



Mike McCarthy

February 29, 1924 - January 12, 2010

Mike McCarthy, beloved husband, father, grandfather and friend died peacefully at home surrounded by his family on January 12, 2010 at the age of 85. Mike was born on February 29, 1924 in Detroit, the son of the late Florence and Nora (Quinn) McCarthy. He defended his country in World War II, serving in the Navy with his father and brother. Mike later served the citizens of Detroit as a police officer for twenty six years, retiring as a detective sergeant. He continued serving as a Wayne County deputy sheriff for the Friend of the Court, until his eventual, and long deserved retirement in 1986. Mike loved spending time with his family, and being a part of his children's and grandchildren's lives and entertaining them in Florida.

He leaves behind his loving wife of 59 years, Beverly; nine children, Tim (Kathy), Kevin (Kathryn), Brian (Rosanne), Terry (Sally), Kathleen (Bob) Uhl, Mike (Alesia), Dennis (Kathi), Patrick (Denise) and Nora (Shannon) McMackin and sister-in-law, Pam Tibbits, who he had a special and loving relationship. Mike is also survived by twenty grandchildren; his siblings, Mary McBride and Jim (Fran) McCarthy. Also surviving are his sister-in-law, Virginia McCarthy and brother-in-law, Phil Mancha, as well as many loving nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, Mike was predeceased by his brother, Bud McCarty and sisters, Nan (Ed) Greene and Nora Mancha.

"Melancholy Eyes"

Tears swell and blur your picture,
As your mind wanders to a time a bit richer.
Your eyes are full you can't stop the spilling,
You think you should smile,
but your cheeks are unwilling.

The moments remembered are happy yet sad,
They seem to revolve around Ma and Dad.
It was then, it was here, they're short and they're quick.
It's a glimpse of the past, and it makes your throat thick.
Highlights of times that have since passed us by,
You just kind of remember and feel like a cry.

Ma, those times in the kitchen,
Or when Dad was still pitching.
All the trips to the farm
In protective arms.

Mornings with coffee and long conversations,
Weekends off for a camping vacation.
Quiet nights with a book being read,
Or a warm hand on the top of your head.

There's no certain memory to express;
No one time that reflects it best.

It's just some tears that soon will dry,
That warm your heart and show in your eyes.

Brian McCarthy

Previous Events

Service

JAN 16. 11:00 AM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home, Shelby Township
49150 Schoenherr Rd.
Shelby Township, MI 48315
(586) 532-8600
shelby@wasikfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall



“ Tim - I am so sorry for your loss. Thinking of you and your family.##imported-begin##Laura Martin##imported-end##

January 20, 2010 at 08:38 PM



“ It has been many years since I last roamed the halls of St David's with members of the McCarthy family, but those memories are still dear to my heart. We all know that the day will come when our parents will pass, but regardless of this realization, we are never prepared for the day when it comes. My thoughts and prayers go out to the entire family...to your father, as we would say in Texas "Vaya con dios!"

RJD##imported-begin##R. J. Dold, Houston, TX##imported-end##

January 20, 2010 at 03:15 PM



“ Dear McCarthy Family,
I am very sorry to hear of the passing of your father. My memory of him goes way back when we were in grade school. I remember him being a very big man with a GUN. I made sure I minded my Ps and Qs around him. Tim, Kevin, Brian and Terry, you always talked about your father with love and respect. I remember the stories you would tell of his adventures of being a Detroit cop. I'm sure he will be greatly missed.
You are in my thoughts and I pray that God provides comfort as only He can.

God Bless You

carlo##imported-begin##Carlo Ciaramitaro##imported-end##

January 20, 2010 at 06:21 AM



“ *Tim and family...*

I'm so sorry to about your dad and husband and grandfather. My dad passed in November of 2009 at 85 and I know how tough it is to see them go no matter how sick they have become. I was driving about 40 down Withorn one day leaving Angela's and your father saw me coming down the street and stepped out in front of me and stood there as I fishtailed to a stop about a foot from him...he never flinched, walked over to my window of that 63 Ford and told me that if he ever caught me driving on his street like that again he'd make me eat my steering wheel "son" I believed him....never drove like that on a sidestreet again. Sorry about your loss. My dad was a great man and beloved as I'm sure yours was and is.

John Scally###imported-begin##John Scally###imported-end##

January 19, 2010 at 05:05 PM



“ *Dear Patrick, Denise and the entire McCarthy Family,*

We are all so sorry to hear about the passing of your father. You are in our prayers.###imported-begin##All at Synergy###imported-end##

January 18, 2010 at 06:23 PM



“ *Tim*

Sorry to hear about your dad. I'll contact you the next time I'm up in Detroit.

Daryl###imported-begin##Daryl James###imported-end##

January 17, 2010 at 06:58 PM



“ *Tim and Family:*
It is with deepest sympathy that my wife and I wish you our condolences on the passing of you father. Reading the memorial you can find comfort in the fact that your father led a full and rewarding life helping others and bringing up a wonderful family. I know for a fact his character shines through you as you are a great, caring person yourself.

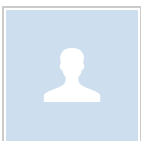
Sincerely,
Bill and Peggy Sagy##imported-begin##Bill Sagy Sr##imported-end##

January 17, 2010 at 10:38 AM



“ *Patrick, I'm so sorry for you and your family's loss. My thoughts and prayers go out to all of you. My dad passed away in 2001. It was very difficult at first, adgusting to such a significant part of my life missing. All I can give you and your family is the knowing that with time it will get better and the hope that someday only happy and wonderful memories will remain. Thinking of you Kristi.##imported-begin##Kristi Couto-Roxbury##imported-end##*

January 16, 2010 at 07:24 PM



“ *Thinking of you at this difficult time. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.*

Love,
Meghan and Matt Jameson##imported-begin##Meghan Jameson##imported-end##

January 16, 2010 at 02:27 PM



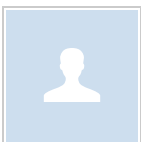
“ *Many fond memories we share with the McCarthy family. St. Pat's parties, oh what fun with My Wild Irish Rose, Pea soup and the wonderful Corn Beef dinner. Swimming at our pool, a trip with both families to the farm and lots of laughs. Our sons brought us to be 2 loving families. Hugs Lue and Bill###imported-begin###Lue and Bill Pierce###imported-end##*

January 16, 2010 at 10:23 AM



“ *To the McCarthy family,
Much hugs and prayers from one of the Keller twins. I have memories of card games, parties, campouts at Grandma and Grandpas, and visits to Michigan with my sisters that I keep close to my heart. Although I've grown, and now have children of my own, I still think of you all as family. I still remember when Grandpa passed away, and there was this group of loud Irish boys talking about old times...I hope that Grandpa and Duke are playing 'solo' in heaven.
Much love,
Christa###imported-begin###Christa Ducharme###imported-end##*

January 15, 2010 at 09:02 PM



“ *Dear Beverly & Family,
My deepest sympathy to all of you. Uncle Mike was a truly special man whom I will never forget. Just the mention of his name brought smiles to everyone, and the mention of an impending visit brought pure excitement to all of us here in Chicago. It meant many good stories and much happy laughter and great parties. He was so dearly loved. And he will be greatly missed. Please know that all of you are in our thoughts and prayers. Love, Betty Ann###imported-begin###Betty Kroulaidis Lovell###imported-end##*

January 15, 2010 at 06:15 PM



“ My deepest regrets to all of the McCarthy Family.##imported-begin##Thomas D. Tocco##imported-end##

January 15, 2010 at 04:35 PM



“ I just wanted to express my sympathies to the McCarthy family. Although I didn't know Mr. McCarthy very well growing up, I certainly knew some of his children. To Tim, Kevin, Terry, Brian and Kathy, I am so sorry about your dad. Sending prayers your way from Texas.##imported-begin##Debbie Karalla Holland##imported-end##

January 15, 2010 at 04:29 PM



“ Dear Brian and Roseanne,
Our deepest sympathy. You are in our thoughts and prayers, as well as all of your family.##imported-begin##Susan and John Carew##imported-end##

January 15, 2010 at 03:59 PM



“ My prayers are with you at this time of sorrow. Try not to focus on the loss but on the wonderful occasions when he was with you. The memories are precious and will last forever. I did not have the privilege to know Mr. McCarthy, but from the stories his daughter, Nora, has told of growing up he was quite a fellow.##imported-begin##Jayne Clatterbuck, Front Royal Police Department##imported-end##

January 15, 2010 at 01:45 PM



“ Mike was always bigger than life when we were kids..Tall with a big, booming voice. I remember hearing my parents and Bev and Mike laughing late into the night while us kids were in bed, trying to sleep. For years we had an annual smelt dip/fish fry to celebrate Lori and Tim's birthdays, cleaning the smelt(mom's insistence), the batter and the frying. When both families got together it was a party and there was always someone to play with.

We also remember trips to the farm and playing shoot-out at the OK Corral, Mike and Dad scaring the living cr** out of us. SO many wonderful memories.

It was during the Detroit riots that I think I first realized what Mike did for a living. I remember being in our basement listening to his reports of what was happening on the streets. His family stayed with us for several days during this time and as a kid it was just one big party - lots of food, people sleeping all over and a wonderful sense of security, knowing that Mike was there protecting us from harm.

Mike will always be in our memories, we will miss him.

To his family our heartfelt condolences.

Cindi Malin, Lori Juegens and Marsha Lombardo - The Hicks Girls###imported-begin##Cindi Malin###imported-end##

January 15, 2010 at 01:24 PM



“ Tim,
I'm very sorry to hear that your Father pass away. Please know that you and your family are in the thoughts and prayers of everyone in Local 5285.

Sincerely,

Ken Carriker###imported-begin##Ken Carriker###imported-end##

January 15, 2010 at 10:04 AM



“ *McCarthy Family,*

So many years gone by, so many fond memories of the great man, Uncle Mike. May God Bless him and protect him.

May God spare you all the sorrow of his loss and keep his memory alive. What a good man he was, and what a beautiful wife, (Aunt Bev), and family he had. Bless you all.

*With Love, Punkins##imported-begin##Kathleen Kroulaidis Ryan...
Punkin##imported-end##*

January 15, 2010 at 02:42 AM



“ *To Patrick and Denise and Family, we wish you peace and love during this time. We understand what you are going through and know that it is not easy. Please know you are thought of often. You are all in our prayers. Take care. Love, The Foxes- Jerry, Caryn, Jeffrey, and Corinne xoxo##imported-begin##Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Fox and Family##imported-end##*

January 14, 2010 at 10:56 PM



“ *We loved your dad and he will be missed. Please except our sincere condolences.##imported-begin##Dennis and Dorothy McCarthy##imported-end##*

January 14, 2010 at 10:40 PM



“ *To the McCarthy Family;*

I am very sorry for the loss of Uncle Mike.

Our last visit was one I enjoyed and brought back many memories for me.

My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this time.

Until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand.

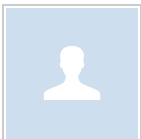
Jim##imported-begin##Jim Kroulaidis##imported-end##

January 14, 2010 at 09:30 PM



“ *McCarthy Family- our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this very sad time.##imported-begin##Kathy and Dave Earle##imported-end##*

January 14, 2010 at 05:03 PM



“ *May you live on in peace with the Lord.##imported-begin##Philip Maniaci##imported-end##*

January 14, 2010 at 04:32 PM



“ Patrick,
My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I can only imagine what a wonderful man your father must have been given his outstanding son that is and will always be a great friend.

Your friend through Christ.

Sam Elias###imported-begin##Sam Elias###imported-end##

January 14, 2010 at 04:08 PM



“ I'd like to extend my sincere condolences to the McCarthy family in this difficult time. I work with Mike's son Patrick and I can see that Mike was a very well respected and loved father--an example truly worth striving for. I will keep Patrick and the entire family in my thoughts and hope you can focus on the great memories you have of Mike.###imported-begin##Jason Heiling###imported-end##

January 14, 2010 at 03:49 PM



“ Dear Bev. 7 family, JUST WANT YOU TO KNOW i AM REMEMBERING YOU IN MY PRAYERS SORRY i CANNOT HELP IN ANY WAY. MIKE IS NOW OUT OF PAIN. WITH HIS Lord. Love Lill###imported-begin##Lillian Slaten###imported-end##

January 14, 2010 at 02:59 PM



“ "Fair winds and following Seas," Mr. McCarthy. Go Navy.

Alan P. Jesiel###imported-begin##Alan P. Jesiel###imported-end##

January 14, 2010 at 02:41 PM



“ Tim,
There is not much one can say at a time like this but I want you to know I am sorry for your loss.

Todd##imported-begin##Todd Penn##imported-end##

January 14, 2010 at 01:37 PM



“ Tim,

I want to express to you my heartfelt sympathy after hearing about the loss of your father. I will keep you and your family in my prayers.

Phyllis##imported-begin##Phyllis A. Johnson##imported-end##

January 14, 2010 at 01:30 PM



“ Dennis and Family: So sorry to hear of your loss. Our thoughts are with you in this sad time.##imported-begin##Dave and Kathy Ebbeling##imported-end##

January 14, 2010 at 12:54 PM



“ My deepest sympathy and support to the McCarthy family.##imported-begin##Jennifer Wearne##imported-end##

January 14, 2010 at 10:49 AM



“ Dear Kevin & the entire McCarthy family--our deepest sympathy to all of you in the loss of Mike.

The "Euchre King" and "Golf Cart Passenger" will be greatly missed!!

Love,
Don & Carol##imported-begin##Don & Carol Simons##imported-end##

January 14, 2010 at 10:22 AM



“ To the family of Michael McCarthy,

I am a business colleague and friend of Patrick in Chicago. My sympathy, thoughts and prayers to all of the family. Michael inspired and led a great family. My best wishes to all of you.

Sincerely,
Michael Cortesio##imported-begin##Michael Cortesio##imported-end##

January 14, 2010 at 09:40 AM



“ Kevin, Mike and the rest of your family. I am so sorry for your loss. The world was a safer place when your dad was around. God Bless##imported-begin##Nick Chakur##imported-end##

January 14, 2010 at 08:54 AM



“ To the Mc Carthy Family,

I am so sorry that I am unable to be with you all at this sad and difficult time. My Heart and Love goes out to ALL of you. I know the pain this great loss brings to everyone. I pray that as you go through this journey of grief, the love and memories of your husband, father, and papa will help you heal. He will be watching over all of you. My thoughts and prayers are with All of you.

Sue Uhl###imported-begin##Sue Uhl###imported-end##

January 14, 2010 at 07:32 AM



“ Our deepest sympathy goes out to each of you during this time. Mike led a wonderfully full life and we are all blessed to have known him.

Karen, Marcel & Christopher Gard###imported-begin##Karen Gard###imported-end##

January 14, 2010 at 07:27 AM



“ Dennis & family, I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your father. My thoughts and prayers go out to you and yours. May you find peace & comfort in the days to come with the help of family & friends.

Love, Ruth###imported-begin##Ruth Neal###imported-end##

January 14, 2010 at 07:16 AM



“ I remember all of you from the old Whithorn neighborhood. My deepest sympathy to Beverly and all of you kids. You all are in my prayers and God bless all of you.##imported-begin##ROGER COWIE##imported-end##

January 14, 2010 at 02:43 AM



“ Patrick, I offer my sincere condolences to you and your family. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Please let me know if there is anything that I can do to help you. Ron##imported-begin##Ron McEvoy##imported-end##

January 14, 2010 at 12:11 AM

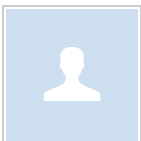


“ Thoughts, prayers and much love, from Down Under.

God Bless, Tony & Christoph

PS- We love & miss you Nora and wish we could be with you during this most difficult of times. Remember, you'll always be Daddy's little girl...never forget that. xo##imported-begin##Tony Fugati & Christoph Thelen##imported-end##

January 13, 2010 at 10:58 PM



“ To the McCarthy Family :
Our thought's and prayer's are with all of you at this time , We are so Sorry to hear of the your Loss of your Husband and Father
Sincerly
Dennis & Connie Begin##imported-begin##Dennis & Connie Begin##imported-end##

January 13, 2010 at 09:27 PM



“ *May God shine his light & Love upon all of his family as you grow in awareness that he is in a peaceful and wonderous place, heaven. God bless all of you.*

Friends of Todd & Lisa Wiseley##imported-begin##Dan & Joanne Gutowsky##imported-end##

January 13, 2010 at 08:29 PM



“ *MY THOUGHTS GO OUT TO YOU DENNIS AND YOUR FAMILY. YOU'LL GET THROUGH THIS EASIER KNOWING HE IS IN A FAR BETTER PLACE. PRAYERS GO OUT TO YOU IN THIS TIME OF SADNESS.##imported-begin##Tim Perry##imported-end##*

January 13, 2010 at 06:14 PM



“ *Mike, You will be missed by all of us who love you and who you loved. I know that Nora is there to meet and greet you. Both of us loved you very much.*

Beverly, I know how much you must be hurting at this time. My heart and love goes out to you along with a prayer that your healing be complete.

*Love,
Phil##imported-begin##Phil Mancha##imported-end##*

January 13, 2010 at 04:00 PM



“ Pat to you and all of your family: You are in my thoughts and prayers at this difficult time. May your dad forever be resting peacefully and looking down on you as your angel.##imported-begin##Julie Cohen Seaver##imported-end##

January 13, 2010 at 03:18 PM



“ We are so sorry to hear about your loss...our prayers and thoughts are with you and Mr. McCarthy at this time...##imported-begin##Mike & Lucy Scally##imported-end##

January 13, 2010 at 03:04 PM



“ Brian and family,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. We can only imagine how hard it is to lose someone you love so dearly. Please know, we are here for you if you need us.##imported-begin##Scott , Yvonne , Shar & Jennifer K.##imported-end##

January 13, 2010 at 02:41 PM



“ McCarthy Family...Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this most difficult time. "Grandpa McCarthy" will be greatly missed by all.

Warm Regards,
Bill, Jen, Kelly, and "Cupcake"##imported-begin##Billy and Jen Uhl##imported-end##

January 13, 2010 at 02:18 PM



“ We extend our deepest sympathies to the entire McCarthy family at this time of great loss. God Bless - Matt, Jennifer, and the entire crew at Tile & Stone Works.##imported-begin##Matt and Jennifer Scarsella##imported-end##

January 13, 2010 at 01:23 PM



“ Dennis McCarthy & Family:

You are in my prayers. May the Lord grant you the peace that surpasses all understanding, and give you strength.

Pauline Slezak

Trinity Information Services##imported-begin##Pauline Slezak##imported-end##

January 13, 2010 at 12:28 PM



“ Dear McCarthy Family - I'm sorry to hear about Mike. My prayers are with all of you.##imported-begin##Dianne (Perry) Hevelhorst##imported-end##

January 13, 2010 at 11:56 AM



“ What a guy!

I recall many a good time on Whithorn with the "Captain" spearheading the party while keeping us younger troops in line. I'm sure I speak for the entire Perry clan by saying he will no doubt be sorely missed by all who knew him.##imported-begin##Bruce Perry##imported-end##

January 13, 2010 at 11:31 AM



“ Brian & Rosanne, I am so sorry for your loss - To have a had a son as wonderful as you, he had to be a great man! You are in my thoughts!###imported-begin###Amy Aul###imported-end##

January 13, 2010 at 10:16 AM



“ Brian & Rosanne, I am so sorry for your loss - To have a had a sone as wonderful as you, he had to be a great man! You are in my thoughts!###imported-begin###Amy Aul###imported-end##

January 13, 2010 at 10:15 AM



“ Brian & Rosanne, We are so very sorry for your loss. May the memories help to ease the pain.###imported-begin###Bob & Donna Aul###imported-end##

January 13, 2010 at 10:06 AM



“ Mike, Alesia, Michael, Mallory, & the entire McCarthy Family:

I'm so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

~Cindy###imported-begin###Cindy Nicolia###imported-end##

January 13, 2010 at 09:12 AM



“ *Nora and McCarthy family-our thoughts and prayers go out to you during this difficult time. Your Dad lived a wonderful life and you are all so blessed to have shared that; cherish the memories and know that he is at peace looking down on you all with great pride. Marcia and Kevin Burns*###imported-begin###*Marcia and Kevin Burns*###imported-end##

January 13, 2010 at 09:03 AM



“ *Nora, I am so sorry for your loss. I know that you have many wonderful memories and these will help to sustain you. Hold them dear! My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*###imported-begin###*Lois Miner*###imported-end##

January 13, 2010 at 08:50 AM



“ *Nora, Beverly and the McCarthy family: My thoughts and prayers are with you all. We have all been truly blessed to have known your dad/husband. My heart goes out to you all and may God comfort you during this time of sadness. With Love and Sympathy, Shelley*###imported-begin###*Shelley Hutchinson*###imported-end##

January 13, 2010 at 08:45 AM



“ *Nora, You truly have a dad you can be proud of. I have many fond memories of him from when we lived across the street from each other on Theodore. My sincerest sympathies and prayers are with you and your family, Monique*###imported-begin###*Monique Sgro*###imported-end##

January 13, 2010 at 07:51 AM



“ Dennis,
My prayers and thoughts are with you and your family. I know you have tons of great memories to treasure, so enjoy and embrace them. Hugs to you my brother.##imported-begin##Marcell Brown##imported-end##

January 13, 2010 at 07:06 AM



“ Patrick, our deepest sympathies go out to you and your family. We will be thinking of you and praying for your entire family as you go through this very difficult time.##imported-begin##Jeff Berger##imported-end##

January 13, 2010 at 12:55 AM



“ Patrick,

Sorry to hear about the passing of your father. Our prayers are with you and your family.

May God give you much comfort at this time.

Tony & Michele##imported-begin##Tony & Michele DeVos##imported-end##

January 13, 2010 at 12:48 AM



“ *Nora, Beverly and your entire wonderful family. I was so sorry to hear today of the loss of your dad and husband. We friends of Nora, have come to love your family from afar and are praying for you in this terrible time.*
May all of your memories sustain you through these next few days.##imported-begin##Cindy Bailey##imported-end##

January 12, 2010 at 08:52 PM



“ *We are so sorry for your significant loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire McCarthy family during this difficult time. Cherish all the wonderful memories always. You now have an angel watching over you with such pride! Lots of love, Kelly, Ashley and "Muffin" too.*##imported-begin##Kelly, Ashley & "Muffin"##imported-end##

January 12, 2010 at 08:52 PM



“ *McCarthy family..my thoughts are with you over the next few days. Nora no words can describe what you are feeling right now, I'm thinking of you.*##imported-begin##Barbry Deavers##imported-end##

January 12, 2010 at 07:31 PM



“ Patrick,

Your Father lived an amazing life. I enjoyed reading about him. I am sure you are proud while also being sad. Our family will pray for peace for your Father and your family. We extend our deepest sympathy in your loss.##imported-begin##Tim Padden##imported-end##

January 12, 2010 at 07:29 PM



“ McCarthy Family:

I know you are in terrible pain at this moment but I know you have many wonderful memories of your husband,dad and grandfather to hold onto. To my special Nora..I love you.

Kathie Scott##imported-begin##Kathie Scott##imported-end##

January 12, 2010 at 07:16 PM



“ Our Deepest Sympathy

To ALL.##imported-begin##Eugene and Wanda Mangum##imported-end##

January 12, 2010 at 07:12 PM



“ I would like to extend my deepest sympathies to the McCarthy family.##imported-begin##Joseph W. Bernard##imported-end##

January 12, 2010 at 05:49 PM



“ *Dennis, I can not fully understand the loss you and your family are experiencing, but I will be praying for you and your family as you go through this time of grief.##imported-begin##Aaron DeVore##imported-end##*

January 12, 2010 at 04:51 PM



“ *My deepest sympathy goes out to the McCarthy family. May God bless and strenghten you in your time of loss. Celebrate the wonderful years of love that you shared and know that he is at peace with God.*

*Warmest Regards,
Deborah Phillips##imported-begin##Deborah Phillips##imported-end##*

January 12, 2010 at 04:38 PM