



## Millie McGrath

March 31, 1953 - December 25, 2020

Millie McGrath, 67, of Cobden, IL went to heaven at 1 a.m. on Christmas Day, 2020. She passed on comfortably at home with family by her side.

The 12th of 13 children, she was born on March 31, 1953 in Pomona, IL, the daughter of Leslie and Evelyn (Latchaw-Wright) Gearhart. Millie graduated from Murphysboro High School in 1971. As a young mother, she cherished taking care of her children and worked outside the home as they got older. She met and befriended so many people in the community through her jobs at Ben Franklin, Walter Hardware, and Fashion Land. Millie began working for Edward Jones in 1992, the company she would retire from in 2012. She married Mike McGrath on February 14, 2002 in Jackson, MO. Millie was a member St. Mary Catholic Church in Anna.

Millie loved her family immeasurably, and nothing was more important to her. She loved to golf in ladies' leagues with her best friends in Anna, IL and in Davenport, FL, where she spent several winters. Although she claimed she was not a good golfer, Millie hit a hole-in-one twice: first in Florida, then at her home course in Anna. Whenever one of her friends hit a long ball, Millie would say, "You sure gotta holt of that one!"

When not golfing, her true passions were cooking and gift-giving. Millie was well-known for her mouthwatering meals and desserts; her crockpot and

kitchen accessory collections were the stuff of legend. In preparation for Christmas every year, Millie plotted, planned, and tracked the countless gifts she would bestow on her loved ones. Occasionally, she would hide the gifts so well that she would find them months later. Millie had an infectious laugh and wonderful sense of humor. When she relaxed (which was rare), Millie crocheted, worked word search puzzles, and enjoyed a cold iced tea (sweet, of course) or a hot cup of coffee.

In 2006, Millie pledged the Zeta Psi chapter of the Beta Sigma Phi International sorority in Anna, IL and held the Preceptor degree. She was President in 2013-14 and 2015-16. She was also a member of the Ladies' League of the Deer Creek RV Golf and Country Club in Davenport, FL since 2015. Millie was elected to the board in 2017 and served her first 2-year term from 2018-20.

Millie is survived by her loving husband, Mike McGrath of Cobden, IL; daughter Courtney Beisner of O'Fallon, IL; son Andy Beisner of Athens, IL; grandchildren Evelyn and Eric Furtner of O'Fallon, IL and Jocelyn Beisner of Athens, IL; sisters Jane Meadows of Dongola, IL, Jeanne (Marvin) Meade of Gorham, IL, Joyce (Claude) Stearns and Nancy (Curt) Conder of Murphysboro, IL, Sherry Gearhart of Phoenix, AZ; one brother, Mark (Beth) Gearhart of Ava, IL; mother-in-law Mary McGrath of Lake St. Louis, MO; stepsons John (Cally), Tim (Alyssa), and Phillip McGrath of Anna, IL, and Matt (Molly) McGrath of Cumming, GA; step grandchildren Sheldon, Nick, Mariel, Campbell, and Rowan McGrath; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers Lindell (Evelyn) Wright, Austin (Mary) Wright, Donnie (Betty) Wright, Jack (Carolyn) Gearhart, and Robert Wayne (Nancy) Gearhart; sister Judy Meade; and her beloved Labradoodle, Sadie.

A pass through will be on Tuesday, Dec. 29 from 1-2 at Crain Funeral Home in Anna-Jonesboro. Funeral mass and burial in Anna Cemetery will be private for family.

She grew up in the shadow of the Bald Knob Cross and would like memorials made to there or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

# Cemetery Details

## Anna Cemetery

E Davie St  
Anna, IL 62906  
(618) 833-4083

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **29**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Crain Funeral Home - Anna  
135 W. Vienna St.  
Anna, IL 62906  
(618) 833-2176  
[crain@crainsonline.com](mailto:crain@crainsonline.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Millie McGrath*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *Millie was a fun person to golf with. I served on the golf board with her and she was always so positive. Her smile was infectious. She will be missed! Prayers of peace for her family. Sandy Horosky*

**Sandy Horosky** - December 29, 2020 at 07:54 PM



“ *I was so sorry to hear of Millie's death. She was a great lady. We golfed together in the Deer Creek ladies league and always had a fun time when we were paired up. Peace to all in her family. Eddie Peterson*

**Eddie Peterson** - December 28, 2020 at 08:56 PM



“ *Millie's smile would light up a room and made everyone feel welcome. She always had kind and encouraging words to share and make people feel special. Mike and Family, our thoughts and prays are with you. May the Peace of the Lord always comfort you. Lee Hackney and Susan Whitemountain*

**Norma Lee Hackney** - December 28, 2020 at 06:11 PM

SG

“ Songs for Millie: Celtic Women- Parting Glass  
Celtic Women- Going Home, Loch Lomand by Ella Roberts,  
Hallelujah ( a Broken Hallelujah) by K D Lang, & Amazing Grace  
with Pipes & Drums.

Sherry Gearhart - December 28, 2020 at 05:03 PM

SG

“ Also Millie was 1)4 Scottish on our Mother's side of the family. I ur  
Mother loved the bagpipes. Thus I dedicate a Scottish song to her  
called WHEN THE PIPERS PLAY.

Sherry Gearhart - December 28, 2020 at 04:13 PM

SG

“ As Dearest Millie's sister in Arizona my grief is beyond far beyond  
mere words. A part of my soul has been taken too. My heart bleeds  
for her loss.  
My comfort is that she left on Christmas Morn,the night of Christ's  
Birth so it was a Holy Departure..O Holy Night will never ever be the  
same again.

Sherry Gearhart - December 28, 2020 at 04:10 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the  
family of Millie McGrath.



December 28, 2020 at 01:36 PM

TH

“ We are sad to know Millie has left us. Her radiant smile will be missed at St. Mary's. May her soul rest in everlasting heavenly peace and joy, and may our loving God give comfort and peace to her family and friends.

*Terry and Mary Beth Hileman*

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**Terry & Mary Beth Hileman** - December 28, 2020 at 12:33 PM

KP

“ Mike and family,  
We are so sad to hear about Millie's passing. We only knew Millie for a short period of time but we could tell she was a great neighbor and kind person. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this very difficult time. Rest in peace Millie. We will miss you

*Frank and Karen Pacheco*

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**Karen Pacheco** - December 28, 2020 at 10:56 AM

NH

“ Mike, we are so very sorry to hear of Millie's passing and send our deepest sympathy and prayers to you and your family. Millie's beautiful face was always the first I would see in church. May she rest in peace and may you find comfort in the Lord and in all of those who love you and Millie.

*God Bless You and your family,  
Nancy and Kent Herbert*

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**Nancy Herbert** - December 28, 2020 at 07:02 AM

RO

“ So sad for your loss. Millie and I played quite a few rounds of golf together last year during league play. I felt that she was someone I could confide in and I will miss her guidance. I will miss this wonderful lady. 😞😞🙏🙏

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**Roseanne** - December 27, 2020 at 11:40 PM

DS

“ Josie and I were saddened to hear the news of Millies passing. Deer Creek has lost a loving individual with a wonderful smile and a great laugh . Our thoughts are with you Mike and your family. Looking forward to once again golfing with you in Florida.. David

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**David Skelly** - December 27, 2020 at 10:56 PM

GL

“ So sorry to hear of Millie's passing. Condolences to Mike and family.  
- Greg & Sherry Lence

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**Greg Lence** - December 27, 2020 at 08:47 PM

BB

“ Thinking of you during this difficult time. Sending our sincere condolences to the family.  
Bill and Sheleigh Belongy

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**Bill and Sheleigh Belongy** - December 27, 2020 at 08:44 PM

TC

“ Kim and I were so sorry to hear about Millie! We pray that God will comfort and give you His perfect peace for you and the family during this time and in the days ahead.  
Toni and Kim Capel; Sandia Park, NM

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**Toni and Kim Capel** - December 26, 2020 at 11:00 AM