



Myra Mae McFarland

August 2, 1945 - August 4, 2020

Myra Mae McFarland, 75, passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, August 4, 2020 at home. Myra was born on August 2, 1945, in Bluffton, daughter of J. Howard and Eloda (Gaskill) McFarland, who preceded her in death. She grew up in Pennville and Portland. She graduated from Portland High School and Indiana University, where she was a member of the Indiana Daily Student staff, her first journalism job. She moved to Fort Wayne after her graduation in 1967 where she lived for the rest of her life. Her professional life included working for the City of Fort Wayne, but probably her deepest ties were formed with journalism when she worked for the Journal Gazette, with stints as consumer affairs reporter and feature writer. She later worked in production at Fort Wayne Newspapers and in other jobs in the community. A love of writing, mysteries and small town life culminated in "Cold Customer," a mystery novel, published in 2018. With dashes of 1930s local history and a knowledge of how key newspapers were to that life, she wove a tale of a young reporter who inadvertently becomes a detective. Myra was well-known and well-loved by her community theater family. From the 1970s to the present she could be found acting on the stage, or working on a running crew, running a light board or a sound board, or stage-managing productions at whatever theater needed her talents. In recent years, Myra was accompanied by adopted dogs and cats. Her dogs were not the cute puppies but older dogs who weren't perfect and needed the loving, patient care she provided. Minnie and Midnight now are being care for by others. Many friends benefited from her skill as a seamstress and quilter. Her work will decorate homes for many years. The Allen County Public Library, especially the main branch, was one of her favorite spots in Fort Wayne. Wandering the stacks always brought her joy – and sent her home with many books. She cheered for IU basketball, the Indianapolis Colts and Tincaps, but her biggest sports love was baseball especially the Cincinnati Reds. No matter where she lived, Myra managed a small garden to grow and harvest her favorite summer vegetables. She was a faithful voter and Democrat, taking seriously her responsibilities as a citizen. She served The First Presbyterian Church as an elder, as well as active participant and worshiper. Private services. Memorials are being collected by First Presbyterian Church, 300 W. Wayne St., Fort Wayne IN 46802. These gifts will be used to defray funeral expenses and the celebration of life. Memorials may also be given through the church's

website.

Comments



“ I knew Myra at the keltsch counter in ft Wayne on a state then I met up with her again at hobby lobby such a sweet girl she will be in my thoughts and I pray for her family

Mary Hamilton - August 09, 2020 at 09:35 PM



“ Myra was a funny woman! I waited on her at Henry's for years. We always had a laugh. One Christmas she made me a Chicago Cubs Christmas ornament which I still have and enjoy!! I hope she is at peace! Cindi Baringer

Cindi Baringer - August 08, 2020 at 01:48 PM



“ She was always so nice whenever I waited on her at Henry's and I always loved seeing her out and about when I would see theater shows with Cindi. She will be missed.

Corene - August 08, 2020 at 10:34 AM



“ I knew Myra in Fort Wayne and then rediscovered her sharp wit and intelligence on FaceBook, enjoying her friendship though living in different towns. I shall miss her greatly.



Karen Gast - August 08, 2020 at 07:08 AM



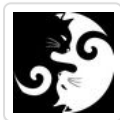
“ Myra was a bright spot on our online Stashbuster quilting group. She will be dearly missed

Suzette Harris - August 07, 2020 at 07:27 PM



“ so very sorry to hear of the passing of stashbuster myra...she was such a delightful addition to our online group and always had so much to contribute and say to all of us....she follows another loss in our group, both leaving huge empty spots that can never be filled....my sympathy to her entire family...

grace thorne - August 07, 2020 at 01:07 PM



“ I loved Myra from the first moment we shared ideas via computer regarding a quilt I was making. Myra had a good eye and great sense of what worked (and what didn') and was kind enough to share her opinions. I learned quickly to value not only her generous nature but her kindness and sense of humor as well. While not a mystery fan myself, I want to read her book now just to have a bit more time with her. RIP Myra, I will miss you.

Anne Sidell - August 07, 2020 at 11:36 AM



“ I attended school with Myra and we graduated from Portland High School in 1963. I enjoyed reading her posts on Facebook, especially the ones about Evil Kitty!!

Janie (McLaughlin) Caudill - August 07, 2020 at 11:07 AM



“ Donna Coppin lit a candle in memory of Myra Mae McFarland



Donna Coppin - August 07, 2020 at 10:28 AM



“ Myra was a vibrant and generous member of the Fort Wayne theatre community and will be fondly remembered. What an unexpected and painful loss to all of us. My deepest sympathies to Myra's family and dear ones.

Ranae Boots Butler - August 06, 2020 at 07:28 PM



“ There is a hole in my heart where Myra will always live. She was a major part of my life for the last 30 years. We met when we performed in Auntie Mame together, and we've been thick as thieves ever since. We shared a love of baking and gardening and we all loved reading the tales of Evil Kitty and, more recently, Minnie. Myra was my theatre buddy. You could always find us hanging out in the audience enjoying lots of hometown talent. She will be sorely missed.

Jennifer Netting - August 06, 2020 at 04:29 PM



“ Minnie misses Myra, as do I. Who knows what Evil Kitty is thinking.

Linda lipp - August 06, 2020 at 06:07 PM



“ Rest in Peace, Myra. You will be missed.

Sharon Sauser - August 07, 2020 at 12:47 AM



“ Our family wants the family of Myra Mae to know that you are in our thoughts and prayers at this time of sorrow.

Myra Mae was a friendly and welcoming presence at The First Presbyterian Church of Fort Wayne. She will be missed.

May she rest from her labors in the peace of our Lord.

Josué Njock Libii - August 07, 2020 at 03:42 PM



“ Gosh, what a shock. I didn't know Myra well but admired what I did know of her. I was part of several First Pres...theater plays in which she had a significant part. A few times I was happy to drive her to Thom's lake parties and home again, trips in which we shared a number of topics. Myra and I have common backgrounds of having worked in journalism. How sad her departure and may she rest in peace. She will be missed.

Jerry Hertenstein

Jerry Hertenstein - August 07, 2020 at 04:11 PM



“ I was sad and shocked to hear of Myra's sudden demise. She was my neighbor and would come over and feed my kitty when I was gone out of town on occasion. I was honored to take this photo of her. She brought Minnie over and I did get to see her. I will miss her as I know others will also.

Sue A Sells - August 09, 2020 at 03:33 PM



“ Myra was my best friend in high school. We graduated together from Portland High School in 1963 and I had a nice talk with her when we had the 50 year anniversary get together. A really good friend & I miss her.

Irene Finch Moose 8-17-2020

Irene Finch Moose - August 17, 2020 at 11:24 AM