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Joyce Radatz McLeod, devoted church volunteer, wife and mother of four, died peacefully at her home Wednesday, Dec. 31, 2014, after a long illness. She was 75 years old.

As a volunteer for St. Mary's Catholic Parish in St. Clair, Joyce enjoyed her work with engaged couples, arranging and leading their wedding ceremony rehearsals for 20 years. She served as a sacristan for nearly 30 years and helped to launder and iron church linens, priests' vestments, cassocks, and more. She also served on the Altar Society, was a member of the Daughters of Isabella, and taught in the pre-marriage program alongside her husband of 52 years, Robert E. McLeod, who served as deacon at St. Mary's.

Joyce was born on July 27, 1939, to Fred Radatz and Rose-Marie (Grattan) Radatz in Port Huron, Michigan, and attended St. Stephen School. Joyce was the second of five children. As a girl, living on Mansfield Street near the Blue Water Bridge, Joyce could be found pedaling her J.C. Higgins bicycle on the way to the park with one of her younger siblings in tow. A responsible child, Joyce was often left in charge of her three younger siblings while her mother was employed caring for others' children and her father worked at the Chrysler Warehouse in Marysville, Michigan, shipping auto parts. On the weekend, her father was a distributor for the Detroit Times and the Detroit News.

A child during WWII, Joyce could recall a day when, walking home from school at the age of six, she was suddenly startled by the sound of sirens and people yelling and running in the streets. She ran home in fear that the bombs were about to fall only to find the shouts and sirens signified the long-awaited end to WWII.

At 16, Joyce took a job as ticket taker for the Desmond Theater in downtown Port Huron. At 18, Joyce began work as an elevator operator at Sperry's Department Store in Port Huron, where people often commented that she must get her share of "ups and downs." It was there she developed a taste for fine clothing, such as Pendleton wool, and pretty things she hadn't known as



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a child growing up in a working-class family in an era of post-Depression austerity and war rationing.

She met her husband, Robert, of St. Clair, Michigan, in 1961. They were introduced through mutual friends, and she quickly took a shining to the distinguished looking young man in a London Fog coat, smoking a pipe. The two married on June 2, 1962, and lived in Port Huron until moving to St. Clair in 1967. She resided in St. Clair, where she and her husband raised four children, for the remainder of her life.

Joyce is survived by her husband, Robert E. McLeod, retired administrative director of radiology for St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac, their four children, and their five grandchildren. Their children include: daughter Maria McLeod and her husband Stephen Howie of Bellingham, Washington; son Joseph McLeod of St. Clair, Michigan; son Robert J. McLeod and Monica Lams McLeod of Ypsilanti, Michigan, and their child, Cecilia; son Patrick and Erica Dierkens McLeod of Ann Arbor, Michigan, and their children, Isabella, Kendra, Maysie and Edmund.

Joyce also is survived by her siblings: Raymond Radatz and wife, Teresa Radatz, of Port Huron; Thomas Radatz of Memphis, Michigan; Karen (Radatz) Soltis and her husband, Anthony Soltis, of Tillsonburg, Ontario, Canada; Jim Radatz and his wife, Sue Radatz, of Livonia, Michigan.

She is preceded in death by her parents and Katheryn Irene (Biro) Ripkey, her beloved "Aunt Kay," who joined the Radatz family when she was 14 to help care for the five children. Joyce died on her mother's birthday, Dec. 31.

A funeral mass will be Monday January 5, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church, St. Clair. Prayers will begin at the funeral home Monday at 10:15 a.m. Visitation will be Sunday 2:00 to 4:00 and 6:00 to 9:00 at Young Funeral Home, China Twp. Memorials may be made to St. John's Reverence Hospice or St. Mary's Organ Fund.



Events

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Sunday, January 4, 2015

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM ET

Young Colonial Chapel Funeral Home
4061 Saint Clair Hwy, East China MI



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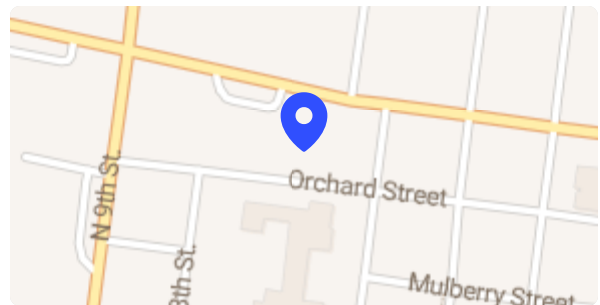


Funeral Mass

Monday, January 5, 2015

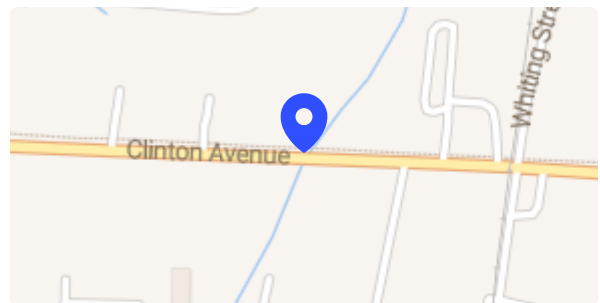
11:00 AM ET

St. Mary's Catholic Church
415 N Sixth, St.Clair MI



Cemetery Details

St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery
Clinton Ave., St. Clair MI





Tribute Wall

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BD

Belle Deaver posted:

I remember Joyce as being vibrant and energetic and as giving all of herself to the Lord. My deepest sympathies to Deacon Bob and the rest of her family, Belle Deaver

January 4 at 2:51 PM

JK

John Kerrigan posted:

Mrs. McLeod was influential for so many of my siblings. I thank God that she was there for them. She will be missed.

January 4 at 12:44 PM

JR

Jim Radatz posted:

Joyce, my big sister, my guide throughout my childhood. Throughout life, you have been there, ready to share your time and opinion regarding all of our families adventures. My favorite story as was told to me, was the time that when you were only 4 and I was about 3 months old and I was crying in my bassinet and you attempted to give me a bottle. You climbed to the top of the dresser, grabbing the bassinet and we both came tumbling down. You were crying your heart out, not in concern for yourself, but your concern that I may have been injured. This story and all of those that we created as children, will never leave my heart. You will be missed by all. You will remain in my prayers. Your little brother: Jim

January 4 at 9:22 AM

YF

Your Ais Rebates Family sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the McLeod family.



January 4 at 7:28 AM

DP

Denice Pearson posted:

A Living Tribute has received a donation In Memory of Joyce Radatz McLeod As a tribute, 10 trees will be planted and registered in the Manistee National Forest - Michigan. This memorial was given by Lars & Denice Pearson. With thoughts of comfort, peace, and caring, these trees will be a living monument to your loved one.

January 3 at 6:05 PM



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Anonymous sent a Sacred Duty Spray to the McLeod family.

January 3 at 6:45 AM



Erica shared an album called **Grandchildren**.

January 3 at 4:35 AM



Joyce Friederichs posted:

I am sorry for your loss. May Joyce rest in peace. Joyce Fraser Friederichs

January 3 at 4:07 AM



Margie Limberg posted:

Joyce was a school age girl friend of my sister Judy (Nixon) LaBelle who passed away on the same date but in 1992. I have always been in awe of the work Joyce has done during the years and wished Judy could have known about all her adult life-time achievements. To know Joyce was one of life's pleasures that I will never forget. We grew up during WW2 and remember the sirens, food shortages, blackouts and many other things that happened in our generation. We have all been blessed by Joyce's life here on earth. My sympathies to her family and thanks for loaning her to all of us. Margie (Nixon) Limberg of St. Clair.

January 3 at 3:26 AM



Jean Splan sent a virtual gift in honor of Joyce.

January 2 at 3:36 PM





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Jean Splan posted:

I was only 8 years old when I met Joyce. My family moved into the house next door on Pine Street. I was always in awe of Joyce! She was pretty and so grown up to me! When she worked at Sperrys I would sneak up there and she would let me ride the elevator with her!! I adored her and secretly wished she could be my big sister. Our friendship really cemented when I married her baby brother Jim. We had some of the best times of our lives with our children growing up together and Joyce helping me be the best mother! She taught me how to do some of the fanciest crochet I had ever seen and was a very patient teacher!! She would check over my work and if she found a mistake she would have me tear it out to that mistake and start from there! To this day I still do what she taught me. One Christmas she made an afghan for each of her children. She carefully chose what she wanted to do for each one so it would be special just for them. I spent more time at Bob and joyce's then I did with my own family members! I loved going there at Christmas because her house looked like a Christmas wonderland! My first child, Kathy, was born on their wedding anniversary and they became her Godparents. Joyce was not only my sister-in-law but my mentor and my very best friend. I shall never forget the lessons she taught me or the wonderful times we had together. I shall miss you my friend, sister and mentor. I shall always cherish the most wonderful years we had together! I love you sis

January 2 at 3:30 PM



Kath Radatz-Kwasiborski sent a virtual gift in honor of Joyce.



January 2 at 2:30 PM



Anonymous sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the McLeod family.



January 2 at 9:51 AM



Media

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Erica shared a photo to the **Grandchildren** album.

January 3 at 4:35 AM



Joyce and 3 of her granddaughters; Isabella, Kendra, and Maysie



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Joyce by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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