



## Katherine P. McAllister

January 25, 1921 - November 10, 2011

Albany-Katherine (Kate) McAllister, 90, died Thursday, November 10, 2011 at Evergreen Commons.

Born in Albany on January 25, 1921, Mrs. McAllister was the daughter of Joseph F. and Katherine Geelan Kenny. She graduated from Vincentian Institute in 1938 and the College of St. Rose in 1942 with a Bachelor's degree in Business. She was one of the first group of women hired by the General Electric Company in Schenectady to replace servicemen in the Accounting Department. There she worked on the Billing of Navy Contracts.

In 1943 Kate married Navy Ensign Harry J. McAllister, Jr. in the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes. Involved in the raising of her three children, she was an active member of the Vincentian PTA and served as a Cub Scout Den Mother and Girl Scout Brownie Leader as well as President of the Ladies Auxiliaries of the National Little League and the Central Babe Ruth League.

From 1963 to 1965 she taught second grade for two years and third grade for one year at the Academy of Holy Names on Madison Avenue.

In 1965 she became a Draftsman at the New York Department of Transportation until 1968 when she was hired as a Senior Budgeting Analyst for the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets, she retired from this

position in 1983.

Having always been interested in Art and Painting Kate joined the Albany Artist's Group and The Colonie Art League and served on the Board of Directors for both organizations. She participated in several Art Shows and won Awards for her work. Her paintings are in many private collections. Kate was one of the artists who painted a mural celebrating Albany's Tri Centennial which hangs in the Observation Deck of the Corning Tower at The Empire State Plaza.

Since her retirement she was an active volunteer in the Women's Council of the Albany Institute of History and Art, serving on several committees and as the Rental Coordinator for the Sales and as the Rental program of the Rice Gallery. In 1997 she was named "Volunteer of the Year". A communicant of the Church of the Holy Cross, she served for six years as a Teacher's Aide for the fifth grade at the Parish School.

Kate was the loving wife for 60 years of Harry J. McAllister who died in 2003.

She was the mother of the late Michael J. McAllister. She is survived by her beloved son Donald R. McAllister, and wife Sandra and her daughter Kathy and son-in-law Kim Decker, her grandchildren Heather Loughery and Micah McAllister, Matthew Decker and wife Denise, and three great granddaughters Ciana McAllister, Emily Grace Decker and Madilyn Rose Decker. Other survivors are a niece Patricia Davis and her children Michael and Katherine, sister-in-law Patricia Herzog and Doris Garthy and several niece and nephews. She was predeceased by her brother Vincent J. Kenny.

Funeral services Thursday, November 17, 2011 at 8:15 am from the McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen St Albany thence to All Saints Catholic Church

at 9:00 am where a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated.

Relatives and friends are invited and may call Wednesday, 4:00 to 7:00 pm in the funeral home.

Interment St. Agnes Cemetery, Menands.

In Lieu of Flowers contributions may be made to The Community Hospice of Albany 445 New Karner Road Albany, New York 12205

To leave the family a special message on their guest book, obtain a prayer card or directions, or share a photo or E-card with them, please visit [www.McveighFuneralHome.com](http://www.McveighFuneralHome.com)

# Previous Events

## Service

NOV 17. 9:00 AM (ET)

All Saints Catholic Church  
16 Homestead St.  
Albany, NY 12203

# Tribute Wall



“ *Katherine P. McAllister*

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“ *Kathy and Donald,  
Aunt Kate was such a beautiful and talented women. She is an  
inspiration to us all. I will cherish the memories of our visits. She will  
forever be with you in the many memories you have shared. My  
thoughts and prayers are with you both.  
Love, Cheryl###imported-begin##Cheryl Fraser###imported-end##*

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“ *Donald and Kathy,  
Aunt Kate was such a beautiful woman, an inspiration to all young  
women her accomplishments in life were amazing she was a true  
pioneer in her lifetime of attending college, raising a family and  
being a active community member and such a gifted artist. She has  
always been a woman I looked up to and I will miss her greatly in  
my life. I love you both.  
Cindy###imported-begin##Cindy Essler###imported-end##*

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