



Mary McCauley

September 7, 1931 - December 15, 2023

Princeton - Mary Carolyn Doyle McCauley, age 92, passed away peacefully Friday morning, December 15, 2023, at Saint Anthony's Medical Center in Rockford, IL.

Mary was born on September 7, 1931, in Evergreen Park, IL. to C. Gregory and Aimee Bouxsein Doyle. Mary was united in marriage to John Robert (Bob) McCauley on January 30, 1954, in Princeton, IL. He preceded her in death on September 17, 2006.

She spent her early childhood years in the Chicago neighborhood of Beverly, IL where she learned to play the piano. Following the death of her father in 1941, Mary moved with her family to Princeton, IL. She taught herself to play the organ at Saint Louis Catholic Church. She walked to the church every morning before school to play the organ for daily mass at the age of 10, also playing her first funeral Mass at age 10. She continued serving the Saint Louis parish for over 70 years.

Mary graduated from Princeton Township High School Class of 1949 and graduated from the College of Saint Francis in Joliet, IL. with a degree in Elementary Education in 1953. Mary received a Masters Degree in Music from Illinois State University which included a summer study abroad to Eastern Europe learning and studying "The Greats", her favorite composers.

Her first teaching experience was elementary school in Tampico, IL and then she taught for Princeton Elementary School District 115 for 36 years, retiring in 1989. Mary and Bob spent many happy winters in Bradenton, FL. She loved to play golf and bridge. She also loved going to plays, operas and all of her grandchildren's musical performances.

The family wishes to thank the nurses and staff at the Greenfield Retirement Home in Princeton, IL for their loving and kind care of our mother.

Mary is survived by her 5 children. Margaret "Peggy" (Greg) Wolcott, Marietta GA, Pat (Colleen Sailer) McCauley, Princeton, IL, Sue (Jim) King, Princeton, IL, Maureen Wallen, Macomb, IL and Clare (Jay) Suarez, Princeton, IL.; 16 grandchildren, Rebecca (Tim Murfin) Keener, Kathryn (Takuro) Masuda, Michelle (Eric) Montanye, Elaine McCauley, Matthew (Elizabeth) Costerisan, Meghan (Peter) Cappetta, David (Lindsey) Sailer, Brian King, Stephanie (Zachary) Arthur, Adam (Megan) King, Amanda (Michael) Elliott, Nathan (Rachel) Wallen, Dane (Kerriann Otano) Suarez, Victoria (Brent) Yepsen, Evan Suarez, Sophia (Kyle) McComber, Mary also has 30 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents C. Gregory and Aimee Doyle, her husband of over 52 years, Bob, three siblings. Dick Doyle, Peter Doyle and JoAnne McCauley one sister-in-law June Doyle and one brother-in-law, Arnold McCauley, and one son in law, Richard Wallen.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to Saint Louis Catholic Church or Greenfield Retirement Home both located in Princeton IL.

A visitation will be held from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Thursday December 21, 2023, at Norbert Memorial Home, Inc & Monuments in Princeton, IL.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, December 22, 2023, at Saint Louis Catholic Church in Princeton, IL with Monsignor Kruse officiating. Graveside services to follow at Oakland Cemetery in Princeton, IL.

Online condolences may be directed to www.norbergfh.com

Arrangements by Norberg Memorial Home, Inc. & Monuments.

Cemetery Details

Oakland Cemetery

Park Avenue
Princeton, IL 61356

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **21**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Norberg Memorial Home, Inc.
701 E. Thompson Street
Princeton, IL 61356

Mass

DEC **22**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Louis Catholic Church - Princeton
616 S Gosse Blvd
Princeton, IL 61356

Graveside Service

DEC **22**. 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM (CT)

Oakland Cemetery
Park Avenue
Princeton, IL 61356

Tribute Wall

DJ

“*Mary was a nice lady. For years she played the organ for all the funeral masses at the St. Louis church. I always would go up to the mass and visit with her. Mary and her husband were very good to me, they were my next door neighbors and in the winter time when they would take off to Sarasota for the winter. They let me park my wife's Camaro in their garage. They were both very gracious and nice people. They made liking them as easy as breathing.*”

*Dennis Johnson
Orange City, Fl*

Denis Johnson - January 09, 2024 at 02:17 PM

SM

“*She had a wonderful sense of humor - what we would now call “snark.” Her comments usually went right over the heads of her students but delighted her colleagues. (And a few of her students, too!) If you showed promise, and paid attention, she “saw” you - and that’s a wonderfully validating experience for a child. Lots of choirs to conduct and talent to cultivate where you’re going, Mary McCauley! Heartfelt condolences to your family, friends, and former students 🥺*”

Scott Mehaffey - December 31, 2023 at 05:38 PM

PW

“*Mrs McCauley was my first grade teacher, whom I remember with great respect. She truly was a wonderful teacher. Blessings to her family.*”

Peggy Woolley-Spicer - December 22, 2023 at 04:50 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mary McCauley.*



December 21, 2023 at 12:36 PM



“ *My sincere condolences to Peggy, Pat, Sue, Maureen, Claire and their families. I remember with fondness our frequent family gatherings at City County Park and our annual "mini-vacations" with the McCauley family at the Ramada Inn in Peoria - great times!*

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her.

Dennis Bouxsein

Dennis Bouxsein - December 21, 2023 at 12:29 PM



“ *Scott and Serena Blessman purchased the Full O f Love Bouquet for the family of Mary McCauley.*



Scott and Serena Blessman - December 21, 2023 at 09:18 AM



“ *Mrs.McCauley was a wonderful teacher and I always enjoyed her class. She always remembered me and made me feel special. I know she will be greatly missed. I will be praying for her family.*

Kami Krieger - December 20, 2023 at 08:36 AM

BA

“ *Condolences to the family*



Barry - December 20, 2023 at 07:39 AM

LF

“ *“Aunt” Mary was so warm and welcoming. My condolences to her kids and grands.*

Lori Fender - December 19, 2023 at 07:55 PM