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Josephine "Josie" Rose McAroy, age 82, of Lewes, DE, passed away on Thursday, March 30, 2023, surrounded by her loving family. Born on December 28th, 1940, in Camden, NJ, daughter of the late Robert McQuillan and Margaret Coleman McQuillan.

A native New Jerseyan, Josie was a 1959 graduate of Gloucester Catholic High in Gloucester City, NJ, on October 20th, 1962, she married her beloved high school sweetheart Francis McAroy, at St. Mary's Church, in Gloucester City, NJ. Josie enjoyed officiating many different sports including field hockey, basketball, and softball throughout her life, and was a West Chapter Five Softball Official. Josie earned the distinction of being the first woman referee assignor in the state of New Jersey. She was a highly successful softball coach and worked at the Philadelphia Naval Shipyards. Before she retired, she worked as an Indian River School District Paraprofessional. Josie played field hockey all throughout her life and was an all-around and all-star athlete. She was a proud member of the drum and bugle corps during her time in high school. Josie enjoyed seeing her grandchildren in every possible way, with watching football, field hockey, dance recitals, choir shows, band concerts, and ROTC. In her spare time, she enjoyed watching game shows, golfing, and reading magazines. Josie was a shining light in the lives of so many and her smile, exuberance and presence will dearly missed by all who were blessed to have had her in their lives.

In addition to her parents, Josie was preceded in death by her loving husband Francis McAroy of Lewes, DE; her parents Robert and Margeret McQuillan of Gloucester, NJ; her brother Felix McQuillan of Gloucester, NJ; her sisters Margeret (Edward) Underwood of Millsboro, DE, and Helen (Charles) Rambo of Melbourne, FL. She is survived by her wonderful children; Christina McAroy and Brenda Ellebracht of Palm Bay, FL; Frank (Lori) McAroy of Lewes, DE; Colleen (John) Barrett of Lewes, DE; Cheryl McAroy of Lewes, DE; her beloved grandchildren: Justin and Jeremy Ellebracht of Palm Bay, FL; Lilly McAroy, John, Bridget, and Thomas Barrett, Scott Wolk, and Hannah Wolk, all from Lewes, DE; her brother-in law Richard (Barbara) McAroy of Harrah, OK; her dear brother: Robert McQuillan of Gloucester, NJ; and many nieces and nephews.



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Services will be private.

In lieu of flowers, her family suggest donations in Josie's memory to Meals on Wheels of Lewes, Delaware, 32409 Lewes Georgetown Hwy, Lewes, DE 19958 (<https://www.mealsonwheels-lr.org/>)

Please sign the virtual guestbook located on the tribute page.



Tribute Wall

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Kim Stinsman-Ward posted:

I am very sad to see that you have lost such a special person. Josie and I met many moons ago when she and my Aunt Theresa Downey-Watson-Stryker (passed Dec. 18, 2023) were friends. My Aunt use to take me with her on some of her escapades and Josie would be there. Our families (Stinsman, Downey, McQuillan, McAroys) will forever be touched by their presence. I remember Josie as a dynamic person always with a smile and infectious laugh.

January 1 at 5:23 AM



Janeen Coughlin posted:

Sending all of you my love and hugs for the loss of your Mom. She was such a lovely lady and I loved hanging out with your family growing up. She and Mr. McAroy were always so much fun to be around and always made us laugh with their silly stories. You all were blessed with such wonderful parents and they will truly be missed. Janeen Coughlin

April 5 at 11:54 AM



Maureen Hess Sully posted:

To Josie's Family, I am beyond sorry for your loss..I went to school with Josie from grade school till graduation in 1959 & also Drum & Bugle & also graduated with Frank too..She was a great person & will be missed..Keeping you all in my prayers..Maureen Sully

April 4 at 3:39 AM



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Maryann Crosson posted:

To; Frank, Chris, Colleen, and Cheryl. I am so sorry to hear of Josie's passing. I will always remember our fun times coaching and the many get together throughout the years. All my love to the McAroy Family. You all have lost a genuine Lady ❤️

April 3 at 12:18 PM



Theresa Ely April 7 at 9:18 AM

My sympathy to the McAroy family on the passing of your mom, Josie. I was a high school classmate of your mom and dad and also went to grade school with your dad, Frank. I remember them both fondly. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Terri Ely GCHS class of '59.



Kathleen Reed April 3 at 6:58 PM

To all the Mc Aroy family my condolences. I was a classmate of Frank and Josie and our children grew up together. Josie was a wonderful person who loved sports and drum and bugle. We had many good times while in the corp. My prayers are with you all. Kathleen Reed class of 59 GCHS



Anonymous sent a Best of California Wine Gift Basket to the McAroy family.



April 3 at 12:13 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Josephine "Josie" by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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