom were married 51 years, giving birth to their family of five children (Ann, Linda (Rick), Theresa (Dave), Karen (Mike), Thomas), 8 grandchildren (Krysten, Brandon, Alex, Richard, Ashley, Melissa, Nikki, Tiffany, Michael) and 6 great grandchildren (Aidan, Hunter, Keeley, Walker, Leighla, Rogen). She is preceded in death by her parents (Anne & John), husband (Thomas) and granddaughter (Alex), and siblings (John, Herbert and Richard).

Loretta absolutely loved being a mother; teaching her babies to play barefoot in the rain, rolling down hills squealing with delight, and lavishing them with

love and attention; then doing it all again with her grand babies. As adults, she also became a friend to her children, being their confidant, mentor, sounding board and cheerleader.

A devout Catholic all her adult life, Loretta put her trust and faith in God; she didn't know a stranger (even when she should); and surviving through many life challenges, she thrived to inspire so much affection and laughter, a true legacy of Love.

At 84, Loretta is now "taking her stories onward," after her long journey with many challenging health issues and in the loving care of her daughter Karen and son in-law Mike. Loretta's family is eternally grateful for her caregiver and friend (Donna Barrett), whose love, friendship and gentle care, provided such joy and peace during the last two years of her life.

Loretta will be remembered as wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, friend, and the Queen-of-Dice; whose love, faith, and laughter (always laughter), brought everyone she met, such joy. What a gift... she will be dearly missed, until we meet again.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to Saint Rita's Catholic Church (Holly MI) and share a "Loretta story" with someone.

Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11:00 AM Thurs. Oct. 20, 2022 at St Rita Catholic Church of Holly. Burial be in Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. Visitation will be from 2-8 PM Wed. with a Rosary prayed at 5:00 PM Wed. at the Dryer Funeral Home, Holly.

[www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com](http://www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Great Lakes National Cemetery

Holly, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **19**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Dryer Funeral Home  
101 First St.  
Holly, MI 48442  
<http://dryerfuneralhomeholly.com>

## Rosary

OCT **19**. 5:00 PM (ET)

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## Funeral Mass

OCT **20**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Rita Catholic Church  
309 E. Maple St.  
Holly, MI



# Tribute Wall

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“ I was sad to see that loretta had passed. We were friends for 80 years. Loretta and I grew up on Delton. Madison Heights lived on the same street played together went to school together, I stood up in her and Tom’s wedding. I usually talk to her once or twice a year, just so we could stay in touch. The Covid years flipped by without us talking. I was trying to get in touch with her the number I had said she was temporarily unavailable. When I checked the obituaries, I was surprised to see she had passed. I wished I would have known she was in Michigan. I surely would have visited her and we would’ve laughed about old times, sorry for the families loss. Heavens gain. Peggy.(Kirby.)slabbinck lifetime friend.

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**Peggy slabbinck** - April 17, 2023 at 12:44 PM

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Oh Peggy, mom loved you! She would recount stories of your childhood adventures together and throughout your lives. She missed you and it filled her with such joy when you connected. You are right, heaven’s gain! We didn’t know how to contact you... thank you for leaving this beautiful note. Sending you/your loved ones Peace and Love! ~Ann

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**Ann** - August 06, 2023 at 11:05 AM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Theresa** - October 19, 2022 at 11:44 AM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Theresa - October 19, 2022 at 11:43 AM

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Theresa - October 19, 2022 at 11:41 AM



*Such a beautiful lady!!*

Peri Rogowski - October 20, 2022 at 02:18 PM



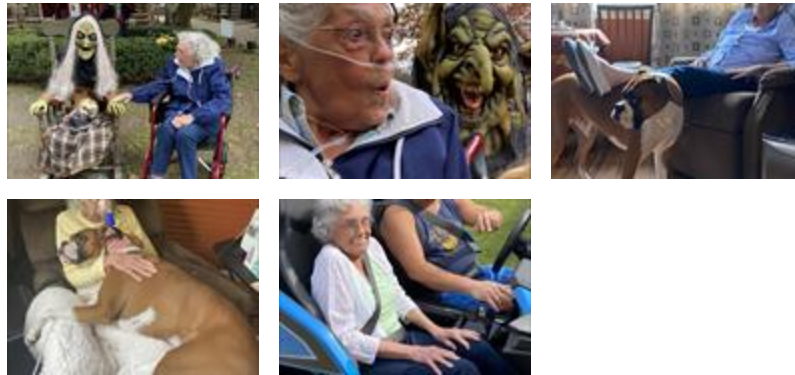
“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Loretta F. McGuire.*



October 18, 2022 at 02:09 PM

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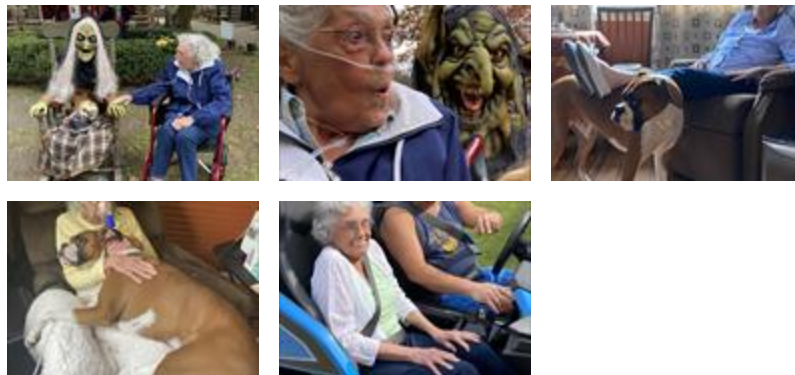
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Karen Allard - October 18, 2022 at 10:47 AM

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“ 10 files added to the album Lovely Loretta



Karen Allard - October 18, 2022 at 10:39 AM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses* was purchased for the family of Loretta F. McGuire.



October 18, 2022 at 09:16 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Loretta F. McGuire.*



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October 18, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ *Sweet Loretta had a beautiful smile and contagious laugh that filled our hearts. Then...she swiftly kicked our butts in 1s and 5s and shrugged when she would roll one dice, against everyone saying, “don’t do it!” and get to keep rolling and WIN! And if she would lose a turn, she wouldn’t care. She loved the thrill of risk - it was in her blood and passed on to her kids. This is how we will always remember, her! Thank you for the great times and don’t forget to drop in and see my Momma and Pop and teach them how to play 1s and 5s! We love you, Sweet Loretta! Peri and Maria*



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**Peri Rogowski** - October 18, 2022 at 08:36 AM



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Loretta F. McGuire.*



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October 17, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Loretta F. McGuire.



October 17, 2022 at 12:53 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Loretta F. McGuire.



October 17, 2022 at 12:06 PM



“ Grams had the best stories. My favorite memory was listening to their old 50s tape and see her and gramps dancing in the living room. The love they showed each other was amazing

krysten acree - October 16, 2022 at 09:14 PM



Lovely story!

Peri Rogowski - October 18, 2022 at 08:37 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Loretta F. McGuire.



October 16, 2022 at 05:27 PM