



## Muriel J. McCarville

September 28, 1929 - December 9, 2020

Mineral Point – Muriel Jean McCarville, age 91, died peacefully on Wednesday, Dec. 9, 2020 at her home in rural Mineral Point. Muriel was lovingly cared for by her three youngest daughters and numerous grandchildren, as her health faded with various illnesses in her last two years of life.

She was born on Sept. 28, 1929 in Dodgeville, to Milo and Faye (Terrill) Ferrell. Muriel graduated from Mineral Point High School in 1947. She married LaVerne Thomas McCarville on Oct. 8, 1947, and together they farmed in the Waldwick area working side by side while raising their nine children. Muriel was a lifelong member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church and an active member of the Council of Catholic Women. She had many interests, including being a voracious reader, and writing and sending cards to everyone she knew – her beautiful penmanship was admired by many. Muriel was a member of the Mineral Point Red Hat Group and Iowa County Homemakers Club. She enjoyed bowling in a Monday night league with friends during her early years. She was a birdwatcher and enjoyed her outside flowers and indoor plants. She loved to play cards, listen to live music, attend grandchildren's activities and watching baseball. She was the most kind, caring and sweet lady you would ever meet. She had a beautiful smile, a heart of gold and was a ray of sunshine.

Muriel is survived by her nine children, sons Dennis (Jane) and Michael (Barb) of Mineral Point, seven daughters, Christine (John) Berthelson of Las Vegas, Mary (Steve Mowbray) Venden of Morton, Ill., Sue (Denny) Hammond of Dodgeville, Muriel (Gary) Gruenenfelder of Blanchardville, Kathleen (Jeff) Hendrickson of Belleville, Cynthia (Denny) Nafzger of Mineral Point, and Amy Sarbacker of Mineral Point.

She is also survived by 33 grandchildren and 56 great grandchildren: Shawn McCarville of Mineral Point, Trent and Stacy (Kaleb and Faith) Pilling of Mineral Point, Tori and Shane (Caden, Colbi, Cylin and Cambrey) Carey of Mineral Point, Melissa and Mike (Ross and Luke) Schieble of Pewaukee, Jaime and Stephanie (Hannah, Heidi, Hayden and Henry) Hegland of Lone Rock, Kyle and Ashley (Riley and Carson) Hegland of Mullen, Neb., Tessa and Tyler (Maya, Brayden, Cullen and Vaughn) Lynch of Mequon, Seth Venden of Highland, Kirk and Carissa (Olivia and one on the way) Venden of Morton, Ill., Shane and Hannah (Boone and one on the way) Hammond of Dodgeville, Jennifer and Jesse Mulder of Dodgeville, Justin and Michelle (Eva and Hawken) Gruenenfelder of Monticello, Farron and Jess (Trinity, Aiden, Layton and Atley) Gruenenfelder of Blanchardville, Lucas and Dana (Teagan and Aven) Gruenenfelder of Hollandale, Heidi and Jason (Olivia, Ella and Owen) Schrader of Pewaukee, Jason and Kris (Halle, Jaxon, Cal, Lydia and Cheyenne) Gruenenfelder of Blanchardville, James and Lacy (Ryder, Taylee and Ace) Gilbertson of New Glarus, Eric and Jackie (Alana, Hunter and Emi) McCarville of Mineral Point, Nick and Tatum (Takori, Ellie and Zeke) Wienen of Galena, Ill., Brandon and Kim (Brett, Ava, Emma, Riley and Cassidy) Hendrickson of Belleville, Kelsi and Jeremy (Brantley and Landon) Mayer of Monroe, Trent and Kelsey (Trevor and Grace) Hendrickson of Blanchardville, Breinne Hendrickson of Belleville, Brooks and Riley Hendrickson of Belleville, Trapper, Jarvie and Cyntanah Nafzger of Mineral Point, Cade Sarbacker of Mineral Point, Alex and Callie (Slayer and one on the way) McCullick of Wauzeka, Jordyn (Maddyn) Sarbacker of Mineral Point, Tucker Sarbacker of

Mineral Point, Shania Sarbacker of Fitchburg, Sawyer Sarbacker of LaCrosse.

She is further survived by one sister, Esther Reynolds of Fort Atkinson, her sister-in-law Idain (James) Carter of Blanchardville, her Norwegian daughter, Heidi Hardyman of Mineral Point, double cousin, Mabel (Gib) Gribble of Mineral Point, special daughter, Vicki McCarville of Dodgeville and special grandchild, Jessica Meyer of Juda.

Muriel is preceded in death by her husband, LaVerne, an infant son, Patrick (1964), her sister, Maxine Tibbits, her parents, her in-laws, her daughter-in-law Joan McCarville, a grandson, Trevor Hendrickson and great granddaughter Kylie Pilling.

A Public Visitation for Muriel will be held on Monday, Dec. 14, 2020 from 10 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. with a private family funeral to follow at ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH in Hollandale. Due to CDC guidelines, Muriel's children, Dennis, Christine, Mary, Sue, Muriel and Michael are not comfortable being in attendance at their Mother's visitation but will be present at the Private Family Mass & Burial. If you would like to express your condolences to them, please contact them directly. Father Paul Eruva will officiate, assisted by Father Luke Syse. Burial will be at the Calvary Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests making memorials to the family of Muriel McCarville for donations to local charities.

Online memories and condolences can be shared with the family at: <https://www.gorgenfh.com/>

# Cemetery Details

## St. Patrick's Cemetery

7001 Highway 39  
Hollandale, WI 53544

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **14**. 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

St. Patrick's Catholic Church  
601 Grover Street  
Hollandale, WI 53544

# Tribute Wall



“ *Muriel J. McCarville*

November 15, 2022 at 06:49 AM



“ *Dear McCarville family, I am so saddened to hear about the passing of Muriel, she was such a sweet, special lady...I took care of Laverne at the Mineral Point Care Center and we all got to be great friends with Muriel. She will be deeply missed...Amy Mundth*

**Amy Mundth** - December 19, 2020 at 04:12 PM



“ *Dear Chris and family of Muriel McCarville*

*I was so sad to learn of Muriel's passing. Karen and I always enjoyed seeing her and all of your family when we would stop in Hollandale for McCarville Family Reunions. We first met Muriel and Laverne at the 1977 McCarville reunion and they were instrumental in seeing that the McCarville reunion moved beyond meeting only in Iowa when they hosted the first reunion in WI in 1978. Now of course, we've held reunions all over the US and Canada and also in Ireland. We always enjoyed talking with her - she was so proud of her entire family. She was always so happy and glad to see us when we stopped by. We would have liked to attend her services, but we are still hibernating too.*

*Jim and Karen McCarville  
Lindstrom MN 55045*

**Jim McCarville** - December 19, 2020 at 01:22 PM

CR

“ Vicki, I was so sorry to hear of Muriel's passing. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Carol Richardson - December 18, 2020 at 03:17 AM

KW

“ I had only seen Muriel twice since moving from the area in 1958. The first time was at my grandmother, Clara Gratton's, funeral and the last time at my aunt Inez Gratton's funeral. Even though I was in grade school in '58, seeing her the last time was like reuniting with an old, longtime friend. It is easy to see why she was loved by so many. Warm memories and prayers to the family.  
Ken Walker

Ken Walker - December 17, 2020 at 04:49 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Muriel J. McCarville.



December 14, 2020 at 07:29 AM

JG

“ Everyone will surely miss this wonderful loving Mother, grandmother and great grandmother. She was so special and made everyone she met feel that they were special too.  
I'm sure all her family and friends that went to their eternal life before her were waiting to greet her with open arms when she arrived there. So rest in peace Muriel and as you always wrote in the cards you sent "Love and Prayers"

Jackie Gempler - December 13, 2020 at 08:32 PM

JG

“ So sorry to hear Muriel passed away. Just know heaven gained another angel and she will be watching over her family from above. Prayers to the whole family.

*Art & Joey Gilbertson*



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**Joey Gilbertson** - December 13, 2020 at 07:14 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Muriel J. McCarville.



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December 13, 2020 at 02:29 PM

JM

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the McCarville family on passing of Muriel. I have fond memories of her growing up in Blanchardville, Wisconsin. May you be comforted knowing your mother and grandma touched the lives of so many people.

*Julie Berg MacSwain  
Portland, Oregon*

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**Julie MacSwain** - December 13, 2020 at 01:49 PM

TP

“ Dear Cousins,  
I was saddened to hear of the death of your mom. I have many fond memories of visiting your farm and her delightful Christmas cards. Just this past June, I received a lovely, handwritten letter from Muriel that was such a gift to me. She has been part of my daily rosary and I know that she's already busy in heaven chatting it up with all our relatives. I will be with you in spirit as you celebrate her life.

*My love and prayers,  
Terry Tonkin Punswick*

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**Terry Punswick** - December 13, 2020 at 12:11 PM

LH

“ So sorry for your loss. I remember this beautiful lady and that smile. A fond memory connected with growing up in Hollandale. My sincere condolences to her family.

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**Laura Hojem** - December 13, 2020 at 11:56 AM

MH

“ My sincere condolences to all the family. Muriel was always such a pretty lady and so friendly . May you find comfort in your memories of times gone by..

*Marion Paynter Howard*

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**Marion Howard** - December 13, 2020 at 11:41 AM

HH

“ Too many memories to share. I cherish all of them. I have loved you since the day I first met you. I was probably in preschool. Amy and I became best friends and you took me under your wing. I love that you called me your Norwegian daughter and you were my Irish Mama. Warms my heart. Even when I said goodbye, you looked up and me and said, “my Norwegian daughter, I love you so much. I loved you so much! You have always been a ray of sunshine whenever I needed it. I will miss your kindness, smile, our conversations, watching Wheel of Fortune and Dateline. Thank you for always being so good to me and Alexa. I know you will continue to watch over us and pray for us. A legend, a queen and now guardian angel. RIP beautiful Irish mama!

Heidi Bollerud Hardyman - December 13, 2020 at 11:25 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Muriel J. McCarville.



December 13, 2020 at 12:24 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Muriel J. McCarville.



December 12, 2020 at 07:19 PM

KH

“ To Muriel's family, we are truly sorry about the passing of your dear Mother--Grandmother.. Our sincere sympathy to all of you along with our thoughts and prayers.  
Karen and Greg Hauser



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**Karen and Greg Hauser** - December 12, 2020 at 03:46 PM

NA

“ Muriel had the most infectious smile., and was always so pleased to see you! I haven't lived in the area in a long time, but whenever I did see her, she remembered me right away., and made me feel like I was her best friend, that she had not seen in a very long time! I'm sending all my prayers and love to the family, I know that heaven just received an Angel, with the best smile ever, and the kindest heart. God Bless!

All My Love, Nancy (Griffiths) Anderson  
Grand Prairie, Tx.

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**Nancy Anderson** - December 12, 2020 at 01:11 PM

SS

“ Muriel was a great neighbor to us on the farm. Always enjoyed bowling against her. She was very competitive. Classy lady. Our condolences to the entire McCarville family.  
Jim and Sandy Strommen

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**Sandy Strommen** - December 12, 2020 at 11:38 AM

LC

“ Sorry to hear of your Mother's passing  
Thoughts nd prays are with you Leroy  
Christen



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**leroy n christen** - December 12, 2020 at 11:12 AM

CS

“ Always enjoyed seeing Muriel in store. She always was smiling and  
knew me right away. I think it was 3 years ago that I saw her at  
Walgreens and we had a chat. Cherish all your memories. She was  
a classy lady. Carol (Thompson) Small

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**Carol Small** - December 12, 2020 at 10:30 AM

KS

“ I am so sorry to read that Muriel passed! She was such a warm,  
caring little bundle of energy! She will live on thru all of her family!  
Sending healing prayers to all of you!

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**Karen (Christen) Sponem** - December 12, 2020 at 10:11 AM

BK

“ I always admired Muriel. She embraced life to the fullest. Muriel did  
not life's difficult challenges dim her spirit and zest for living. A ready  
smile, warm hug, staying connected to so many people. Just  
amazing! I will miss her. She left a legacy for not only her family but  
the rest of us as well.  
Beth Kundert

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**Beth Kundert** - December 12, 2020 at 07:46 AM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Muriel J. McCarville.*



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December 11, 2020 at 12:25 PM



“ *Christine M Gilbertson lit a candle in memory of Muriel J. McCarville*



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**Christine M Gilbertson** - December 11, 2020 at 08:51 AM



*Always smiling..I remember that from 1960. Will miss your smile.*

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**Christine M Gilbertson** - December 11, 2020 at 08:53 AM



“ *Whenever I saw my Aunt Muriel, she had a big smile on her face and a big hug for me. It did not matter if I was 10 or 50 years old. She had a great spirit and lived a rewarding life because of it. I was lucky to know her and hope all my McCarville cousins are doing well.*

*Tom Carter*

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**Tom Carter** - December 10, 2020 at 10:18 PM

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“ *STEVE AND JO THEOBALD lit a candle in memory of Muriel J. McCarville*



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**STEVE AND JO THEOBALD** - December 10, 2020 at 07:00 PM

SH

“ *Shianne lit a candle in memory of Muriel J. McCarville*



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**Shianne** - December 10, 2020 at 02:22 PM

SP

“ Muriel had so much life to her. A few years ago Muriel was telling us that she was going to jump a plane to AZ to go gambling all by her self. This was like 4 years ago. She had us going for a while that she just decided that she wanted to gamble and she was going by herself. She finally started to laugh and stated that she was going to see her daughter. The more we talked to her we found out that we were both going to be in AZ at the same time. We laughed and said that maybe we would see each other out there. Well.....When we got to AZ we decided to take a day trip to the Grand Canyon. Guess who we seen sitting on a wall at the Grand Canyon. We couldn't believe it.. After lots of picture and giggles and kiss's we went on our separate ways. Back home ever time we would run into Grandma Gray Hair we would have a great laugh about that day.... I am so sorry for your lose. Her smile will be missed.. I can see her making Kylie smile now...

*Craig and Sherrie Pilling Family*

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**Sherrie Pilling** - December 10, 2020 at 01:24 PM