



Marie E. (Marielis) McCormick

July 29, 1925 - December 11, 2025

IN MEMORY OF:

Marie E. (Marielis) McCormick

Serving Location:

CRAIN PLEASANT GROVE-MURDALE FUNERAL HOME

31 Memorial Drive, Murphysboro, Illinois

Marie E. (Marielis) McCormick, 100, died on Thursday, December 11, 2025, at Manor Court in Carbondale, Illinois.

She was born July 29, 1925. to Rev. Karl and Helene Hoehn in Fulda, Germany. Her family was raised in a Christian home by her father, an evangelical pastor. Marie graduated from high school in 1943, served in labor organizations helping families. While returning to her home at the end of World War II, she witnessed all the destruction, and people traveling to get home to see what remained.

In 1945 she met Lieutenant Robert McCormick. After three visits he proposed marriage, and they were married July 27, 1947, in Walcott, Arkansas for 61

years until his death.

After marrying, while still raising a family, and serving as a pastor's wife, she attended college in Arkadelphia, Arkansas, later completing her bachelor's degree in education at Southeast Missouri State College. She taught at Leopold, Missouri, and Shawnee High School in Wolf Lake, Illinois. She retired from teaching 1986. She was a lifetime member of the NEA, IEA, retired Jackson County Retired Teachers Association. After retirement, Mrs. McCormick was involved with International Friends Club and helped to bridge cultural and other barriers with international wives, students, and families. Marie joined Elm Street Baptist Church where she taught Sunday School. She was known as the oldest Mother of the church.

Marie is survived by her sister, Irene Foerster (Wilhelm); three children, Carl H. McCormick (Gayle), Dr. Ingrid I. Alexander (David) and Robert J. McCormick (Elisabeth); grandchildren, Cory Newton, Anna Alexander, Tim Alexander, John McCormick, and Elizabeth McCormick, and one great-grandchild, Alexandra McCormick.

Services will be December 23, 2025. Visitation will be at 10:00 a.m. at Elm Street Baptist Church, Murphysboro, Illinois, followed by the service at 11:00 a.m. with the Rev. Charles Allen officiating. Burial will be at Pleasant Grove Memorial Park.

Memorials in lieu of flowers may be made to Elm Street Baptist Church.

Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Pleasant Grove Memorial Park

31 Memorial Dr.
Murphysboro, IL 62966
(618) 687-1145
crain@crainsonline.com

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **23**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (cst)

Elm Street Baptist Church
1907 Elm St
Murphysboro, IL 62966-1927
(618) 687-1043

Funeral Service

DEC **23**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (cst)

Elm Street Baptist Church
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Murphysboro, IL

Interment

DEC **23**. 12:15 PM - 12:45 PM (cst)

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Tribute Wall

TK

“ Bryan & I had Mrs. McCormick as a teacher at Shawnee High School. She was always so kind. When Bryan was laid off from the Carpenters' Union when we were newlyweds, Mr. & Mrs. Mac gave us a job of doing some remodeling on their home near the Grand Tower Park. We had years of good food & fellowship at their home during holidays. Mrs. McCormick also encouraged young children to read, like our oldest son Tyler, when she volunteered at the Grand Tower Public Library for Story Hour. She was always patient & kind.

Terri Keller - December 22, 2025 at 06:17 PM

JM

“ Jack & Colette Endeley & Joseph (Jo) Mua purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Marie E. (Marielis) McCormick.



Jack & Colette Endeley & Joseph (Jo) Mua - December 22, 2025 at 02:35 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Marie E. (Marielis) McCormick.



December 22, 2025 at 07:27 AM



“ *Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Marie E. (Marielis) McCormick.*



December 19, 2025 at 02:07 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Marie E. (Marielis) McCormick.*



December 16, 2025 at 11:37 AM



“ *The world has lost a beautiful soul. Mrs. M. inspired me and encouraged me to be the best student I could be. She was always gracious and kind. I bid you adieu Mrs. M. May the Lord be gracious unto you.*

Greg Bittle - December 15, 2025 at 03:55 PM

DM

“ There are no words for the profound impact Mrs. Mac had on my life. She taught me the first words I learned in French, which led to a minor in French in college and a life of travel.

The first time I left this country or flew on a commercial airplane, I was with Mrs. Mac. We stayed with her family - her sister Louisa - in Frankfurt and then we took the train to Paris for a few days. I was hooked.

That was the summer of 1973 and I can't begin to count the number of times I've been to Europe, and each time I think of Mrs. Mac. Once in Tokyo, I was struggling to communicate and the words came out in French, and I laughed, thinking of Mrs. Mac.

She often invited us to her home in Grand Tower where we made *Buche de Noel* and other French treats.

To her children and grandchildren, God bless you this holiday season and every day forward. Tell your mother how much I loved her and wonderful my life is, in part, because of the gifts she gave me.

Diana Lambdin Meyer - December 14, 2025 at 12:31 PM

PF

The one teacher I've never forgotten. She was a beautiful and caring. She taught with ❤️ love Heaven has gained a beautiful soul ❤️

Patti (Brown) Fairbank - December 16, 2025 at 04:15 PM

DK

“ Sending heartfelt condolences to your family. She holds a special place in my heart. My love of reading and writing poetry came from her influence. Prayers of comfort during this time.

Donna Kaufman - December 13, 2025 at 10:33 PM

DT

“*Condolences to the the family on the loss of a wonderful teacher. Some of her students from the Shawnee Hight School Class of 1968 remember her fondly and kept in touch with Marie. She was an active member of the Murphysboro community. Walking everyday and picking up trash along the way. She loved coming to Saint Andrew School as a weekly volunteer to talk to classes about her life growing up in Germany. The students enjoyed her stories. Congratulations to Marie for a life well lived!*”

Dianne (Kehr) Trammel - December 13, 2025 at 12:39 PM

BM

She was my teacher in high-school truly remarkable women, so very sorry for your family's loss, may God Bless 🙏

Bradley Mezo - December 13, 2025 at 06:50 PM