



Kathleen Ellen McArdle

May 7, 1941 - November 11, 2022

Albany, NY-Kathleen Ellen McArdle died on Nov. 11, 2022 after a long and valiant fight against Alzheimer's Disease.

Kathy was born in Albany, daughter of the late Richard J. Farley Sr and Julia Molnar Farley, and grew up in Rensselaer. From the time of her youth she dedicated herself to helping others. While still an undergraduate at Russell Sage she volunteered at St. John's in the South End of Albany where she got to work with 2 of her life long heroes, Fr. Peter Young and Fr. Howard Hubbard. She also volunteered at Veterans' Hospital where she took wheel chair bound patients to Mass on Sundays.

She also became a "Big Sister" and received the Albany County Big Brother/Big Sister Volunteer of the Year Award in 1969.

In 1970 she joined Vista and spent 2 years offering help to the people of Caguas, Puerto Rico.

Upon returning home she became a foster parent to a 2 year old boy, Michael, whom she later adopted as a single parent in 1977. During this period she was the Director of a NY State Division For Youth funded multi-service

youth/family center and served as an advocate in Albany Police Court for persons 16-21 years of age.

In 1978 she worked at Catholic Charities helping develop a program intended to train Social Services System consumers to become paid “family advocates” at not for profit agencies.

In the fall of 1978 she married Vincent McArdle. In 1980 Kathy became a board member of Camary Inc., an organization serving the needs of developmentally disabled individuals and their families. It eventually became Living Resources. During her time on the Board she chaired a major fund raiser in the City Hall Rotunda with William Kennedy as guest of honor doing a reading from Ironweed. The event was a huge success.

In 1981 she and Vin adopted a new born son, Brian who early on was diagnosed with ADHD and several other disorders and learning disabilities. After dealing with professionals in the various fields associated with Brian's disabilities, Kathy and another mom founded a support group that became Capital District Attention Deficit Disorder Association. Kathy held monthly information meetings for families with guest speakers with expertise in all aspects learning disabilities. She organized a conference with workshops which was attended by more than 700 people. The group continued to meet regularly and at its peak had over 200 member families and a lending library of over 300 volumes.

She was the dear wife of Vincent J McArdle Jr; beloved mother of Michael and Brian (Nicole); sister-in-law of Anne DeSormeau (Gary) and Terrence

McArdle; sister of the late Richard "Rick" J. Farley Jr; several nieces and nephews survive.

Kathy's care and concern for others continued to manifest itself in her advocacy for her family and others as long as she was able.

We want to thank Eddy Visiting Nurses and Community Hospice for their aid to Kathy and most especially to voice our love and gratitude to a real angel of mercy, Kara Kozakiewicz whose gentle care and fierce advocacy have sustained us through this most difficult time.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend a Memorial Funeral Mass Thursday, November 17, 2022 at 11:30 am at St. Vincent De Paul Church, Albany, NY.

To leave a special message for the family please visit www.McveighFuneralHome.com.

Those wishing to remember Kathy in a special way may send a contribution to St. Vincent De Paul Church, 900 Madison Ave., Albany, NY 12208.

Previous Events

Service

NOV 17. 11:30 AM (ET)

Church of St. Vincent De Paul Church
900 Madison Ave.
Albany, NY 12208

Tribute Wall



“ Kathleen Ellen McArdle

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ Mr. McArdle, Mike & Brian, I just read of the passing of Kathy. I am sorry for your loss, she was an amazing woman, her guidance and friendship helped me in so many ways, she always stood up for what she believed in, and taught be to do the same. the people she helped along her journey, will always keep her memories alive. She took young lives and helped mold them, she cared for them and I am for ever grateful for her caring role she had in my husbands life. Kathy always went out of her way to help those she believed in and he was one of the lucky ones. Thank you Kathy and her family for being a part of my life.

Bernice Mccauslin-Hopkins - April 11, 2023 at 06:46 PM



“ I was sorry to learn of Kathy's passing. I worked for her when she was director of the Pine Hills Youth Center in Albany. I admired her commitment to the kids and families the Center served. She was a true advocate. Fond memories of a very special individual.

FrankAnthony Kelso - March 31, 2023 at 11:21 AM



“ Vince, Mary Anne and I are sorry we could not join you and the family in person at Kathleen's mass. We remember her with full hearts and wish you many years of happy memories of your long life together. Peter Noonan

peter noonan - November 20, 2022 at 10:56 AM

CS

“ Vince and family-

I was so sorry to learn of Kathy's passing. While she knew my mom first from the support group (a godsend to my parents back then), I came to know her (and Vince!) when she did residential habilitation for Catholic Charities Disabilities Services in her “retirement”. I remember her as passionate, dedicated, a fierce advocate for individuals with disabilities, and a wonderful friend. She spoke of her boys often and lit up every time! I also remember her telling me she would ask Viince “ what's going on in the world today” in the mornings. My thoughts and prayers are with your family during this difficult time of loss. ❤️🙏❤️

Colleen (Economides) Scott - November 20, 2022 at 10:41 AM

CO

“ Dear Vince, Michael and Brian, Heartfelt condolences for the sad passing of Kathy. I hope many happy memories bring you comfort.
Cathy O'Neill

Cathy O'Neill - November 18, 2022 at 03:56 PM

DH

“ To Vin and family,
I was so sorry to hear and read of Kathleen's passing..... Just a beautiful and wonderful sweetheart. I'm sure she's up there now running the show for our Lord in heaven.... She was loved by everyone

Dennis Hurley - November 17, 2022 at 12:19 PM

PS

“ *Vin and family,*

Betsy and I were saddened to learn of Kathy's passing. We extend our sympathy and will remember her and you in our prayers.

Paul Sullivan

Paul Sullivan - November 17, 2022 at 08:08 AM

TP

“ *Remembering Kathy as a fellow student in 1961-1962. Rest in peace Kathy. Heartfelt sympathy to her family.*



Tina Galey Pasierb - November 17, 2022 at 07:46 AM

JL

“ *Vinnie,*

I am so sorry for the passing of your dear wife Kathleen. May the Lord comfort you and your family during this difficult time.

Jerry Lynn

Jerry Lynn - November 16, 2022 at 03:40 PM

KJ

“ *Vin and family,
Sending prayers and condolences for your loss. Although I didn't
know your wife she sounds like a wonderful person and your family
was fortunate to have her in your lives.
God Bless!
John Kearney*

Kearney John - November 16, 2022 at 01:13 PM

GS

“ *Vin-----My condolences to you and family. I never realized what a
wonderful care giving person she was until I read her obituary..You
did a great job of being there for her during the tough times...Hope
to see you soon.....Greg Spencer*

Greg Spencer - November 16, 2022 at 10:54 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for
the family of Kathleen Ellen McArdle.*



November 16, 2022 at 07:09 AM

NO

“ *My condolences on the passing of your wife and mother. I hope you
can recall the pleasant past events together and realize she is in a
better place.*

Neil O'Connor - November 15, 2022 at 07:22 PM

TM

“ Vinnie, I'm so sorry for your loss, of which I unfortunately know all too well. I hope you can find the same comfort as I found in knowing our loved ones' faith was very strong and their reward is great in Heaven for a life well lived. Kathy is perfect now, I pray for your peace now

Tom Monjeau

tom Monjeau - November 15, 2022 at 09:01 AM

AN

“ Dear Vince and Brian,
Sincere condolences to you on the passing of your beautiful wife and mother,
Best,
Annette Nanes

Annette Nanes - November 15, 2022 at 08:27 AM

KE

“ Vince and Family,

I was sad to read of Kathy's passing in this morning's paper. Kathy was such a caring and passionate person who certainly lived a full and loving life. Kathy helped so many people.

Please accept my condolences. I would be at her funeral if I were in town. May you find comfort knowing Kathy is definitely in heaven.

Kathleen Economides

Kathleen Economides - November 15, 2022 at 07:10 AM