



Ellen T. McCarry Lacek

January 5, 1943 - February 20, 2021

Ellen McCarry Lacek

Ellen T. Lacek, age 79, of 213 North Main Street Towanda died on February 20, 2021 from complications of Covid disease. Born in Ashley PA, she was the daughter of the late Donald and Helen Spaar McCarry.

Ellen and Jim married in 1963 at the Saint Leo's Church in Ashley. They started their married life in Millville PA from 1963 to 1970 and then moved to Towanda PA, where they raised five children.

Ellen loved working in retail, starting with the Isaac Long Store in Wilkes Barre and then the Al Lenzinie Store in Bloomsburg. She worked for the PA State Liquor Store for over 15 years, managing the Wyalusing store until retirement. Throughout the 70s and 80s she devoted much of her spare time to the volunteer ambulance association, teaching classes in first aid and CPR with good friend Jack Felicitia. Over the past fifteen years Ellen enjoyed her elected position on the Borough Council. From 2007 to the present she served as a director on the Towanda Municipal Authority. Spending much of her childhood summers in Atlantic City, Ellen loved her beach vacations – from New England to Florida. Ellen and Jim enjoyed spending many fall and spring seasons on Emerald Isle, North Carolina. Ellen had many talents. She had a passion for music, and played the harmonica, piano and guitar. Many children were welcomed into this world with one of her crochet blankets. She and Jim had the largest garden in Towanda Borough, filling two freezers and numerous shelves with canned tomatoes, peppers, beans, beets, and corn. They fed family, friends and neighbors for many years.

Ellen is survived by her husband James Lacek, daughters Kathleen (Roy) Hope, Christine (Jody) Garris; sons Daniel Lacek, Michael (Marco) Lacek, Jimmy Lacek; and grandchildren Erika (Eric) Severson, Kyleen Garris, Joe Garris and Paige Garris; great grandchildren Wyatt Severson and Sawyer Severson; and many extended family, close friends and neighbors.

A memorial service will be held at a future date to be announced.

Memories and condolences may be expressed by visiting <http://www.bowenfuneralhomes.com>.

Comments



“ I am so sorry for your loss ellen was a great lady whenever I saw her out in town she would always stop and say hello my condolences to all your family thoughts prayers to all of you

Michelle Bull - March 09 at 01:36 PM



“ I'm so terribly sorry to hear that Ellen passed away. My heartfelt sympathy to you Jim. I enjoyed knowing Ellen so much. Trudy Gerlach

Trudy Gerlach - March 04 at 01:55 PM



“ My deepest sympathy to Jim and family. Ellen was a close and dear friend like no other. We had so many wonderful vacations together,always laughing and having fun .Of course, I gained weight from her delicious cooking.I will certainly miss her. REST IN PEACE MY DEAR FRIEND! Janice Wienckoski and Family

janice wienckoski - March 04 at 10:15 AM



“ To Jim and your family Sorry for your loss of your wife mother and best friend. Ted and Nancy Morgans Class of St. Leo's H.S 1960 classmate

Ted Morganas - March 01 at 08:51 PM



“ Jim and family,
So sorry to hear of Ellen's passing. She was a special lady always doing things to help her town to make it a great place to live. Her service to Towanda Borough Council and TMA for many years was proof of that.
We became friends through work and I am blessed to have known her.
She was a great cook and we were always happy when she brought treats to meetings.
Ellen made me a beautiful Afghan when I retired and it is still on my chair today.
Remember the good memories and prayers for all.

Mary Ann Harris - February 28 at 04:08 PM



“ To Jim and Family,
This is sad news. I first met Ellen when I taught Kathleen in fourth grade. Mary Kay and I enjoyed a lovely summer evening in the beautiful Lacek backyard garden.
Ellen served her beloved community tirelessly. She truly left her mark.
We send love to the family at this sad time.

Tom & Mary Kay Abell - February 26 at 08:42 AM



“ Meat & Cheese Sympathy Gift Crate was purchased for the family of Ellen T. McCarry Lacek.



February 25 at 07:13 PM



“ What a great lady! We were ambulance partners, back in the day. Many a middle-of-the-night call, ending at DD. She was wonderful to work with, fun and caring.
My sympathy and prayers

Marie Walsh Seibert

Marie Seibert - February 25 at 07:08 PM



“ Words cannot express how saddened I'm over the loss of our Ellen. She came into my life 64yrs ago when as the new kid in the 9th grade I was in need of a friend. Ellen was quick to reach out in her kind, caring and humorous way. Many fond memories thru school and at her family home where she played any tune on piano and we sang along. When we could get her dad to give us the car and we had 35 cents for gas we would drive to Mt.Top then coast down to save on gas. While away at school she kept in touch with long chatty letters and in recent years with visits, sharing plants and phone calls. Always kind, caring and humble. May we all find solace in wonderful memories. My thoughts are with Jim and the children. I will miss you. You were the best. Rest in Peace my dear,dear friend.

Patricia "Fitzie" Fitzpatrick

PATRICIA A FITZPATRICK - February 25 at 04:21 PM



“ I shed a tear when I think of my dear friend Ellen leaving us! I smile though when I think of all the wonderful times we shared! Whether husking corn in the kitchen to sitting on the front porch at night, memories will be with me always!

Allyson - February 25 at 04:11 PM



“ Thoughts are with the family in your loss. Am so sorry. Ellen was a sweet and funny lady. Always enjoyed talking to her at A&P and State Store.



Claire Holton-Lizon - February 25 at 01:50 PM



“ Our deepest sympathy to Jim and family. We have so many good memories of Ellen there is not enough room here to share them all. From running ambulance calls with her for Towanda Ambulance Association, to Board meetings to Annual Dinner Banquets. The time we spent planning and preparing for the banquets at her home will always be one of our fondest memories. She was a special lady and will be greatly missed by everyone who knew her. Always available to help whomever and wherever needed. She enjoyed life and lived it to the fullest. God Bless!
Gary & Charlotte Parks

Charlotte or Gary Parks - February 25 at 12:40 PM



“ Richard And Linda Monk lit a candle in memory of Ellen T. McCarry Lacek



Richard and Linda Monk - February 25 at 11:45 AM