



Marie McAuliff Maguire

March 18, 1917 - April 7, 2012

Albany-Marie McAuliff Maguire, who enjoyed success as a businesswoman and a poet before becoming matriarch of a lively clan of storytellers, professionals, teachers, and craftsmen, died Saturday, April 7, at Our Lady of Mercy Life Center in Guilderland. She was 95.

Her family settled in Albany's Irish enclave, North Albany, five years after she was born in Manhattan. After attending Cathedral Academy, she earned a scholarship to the College of St. Rose and graduated first in her class in 1937. She also earned a master's degree at Albany Teacher's College.

After college, she enjoyed success in two pursuits, business and poetry. She sold Yellow Page advertising for the Reuben Donnelly Company, becoming the top sales rep in the state. She also studied writing with Robert Frost, John Ciardi, and other luminaries at the Bread Loaf Writers' Conference in Vermont. Later she published her verse in leading newspapers and poetry journals. She won a national poetry prize from the American Association of University Women in 1948.

In 1955, she married John Maguire, a widowed writer with four children, and left behind her careers in poetry and business to become a homemaker and mother. After bearing three children, she became matriarch of one of many large, colorful Catholic families in Albany's Pine Hills neighborhood.

She returned to the workforce in 1963, selling clothing for JCPenney and investigating credit for Sears.

In retirement, she taught reading as a literacy volunteer for nine years. She also traveled this country and Europe through the Elder Hostel program. She lived for the last five decades of her life in the Pine Hills home where she raised her family.

Marie McAuliff Maguire is survived by seven children: John Maguire of Lowell, Mass; Rachel MacDonell (Wayne) of Alexandria, Ontario; Michael Maguire (Joanne) of Albany; Gregory Maguire (Andy Newman) of Concord, Mass.; Matthew Maguire (Nancy Halpin) of Albany; Anne Maguire of Albany; and Joe Maguire (Dany Adams) of Cambridge, Mass. She is also survived by many grandchildren, friends, and neighbors. Her husband, John Maguire, died in January 1986.

Funeral services Wednesday, April 11, 2012 at 10:00 am from McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany thence to St. Vincent De Paul Church, Albany at 10:30 am where a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated.

Relatives and friends are invited and may call Tuesday, April 10, 2012 4:00 to 7:00 pm in the funeral home.

Interment St. Agnes Cemetery, Menands.

To leave the family a special message on their guest book, obtain directions or a prayer card, or share a photo with them, please visit www.McveighFuneralHome.com

Tribute Wall



“ Marie McAuliff Maguire

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ To the Maguire family, We were Albany neighbors, Winthrop Ave, and I was friends with Anne while we were students at Vincention grammar school. Please accept our sympathy and know our thoughts and prayers are with you. Alice and Jack Kinisky, Marianne, Tom and Jeanne.##imported-begin##Marianne(Kinisky) Belles##imported-end##

April 15, 2012 at 11:43 AM



“ To Rachael and Family,
As a North Albany neighbor and friend of Rachael, I am so sorry of the loss of your mother. I remember sitting in the backyard with Rachael and her siblings eating Peanut Butter Sandwiches for lunch. We always had so much fun during those lazy, daisy days of summer. They were wonderful memories. Wishing you strength and comfort.##imported-begin##Paula Fox-Murphy##imported-end##

April 11, 2012 at 02:10 PM



“ Please accept Pat and my condolences for the passing of your mother. You had/have a great family. I have many fond memories of growing up in North Albany with the Maguire family just across North Pearl St. from the Fox family. Those were great times as kids, though I remember your mother being fairly strict with the kids, but look how you all have grown-up! It would be a much better world today if more families had the direction that your father and mother gave all of you.

I do specifically remember how all of you were excellent in the proper use of the English language. In School 20, I remember how our grade school teacher would often call on Rachel for the derivative of a word. I'm sure your mother was proud of her family and all your accomplishments.##imported-begin##John & Pat Fox##imported-end##

April 11, 2012 at 12:14 PM



“ I'm sorry to hear of the passing of great Maguire. I regret not knowing her despite sharing a common Maguire family ancestry here in Albany. Our family's thoughts and prayers are with your family.##imported-begin##Sean Maguire##imported-end##

April 11, 2012 at 12:03 PM



“ Joe and family, please accept my most sincere condolences. John and Kathleen (Vermette) Rosch##imported-begin##Kathleen Vermette Rosch##imported-end##

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