



Margaret Patrice Russell

September 23, 1934 - September 11, 2021

Margaret (Maggie) Patrice McKenna Russell, age 86, passed away suddenly on September 11, 2021 surrounded by beloved family members. Maggie was born to the late Walter P. and Bernice L. (Brown) McKenna in Detroit, Michigan on September 23, 1934. She is survived by her loving husband of 68 years, Raymond and her children Raylene (David), Michael (Holly), Patrice (Glenn), and Daniel (Jeanette). She was a devoted sister to Sharon (Tony) Skwiers and the late Charlene (Arthur) Carlson and leaves behind 13 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren plus many beloved nieces, nephews and life-long friends.

In the midst of raising four children, Maggie earned her Bachelor's Degree in English from Mercy College of Detroit and her Master's Degree in Education from Wayne State University. She retired after a 30 year career as a teacher with the Detroit Board of Education. The majority of her career was spent at Henry Ford High School where she became a well-respected and much loved English teacher. It was not unusual for her to run into former students who would report that her patience and guidance had led them to successful careers.

Maggie faithfully embraced her Irish heritage and, along with her sisters, travelled to County Monaghan, the birthplace of their ancestors, to attend a McKenna reunion. The McKenna girls were immediately adopted as "long-lost cousins" and spent three days singing, laughing, and learning about the family's history. In the Russell household, St. Patrick's Day was the most significant holiday and one of the very rare days that Maggie would skip school. With Ray as the designated driver, Maggie and her friends would begin the day by attending Mass at Most Holy Trinity Church in Corktown then embark on their journey to "visit" as many Irish pubs as possible, always closing out the day at the Weal Bar near her home.

Maggie was the heart of her family, the light in every room, the life of every party, and friend to everyone she met. She was devoted to her family, her close friends, and the Catholic church. May her Irish eyes continue to smile down upon us. Slainte, Margaret!

Funeral Liturgy 10:30 am Thursday, September 16, 2021 at Holy Family Catholic Church
24505 Meadowbrook Rd. Novi with visitation 10 am until time of liturgy at the church.
Interment Great Lakes National Cemetery. Expressions of sympathy www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

Cemetery

Great Lakes National Cemetery

4200 Belford Road

Holly, MI, 48442

Events

SEP **Visitation** 10:00AM - 10:30AM

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Holy Family Church

24505 Meadowbrook Rd., Novi, MI, US

SEP **Funeral Liturgy** 10:30AM

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Holy Family Catholic Church

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“ I was saddened to hear of the passing of Maggie. She was such a sweet lady. I met Maggie at the Church of the Holy Spirit at daily Mass. My prayers are with Ray and her family during this difficult time. May her soul Rest In Peace.

Pat Cassidy

Pat Cassidy - September 15, 2021 at 05:43 PM



“ I will always remember Margaret's laugh and her kind, fun loving spirit. She was pure joy to be around. Sending love and prayers to Ray and family now and always. Love, Jennifer Longman (Boyce)

Jennifer Longman - September 15, 2021 at 02:51 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Margaret Patrice Russell.



September 15, 2021 at 02:27 PM



“ Sending prayers and condolences to the family Mrs. Russell was one of my favorite teachers!

Tamar Gipson - September 15, 2021 at 02:01 PM



“ Sending my prayers, condolences and love to you and your family Raylene, Tena Jordan

Tena Jordan - September 14, 2021 at 10:30 PM



“ Thank you so much, Tena!

Raylene Russell - September 15, 2021 at 01:30 PM



“ I am praying for Maggie's family and her loved ones. May God bless, comfort, and keep them now, and in the days to come.
Sincerely,
Cheryl Wright-Bradley

Cheryl Wright-Bradley - September 14, 2021 at 08:22 PM



“ I taught with Maggie at Henry Ford High School. She was always smiling and laughing, and was one of the kindest and friendliest people that I have known. Students and teachers alike, respected and loved her.
Cheryl Wright-Bradley

Cheryl Wright-Bradley - September 14, 2021 at 08:20 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Margaret Patrice Russell.



September 14, 2021 at 07:07 PM



“ Maggie was a wonderful teacher and friend. She was funny and kind. I have many happy memories of her when we taught at Henry Ford. My condolences to Ray and her family. She will be missed. Carol Rust

Carol Rust - September 14, 2021 at 11:42 AM



“ I was fortunate to meet and see Maggie several times through Raylene. I'll always remember her fun-loving nature, smiling face, joyfulness and keen sense of fashion. We especially loved the toe ring. I'm very sorry to the family for your loss. Cindy Coe

Cindy Coe - September 14, 2021 at 10:10 AM



“ To the Russell Family- I was saddened to hear about Maggie passing & offer my prayers to the family. It's hard to grieve your mother, your wife. I hope she runs into Joe, Pat & Vince and hash out old times



Mary P Haroney - September 13, 2021 at 07:05 AM



“ Thank you, Mary Pat!

Patrice Phaneuf - September 13, 2021 at 08:16 PM



“ I remember Margaret, and also Ray, from when we used to take Ballroom Dance lessons with them. We were in the performing group with both of them and had so much fun. She was always laughing and smiling. Sending our sympathy to Ray and the entire family.

Karen and Chris Landacre

Karen Landacre - September 15, 2021 at 11:07 AM