



Thomas E. McCarthy III

April 24, 1941 - March 26, 2015

Thomas E. McCarthy III, 73, died Thursday, March 26, 2015. Tom was born in Albany, NY on April 24, 1941 to the late Donald and Janet McCormack McCarthy. He attended Christian Brothers Academy and was a graduate of Cardinal McCloskey High School and Siena College. Tom retired from the New York State Department of Labor in 1996, following 32 years of service. Tom was a very caring, extremely generous man. Having grown up in a family surrounded by classical music, he was a proud member of the South Colonie Opera Club, the Siena Opera Club and Saratoga Performing Arts Center. His musical tastes were varied. He enjoyed numerous opera trips to the Met in NYC, and he could also be seen at rock concerts at SPAC. Tom was an avid New York Giants and Yankees fan, although he did enjoy occasional trips to see “other” teams play.

He is survived by his siblings Dr. Peter J. McCarthy of Leesburg, VA; Donald F. McCarthy Jr. of Albany, NY; Kevin and Mary Armao McCarthy of Loudonville, NY and Janet and Jim Kurposka of Voorheesville, NY.

His nieces and nephew and their children cherish Uncle Tom’s memory. They are Drs. Anne and Dave Stewart (Abby, Baker and Ben) of Round Hill, VA; Elaine and Bob Verstandig (Joe, Tim, Tara and Allie) of Selkirk, NY; Mary Frances McCarthy of Voorheesville, NY; Christine and Chad Fowler (Noah) of Loudonville, NY; Michelle McCarthy and Joe O’Toole of Falls Church, VA;

Kelly Kurposka of Albany, NY; and Michael McCarthy of Goshen, MA. In addition to three of his nieces, Tom was godfather to Dr. Kathy Aurelia Uzzilia. He remained close with life-long friends Jim Aurelia and Dick Zounes.

The family would like to thank the doctors, nurses and staff of both St Peter's Hospital and the Hospice Inn (especially Julie and Catherine) for their wonderful care and attention.

In lieu of flowers, those who wish may make a memorial contribution in Tom's memory to the South Colonie Opera Club, c/o Colonie Central High School, 1 Raider Boulevard, Albany, NY 12205.

All are invited to a commemorative reception for Tom at the Italian American Community Center, 257 Washington Avenue Extension, Albany on Tuesday, April 7, 2015 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

A Memorial mass will be celebrated at The Church of Christ the King, 20 Sumter Avenue, Albany on Wednesday, April 8, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.

Previous Events

Service

APR 8. 10:00 AM (ET)

Christ The King Church
20 Sumter Avenue
Albany, NY 12203

Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas E. McCarthy III*

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *May the words at Isaiah 25:8 bring you comfort " He will swallow up death forever, And the Sovereign Lord Jehovah will wipe away the tears from all faces."*

M - August 29, 2015 at 10:04 PM



“ *Though I ave never actually we him, I have heard about how great Mr McCarthy was as a person. He always was open and kind to others and very generous. He greatly supported opera club and gave as much as he could to make sure we were happy even though we wanted to make sure he was okay. I wish I could be like him some day and bring great joy to everyone. His memories will carry on and he won't be forgotten.*



My condolences to Mr. McCarthy's family and loved ones.

Yasona, an opera club member

Yasona - April 10, 2015 at 12:55 PM

MD

“ So sad to hear of the loss of Tom. I grew up across the street from him, and remember well his keen wit and gregarious nature. Although we lost touch over the years, it is a happy revelation to hear of his accomplishments and the many friends he made. A life well-lived, to be sure. My condolences to the family, who must be drawing comfort from the warm tributes being paid with great fondness by so many folks. GBY all.

Mary Beth "Pinky" Donnelly

Mary Beth Donnelly - April 08, 2015 at 09:33 AM

LS

“ I just went to the beautiful commemoration at the Italian American Community Center and would like to thank Mr. McCarthy's friends and family for inviting the Opera Club. We had a good time celebrating a wonderful life tonight. Mr. McCarthy has touched our hearts in so many ways and I myself am very lucky to have met him. It's very rare to meet many people like him in life, and he will never be forgotten.

Leah Sutherland - April 07, 2015 at 07:28 PM

GP

“ Thomas McCarthy was truly a ray of vibrant positivity to everyone he encountered, and he was a genuine gift to be acquainted with. I am certain that I can speak for the entire CCHS Opera Club when I say that not a single day will go by where we won't think of his selflessness.

Mr. McC continues to be my inspiration throughout life, and I know I will always remember just how much warmth his smile could bring to a room. At all times, he incessantly found a way to lighten up a situation with humor or generosity. Our Christmas Caroling surprise will forever remain a memory held close to my heart.

My deepest condolences go to the McCarthy family and friends. His spirit will live on.

Gianina Padula - April 07, 2015 at 04:19 PM

GR

“ When I met Mr. McCarthy for the first time two years ago at the Opera Club donor dinner, I would have never imagined having to write a memorial for him right now. He was so full of life, generosity, and love. The way he selflessly gave his time and devotion to CCHS Opera Club will never be forgotten. No matter how much we loved him, he always loved us infinitely more. He has provided me with opportunities to expand my musical horizons that I never would have imagined prior to my opera club experience, and for that I am eternally grateful. The club will not be the same without him, and though next year his seat at our donor dinner will be empty, he will always be with us in spirit and deep within our hearts. Mr. McCarthy was much more than just a donor to us. He was a friend, an inspiration, and a source of unparalleled joy. My deepest condolences are offered to his closest relatives and friends, and all others whose lives were touched by this wonderful man. He will be truly and deeply missed by all.



Gianna Ross - April 07, 2015 at 03:41 PM

MH

“ I met Mr. McCarthy in Opera Club, and I was always amazed at how generous and caring he was. He always had a smile for everyone. I remember seeing him at the dinner our club held last year and he spoke to everyone in the club and made them feel welcome. I will always be grateful for the opportunities that we were all given. It was a privilege to know him and I know that we will always remember him.
-Melissa Hitt

Melissa Hitt - April 07, 2015 at 12:30 PM

ON

“ *Mr. McC was the type of person I strive to be like--joyful, giving, and kind. His support of the CCHS Opera Club has enriched my high school experience, and getting to know him has enriched my life. Thank you, Mr. McC.*

Oneida - April 07, 2015 at 12:27 PM

CY

“ *We will miss sharing stories with Tom when we visit Albany. Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire McCarthy family. Love -- Lee and Cathy Yaffa*

Cathy Yaffa - April 07, 2015 at 12:19 PM

MA

“ *I'm a member of Colonie High's Opera Club, and though I never got the opportunity to sit down with Mr. McCarthy and have a conversation with him, I've exchanged greetings and seen him and I know about all of the wonderful things he's done. He is an incredible man, and will leave behind a legacy that I can only dream of achieving when I grow up. I want to thank him for everything he's done, and say that he'll always hold a place in our hearts. R.I.P*

Matt - April 07, 2015 at 11:55 AM

AP

“ *When the Colonie Central High School Opera Club visited Mr. McCarthy's house to bring him the gift of Christmas Caroling, we were the ones who received the gift of his warm smile and rich stories of his life experiences. It was snowing that night, with a temperature most likely near freezing, but we gathered together as if we knew each other for decades, sharing laughter that made us completely forget about the cold.*

Mr McC was more than an opera aficionado--he was a friend, a mentor, an inspiration for others to devote their lives to kindness. I joined Opera Club during my junior year, and I have had the pleasure of knowing Mr. McCarthy as the epitome of selflessness with a bright spirit filled with enthusiasm.

I know that his legacy of generosity will eternally carry on, instilling in future generations a love of art and music. I am forever grateful for the variety of opportunities to travel to see myriad operas, and I consider myself beyond blessed to have encountered Mr. McC along this journey we call life.

~Allegra Padula, CCHS Class of 2015

Allegra Padula - April 07, 2015 at 11:49 AM

HG

“ *Mr. McCarthy's smile lit up the room. Though I did not know him long I feel I knew him well. I knew him through his kindness. His support for the CCHS Opera Club will never be forgotten. His purity shown through his smile. My deepest condolences and God bless Haley Gabriel*



Haley Gabriel - April 07, 2015 at 11:48 AM

DW

“ A beautiful mind for a beautiful life, thank you for being in all of ours.

Dylan Weinman - April 07, 2015 at 10:36 AM

KM

“ Mr. McC - you rocked our world with your smile, sense of humor, and awe-inspiring generosity. Opera Club will not be the same without you, but we will never forget all you have done for us, and we are all better for having known you. :) :) :) Hey - where's the emoticon option???

Ms. Mac and "Kids"

Karen MacWatters - April 07, 2015 at 08:57 AM

DC

“ Best "Pit Crew" partner, ever ! I will miss you, and will not forget you. And, yes, you are and always were a part of our Class of '58

My sincerest Condolences to the entire McCarthy Clan. It has been an honor to have been associated with you, even in a small way.

RIP "t"

*Dave Clarke
CBA Class of '58*

Parrish, FL

David B Clarke - April 05, 2015 at 11:35 AM