



Esther K. McEvoy

December 6, 1928 - December 11, 2017

Albany- Esther passed into eternal life peacefully on Monday December 11, 2017.

Born in Amsterdam, NY, Esther was the daughter of Maximillian and Victoria (Szurek) Werner.

She is predeceased by her husband of 48 yrs. Frank A. McEvoy, her parents and her sister Dorothy (Werner) Gayder of Amsterdam.

She is survived by a son Frank McEvoy Jr. (Yvette) and two beloved grandchildren Morgan and Max as well as many cousins across the Mohawk Valley.

Esther dedicated her life to the education of professional nurses. She was active in establishing the Nursing Department at Maria College in Albany, NY, setting standards for excellence and student achievement that remain evident today.

A 1949 graduate of the St. Peter's Hospital School of Nursing, Esther received a Bachelor of Science from Russell Sage College in 1956 and a Master of Science in 1969.

Esther retired from the faculty of Maria College in 2003 having served as Chair of the Nursing Department from 1971 - 2003 achieving the rank of Professor Emeritus. Esther was honored by her peers for her many years of contributions to the nursing profession as a colleague, teacher, mentor, leader, officer and Board member.

A lifelong sports fan, Esther was a vocal supporter of her grandchildren's athletic endeavors. She was also an avid handicapper and enjoyed many August days at Saratoga.

The family wishes to express sincere thanks to her devoted aides, Helen and Cookie, who guided us through the past 18 months, and the B2 staff at Van Rensselaer Manor whose thorough professionalism and compassion were invaluable in her final days.

And finally, thank you to her former students and colleagues; you gave Esther purpose and helped her achieve the satisfaction of a full life in service to others.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Esther's family on Tuesday, December 17, 2017 from 4:00 to 7:00 pm in the McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany.

Funeral services Wednesday, December 20, 2017 at 9:15 am from the McVeigh Funeral Home, thence to Our Lady of the Assumption Church, Latham at 10:00 am where her Funeral Mass will be celebrated.

Interment will follow the Mass at 1:00 pm at the Gerald B.H. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery, Schuylerville.

To leave a message for Esther's family on their guestbook, light a candle,

obtain directions, or view other helpful services, please visit www.mcveighfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Gerald BH Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery

200 Duell Road
Schuylerville, NY

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **19**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Service

DEC **20**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of the Assumption Church
498 Watervliet-Shaker Road
Latham, NY

Tribute Wall



“ *McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Esther K. McEvoy*



McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - December 15, 2017 at 02:06 PM

MO

Esther McEvoy influenced so many people in her nursing career, teaching so many by her own love for the profession. She will be missed, but remembered for giving herself with great enthusiasm for teaching! Thank you Esther for touching my life! Margaret OConnor SPH '66

Margaret OConnor - December 19, 2017 at 01:46 PM



“ *Esther K. McEvoy*

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM

KV

“ *RIP. She was a phenomenal nursing instructor. I have thought of her often during my career and would ask myself, what would she do in this situation? Kathleen O'Rourke Vito, PhD, PHCNS-BC, RN Maria Nursing 1972. Professor of Nursing, Felician University*

Kathie Vito - January 02, 2018 at 09:05 PM

RD

“ Frank & family,
Please accept my sympathies on the loss of your mom. I know how difficult it is to lose a loved one at this time of year.
Regina DuBois

Regina DuBois - December 20, 2017 at 08:14 AM

MC

“ DEAR FAMILY,

ESTHER WAS MY GUIDING LIGHT WHEN I WENT TO MARIA... SHE HELPED ME STAY WITH THE PROGRAM AFTER A MEDICAL EVENT/RECOVERY ALMOST DERAILED ME. I AM AND ALWAYS WILL BE FOREVER GRATEFUL FOR HER IN MY LIFE! MAY MEMORIES BRING YOU SOME COMFORT IN THE DAYS AHEAD.

MARYANN CHESKY - December 20, 2017 at 08:03 AM

MC

“ MARY ANN CHESKY lit a candle in memory of Esther K. McEvoy



MARY ANN CHESKY - December 20, 2017 at 08:00 AM

PO

“ I was very saddened to hear of Mrs McEvoy's passing. She was a wonderful nursing instructor and impacted my career in many ways as well as many others. My thoughts and prayers are with her family. RIP Mrs McEvoy.

Pat Ouderkirk - December 18, 2017 at 09:01 AM

RE

“ Renee Eleby Evans lit a candle in memory of Esther K. McEvoy



Renee Eleby Evans - December 17, 2017 at 11:21 AM

CR

“ Ester's former students and those of us who were her colleagues join in remembering her for her contributions to our nursing profession. You have our deepest sympathy.
C;aire Murray RN

Claire Murray, RN - December 17, 2017 at 09:18 AM

JF

“ Mrs. McEvoy was an impressive and powerful role model for me during my time in the nursing program at Maria. Thank you for sharing your wife and mother with us as she led us into our nursing careers. I am here living in Hawaii, an APRN in Women's Health, thanks to the great start she helped give us. Sincerely, Jane Gallagher Felix, Class of 78

Jane Gallagher Felix - December 16, 2017 at 07:28 PM

MM

“ As a 1965 graduate of St Peter's Hospital School of Nursing , I was privileged to have Ester as an instructor who greatly inspired my nursing career. She was a top notch instructor who weaved compassion, humor and every day life stories into her nursing instruction. I offer her family my deepest sympathy and will hold all of you in my prayers. Marie Kelly Mangione



Marie Mangione - December 16, 2017 at 01:11 PM

SD

“ Mrs. McEvoy was an inspiration and a great help to me as an older student at Maria College. I was grateful that she accepted me into the program and for all the help and support she gave me, as well as many of our other older students!

Stephen Joseph Desrosiers - December 15, 2017 at 09:32 PM

JK

“ Mrs. McEvoy was always so supportive. I was in the first graduating class in nursing at Maria College. Still remember her “assisting “ me in giving my first injection. I think she had to tap my hand as I was frozen in position as I had only injected oranges. Will always have fond memories of her. My condolences to all of her family and friends.

Jan Rybka Kirk

Jan Kirk - December 15, 2017 at 06:34 PM

KH

“ Mrs. McEvoy was extremely supportive of my nursing endeavor at Maria College especially as a 32 y.o. adult learner.



I am a PROUD Maria graduate and appreciate the time, care, and attention Mrs. McEvoy provided to me.

Being a Maria graduate opened doors-due to the outstanding nursing program established by Mrs. McEvoy. The standards of care, compassion, nursing excellence is one I practice today.

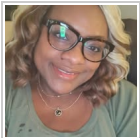
I am grateful to have the experience of knowing her and I am truly sorry for your loss.

She is now directing compassion and caring in heaven. May she rest in peace.

*Sincerely,
Keli A. Hurley, RN, MSN, CCM, NE-BC
Greenville, NC*

Maria Nursing Alumni '99

Keli Hurley - December 15, 2017 at 06:05 PM



“ Sending condolences to Mrs. McEvoy's family and friends.



*LaKeeva Washington, RN. Maria College
Nursing alumni, C/O 2008*

LaKeeva Washington - December 15, 2017 at 05:22 PM

JE

“ It is with great sadness that I read of the passing of this amazing woman and model of what nursing should be. My time at Maria (Class of '74) infused me with a love of the profession, the knowledge to begin my career, and the desire to learn more and "be" more. She was an inspiration!

Judi England - December 15, 2017 at 05:03 PM

JR

Sorry to hear about the passing of a legend (Esther Mc Envoy). You were truly inspirational in my life. You went above and beyond your call of duty. I am proud to be one of your students (Class of '94), you taught me what a real nurse should be. My condolences to your family. You have produced many wonderful nurses and you will be missed.

Jacqueline Rowe RN
NYS OPWDD

Jacqueline Rowe - December 15, 2017 at 07:22 PM

MK

Many fond memories of our trips to Ireland. Ester was a cherished friend and a truly unique lady. Yvette, Frank, Morgan and Max you are in our thoughts and prayers. Mary and Bernie

mary kpley - December 17, 2017 at 12:39 PM

MC

My deepest condolences to the family of Mrs. McEvoy. I was privileged to be one of her nursing students at Maria. If not for her relentless support and encouragement, I would not have made nursing my lifelong career. May her family be consoled that she made such a difference in her student's lives and may she be at peace to have touched so many of us.

Marylou Clifford, MS, RN
Class of 1978

Marylou Clifford - December 17, 2017 at 11:38 PM

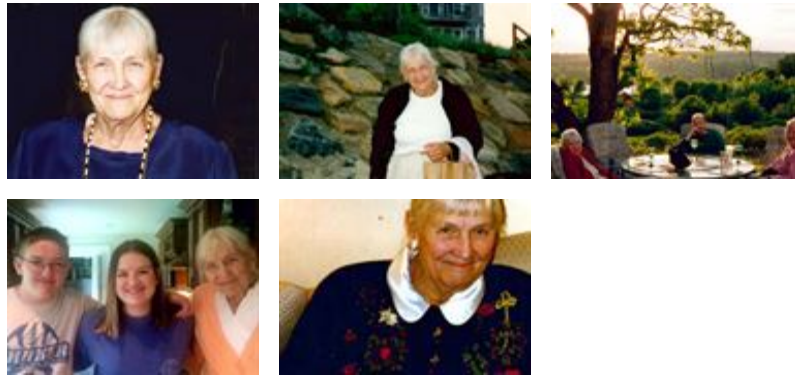
KM

I have always felt the values of Maria College as fostered by Mrs. McEvoy in the nursing program was the key in my nursing career. She was my instructor for 2 of 4 semesters, tough but fair, pushing you to be the best. Thank you to her family for sharing her for so many years. My condolences & prayers to her family. Kathleen Mullins Class of 1976

Kathleen Mullins - December 18, 2017 at 07:10 AM

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“ 52 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - December 15, 2017 at 12:57 PM

NV

Ester McEvoy was a great teacher and nurse. I graduated from St Peters School of Nursing in 1960. I enjoyed talking with her at the alumni banquets every year .

nancy VanBuren - December 18, 2017 at 09:33 PM

GR

*To Frank, Yvette, Morgan and Max my deepest condolences. She will be missed by family and colleagues. I had the honor and pleasure to work closely with Esther on the nursing faculty from 1973-79. She was a professional role model for me in terms of her leadership style and her nurturing, caring approach to everyone. I was fortunate to keep in touch with her for almost 40 years in her leadership role in nursing education in New York State.
Gail Rosettie, Ph.D.,RN*

Gail Rosettie - December 19, 2017 at 11:35 AM