



Mary Alice McChesney

February 4, 1938 - August 6, 2022

Mary Alice McChesney, 84, of Houston, Texas passed away on her 62nd Wedding Anniversary, Saturday, August 6, 2022.

Mary was born February 4, 1938 in Chatham, Ontario to Romeo Dupuis and Olive Blair Dupuis. Mary was the oldest grandchild of Mose and Alice Blair, whose daughter Olive, was the oldest of 14 children.

She is survived by her loving and dedicated husband Lloyd McChesney; their three children David McChesney and wife Tracy, Stephen McChesney and wife Stephanie, and Mona and husband Bill Graue; seven grandchildren, Jane and Molly McChesney, Maxwell and Madeline McChesney, and Emily, August, and Lauren Graue; great grandchildren Norah and Thomas Corbeil; and Mary's brother Michael Dupuis and wife Della, nieces Kristen and Julie, and their families.

Mary met Lloyd at the wedding of his brother Larry to her cousin Claire (Hôtel-Dieu nursing classmate) in Tilbury in 1959. The next day Lloyd gave Mary a ride in his MG to London, Ontario where she started her first nursing job; and so began their romance.

Mary married Lloyd from Sudbury, Ontario at Tilbury's St. Francis Church. They began life on the road heading to Calgary, Alberta for the first of many Bechtel projects that took them around the world over 42 years. Their family

started in 1961 in Calgary; then moved to Willowdale, Oakville, Melbourne Australia, Bougainville Island PNG, Montreal, Edmonton and finally Houston Texas, which they've called home for the past 44 years.

Mary loved music, singing, dancing, gardening, golf (hole in one on the day Reagan was shot, so no one cared), culture, theatre, movies, travel, skiing, history, and good food (she loved her neighborhood gourmet clubs). She found great friends in neighborhoods wherever she lived and always kept in touch with friends and family.

Mary and Lloyd participated in both federal and local politics in the 1960's in Canada, and she was always a member of the Bechtel Women's Club.

Many church activities brought her joy and friendship and fortified her faith: the choir at St John Vianney Catholic Church; the antics of the Vianney Virtuosi (she sang 'Crazy' a la Patsy Cline); the Women's club; and her Divine Will group.

Mary was truly lovely. She had tasteful style and took pride in her appearance. However, arthritis and dementia slowed her down. Despite many of life's challenges, Mary found solace and joy in her husband, faith, family and friends.

The McChesney family will be present to receive friends, Thursday, August 18, 2022 from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM with a Holy Rosary being recited at 7:00 PM followed by a Eulogy for Mary at Dettling Funeral Home, 14094 Memorial Drive, Houston, TX 77079.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated Friday, August 19, 2022 at 10:30 AM at St. John Vianney Catholic Church, 625 Nottingham Oaks Trail, Houston, TX 77079. A reception will follow Holy Mass in St. Jude Hall on the church grounds.

Mrs. McChesney will be laid to rest in Eden Brook Memorial Gardens in Calgary, Canada. In lieu of flowers please consider contributions in Mary's memory to St. John Vianney Catholic Church.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 18. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Dettling Funeral Home
14094 Memorial Drive
Houston, TX 77079
(281) 497-2121
david@dettlingfuneral.com

Rosary

AUG 18. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Mass

AUG 19. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

St. John Vianney Catholic Church
625 Nottingham Oaks Trail
Houston, TX 77079

Reception

AUG **19**. 11:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Alice McChesney*

October 08, 2023 at 10:52 AM



“ *Mary Alice McChesney*

October 06, 2023 at 01:12 AM



“ *Mary Alice McChesney*

October 05, 2023 at 09:45 AM



“ *Mary Alice McChesney*

October 05, 2023 at 01:54 AM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of your loss Lloyd. Although I didn't get to know your lovely wife, I so enjoyed working with you during our Houston Bechtel years. You are a wonderful person and my heart goes out to you and your family. Wishing you peace in her loving memories. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Fondly, Beverly Tinn*

Beverly Tinn - September 06, 2022 at 11:15 AM

AS

“ Lloyd and family, Carole and I are very sorry for your loss. We have many happy memories of our long ago Ryerson years, and more recently of you and Mary at our class reunions. Thinking of you, Carole and Art Smithard

Art Smithard - September 05, 2022 at 12:40 PM

MO

“ Sending much love and our deepest condolences to all of the McChesney family. Mary was a beautiful, smart, kind woman. We have many fond memories of visits to Cathcart street & a very special memory of Mary attending Florence and Bill's 50th anniversary celebration. Everyone was thrilled that she was there to share the special day with us.
The Escott Family



Moira - August 18, 2022 at 02:09 PM

TA

“ Lloyd, and Family. It was so nice to talk with you Lloyd, and so sad to hear of Mary's passing. She will always be remembered for her kind heart and compassion. We greatly appreciate her gratitude she showed us over the years for the love we both shared for Romeo and Olive. We have fond memories of your visits to Tilbury to share in both celebratory and sad times. Keeping you in our thoughts always, Love Tammi and Joe.

Tammi&Joe - August 17, 2022 at 07:04 PM

TC

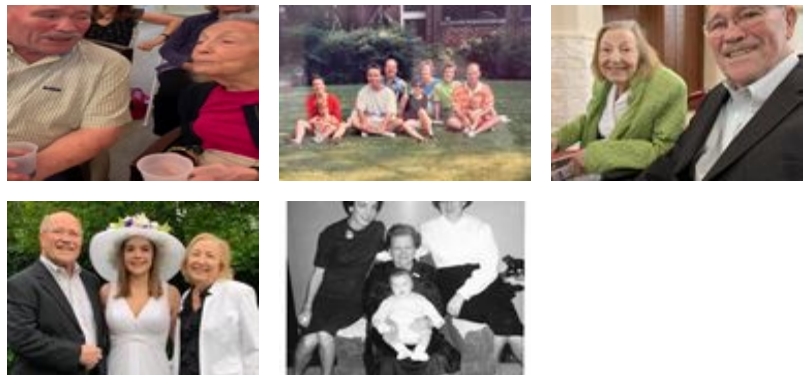
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Tammi Costa - August 17, 2022 at 05:40 PM



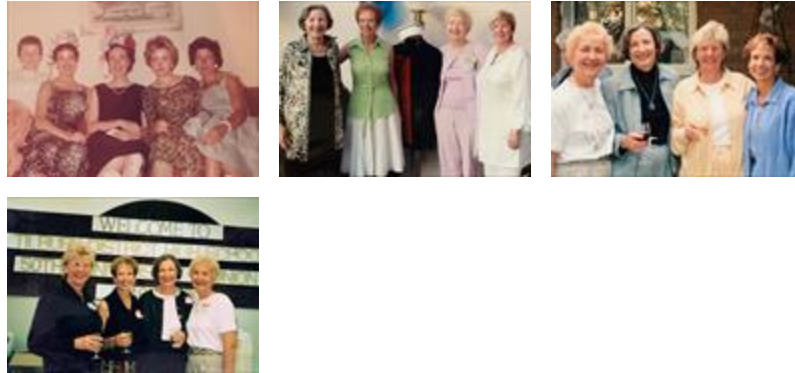
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Dettling Funeral Home - August 16, 2022 at 04:03 PM

DM

“ 4 files added to the album *Mary's Life*



David McChesney - August 16, 2022 at 12:41 PM

DM

Many years of friendship from their years in Nursing and growing up in Tilbury!

David McChesney - August 16, 2022 at 12:43 PM

CB

“ *Our sincere condolences to the McChesney/Dupuis families. You are in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.*

Bob & Colleen Barnabe

Colly Barnabe - August 16, 2022 at 10:24 AM

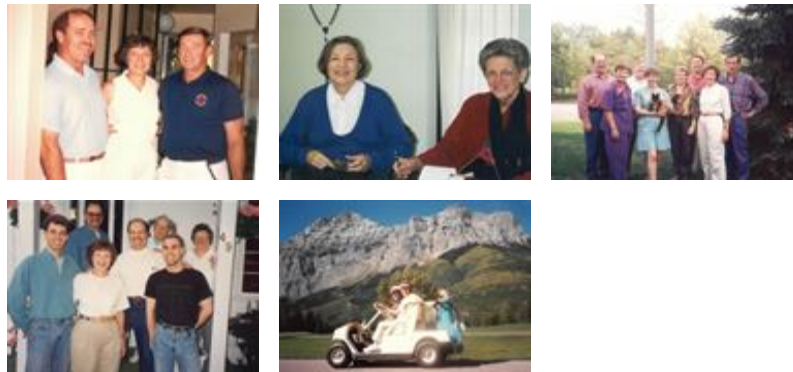


“ *Dave and I were sadden to learn about your great loss Lloyd ! We did not get to know your sweet Mary but we were fortunate to know you when we were at Ryerson. There you were , a young man from Sudbury down in the big city and I must say you remained a steady, controlled, engaging young man with your head on your shoulders. You are left with the many wonderful memories of your dear wife and grateful for those happy years ! We too have memories and many are centred around the fraternity. Those were delightful years. Your family will be a great source of comfort. God bless you Lloyd.*
Mary and Dave Lingley
Bobcaygeon, Ontario

Mary Lingley - August 15, 2022 at 04:51 PM



“ *32 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Detting Funeral Home - August 15, 2022 at 03:32 PM

GL

“ *Lloyd, When I heard your voice today it brought back so many great memories of years past. Mary was such a special person and will be missed by many. Our condolences to the family and friends who will miss her as much as we will. Love and prayers. Gail and Arnold Sutton*

gail larkin - August 15, 2022 at 12:07 AM

LL

“ Thank you Lloyd for reaching out to me today and I’m so sorry to hear about Mary. She was one of the dearest women ever. Ron and I came to your house when he bought my engagement ring to share our news with the two of you first. My thoughts and prayers to you and your family.

Lisa Lawrence - August 14, 2022 at 07:33 PM

DM

Thank you Lisa, such fond memories of you and Ron in Houston, and Alberta. Much love, Dave

David McChesney - August 14, 2022 at 10:32 PM

DM

“ 1 file added to the album Mary's Videos



David McChesney - August 14, 2022 at 06:15 PM

DM

Such a lovely voice and couple - taken in the past month. xo Dave

David McChesney - August 14, 2022 at 06:21 PM

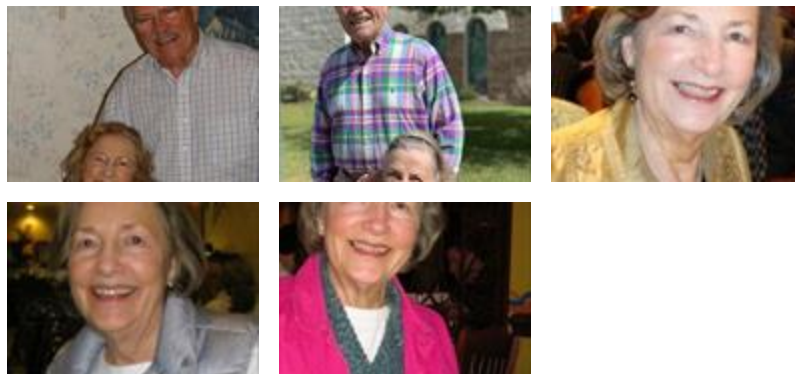
AG

“ So sad to lose a dear friend,our love and prayer go out to the whole family.So many years have past since Mary and I began a close friendship in grade 1,on to high school and nurses training.Then came marriages babies and lots of travel with Lloyd’s work but we knew we were just a phone call away.I will always think of Mary as a dear friend.May she Rest In Peace.Love and prayers Annette and Hardy

Annette Grigull - August 13, 2022 at 07:43 PM

DM

“ 111 files added to the album Mary's Life



David McChesney - August 13, 2022 at 07:10 PM

RR

“ We will always remember and be grateful for the love and support from Mary and Lloyd during our “almost” move to Houston! And times when they visited in Calgary. Warm memories of Mary! Our condolences and love.
Robin and John Robertson

Robin Robertson - August 12, 2022 at 11:28 AM

AP

“ Lloyd, Mona, David & Stephen,
I was so sorry to hear of Mary's passing. She was a beautiful, kind and thoughtful woman. Her smile would light up a room whenever she entered. She corresponded with my mother for many years until she passed. I don't think my mother wrote to many people, so I know how special that made her. I remember your family visits to Tilbury. I was always excited to see her. She always made me feel special with just a smile and a hug. She came to me at my mother's funeral and told me how she appreciated her relationship with her. She also told me never to lose touch with those you care about, no matter the distance between. She truly was a special lady. I regret not keeping in touch with her. My love and prayers to you all.

Andrea Escott Palmer - August 12, 2022 at 09:34 AM

CM

“ Lloyd and Family. So sorry to hear of our cousins passing. We send our prayers to you and your family. Charles & Sylvia McDonell

Charles McDonell - August 09, 2022 at 06:52 PM

RS

“ Lloyd and family,
So very sorry to hear of this sad news. Sending much love and prayers to all during this most difficult time.
Aunt Shirley and Renee Serruys

Renée Serruys - August 09, 2022 at 05:58 PM

EA

“ Sending our love and prayers to such a lovely family. Mary was a gentle and loving person and she has passed this along to her children. The memories will never be forgotten when they visited Tilbury. Todd and Elaine

Elaine Armstrong - August 09, 2022 at 06:32 AM