



## Geraldine McCormick

April 26, 1931 - July 17, 2023

With heavy hearts, we announce the death of Geraldine McCormick of Troy, formerly a longtime resident of Royal Oak. Geraldine was born in Detroit, Michigan to the late Pauline and Vincent Erpelding. She passed away on July 17, 2023 at the age of 92. Family and friends are welcome to send flowers or leave their condolences on this memorial page and share them with the family.

Geraldine is survived by her children: Patrick (Allison) McCormick, Vincent (Bruce) McCormick, James (Carolyn) McCormick, Julia Rogers, and Robert (Loretta) McCormick. She is further survived by her siblings: Patricia (the late Richard) Holleran and Paul (Terry) Erpelding; her grandchildren: Jamie, Jacqueline, Jennifer, Christopher, Elizabeth, Connor, Claire, Alexis and Caylee; her great-grandchildren: Logan, Evan, Evelyn, Jeremy and Kaleb; and her nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, Arthur McCormick; her children: Kathleen Kilbourn, Colleen (Dennis) Lewinski, and Gerald McCormick; and her siblings: Francis Erpelding and Richard Erpelding.

In addition to being a loving mother of eight children, Geraldine was a successful career woman. After completing nursing training at Providence Hospital, she worked as a pediatric registered nurse and then an intensive care nurse for decades. After completing her Bachelor of Science in nursing and Master's degree in Health Care Management, Geraldine moved into nursing management at Providence Hospital in Southfield. In addition to her

full-time responsibilities as a nursing supervisor, Geraldine began teaching clinical nursing for Henry Ford Community College. In addition to many recognitions of her accomplishments at Providence Hospital, Geraldine received the coveted “Nightingale Award People's Choice Award” for nursing excellence from Oakland University. She continued to work in the nursing field she loved until she was 87 years old. To this day, you can still meet nurses she has trained and worked with who speak very highly of her dedication to the field of nursing and her exceptional clinical skills.

Visitation for Geraldine will take place on Tuesday, July 25, from 2 – 8 p.m. (Scripture Service at 6:00 p.m. and Nurse Honor Guard at 6:30 p.m.) at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W. Eleven Mile Rd. (4 blocks east of Woodward), Royal Oak. Funeral Mass will be held on Wednesday, July 26 at 10:00 a.m. (visitation 9:30 a.m.) at National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica, 2100 Twelve Mile Rd., Royal Oak. Interment will follow at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

Memorial contributions to St. Jude Research Hospital ([www.stjude.org/donate](http://www.stjude.org/donate)) are appreciated.

Share a memory at [www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com](http://www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Holy Sepulchre Cemetery

25800 W. 10 Mile Road  
10 Mile Road @ Beech Road  
Southfield, MI 48033

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JUL 25.** 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak  
705 W. Eleven Mile Road  
Royal Oak, MI 48067  
(248) 541-7000  
royal@sullivanfh.com  
<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

## Scripture Service

**JUL 25.** 6:00 PM (ET)

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## **Nurse Honor Guard**

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## **Funeral Mass**

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JUL **26.** 10:00 AM (ET)

National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica  
2100 W. 12 Mile Road  
Royal Oak, MI 48073

# Tribute Wall



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Geraldine McCormick.*



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July 25, 2023 at 04:21 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Geraldine McCormick.

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July 25, 2023 at 04:21 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Geraldine McCormick.*



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July 25, 2023 at 11:29 AM



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July 25, 2023 at 07:28 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Geraldine McCormick.*



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July 24, 2023 at 09:33 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Geraldine McCormick.*



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July 24, 2023 at 08:39 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Geraldine McCormick.*



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July 24, 2023 at 12:28 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Geraldine McCormick.*



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July 24, 2023 at 10:29 AM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Geraldine McCormick.*



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July 24, 2023 at 09:57 AM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Geraldine McCormick.*



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July 23, 2023 at 09:18 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Geraldine McCormick.*



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July 21, 2023 at 02:33 PM



“ *Geri was such a kind hearted Nurse. Always was there for the patients and staff of the hospital. She always handled problems and took care of things. She educated us all the time and was a terrific leader and supervisor. She will be missed for sure. Sending Blessings. Rest In Peace my friend. Your definitely were the best.*

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**Jeff wentland** - July 20, 2023 at 08:48 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Geraldine McCormick.



July 20, 2023 at 04:35 PM



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“ Geri McCormick was a wonderful colleague. She and I worked together on many an afternoon shift as house supervisors at Providence Southfield. Geri was always such a strong patient and staff advocate. She was a good friend and will be greatly missed.  
Cindy Lapp

Cindy Lapp - July 20, 2023 at 11:40 AM



“ Mrs McCormic was one in a million. She was kind, caring, understanding an a role model for so many nurses that she came in contact with. On a personal level ,when she needed extra staff to cover the iffternoon shift , she would call our house and tell me what units needed a 4 hr coverage,that was so cool that I could pick the floor I wanted to work at and still cover the hospital needs .Love and prayers to her family.

Maria Johnston - July 19, 2023 at 10:10 PM



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July 19, 2023 at 04:04 PM



“ Oh Geri!!! She was the BEST nursing supervisor in the world!!! She was so smart, funny, and hardworking!!! She didn't just call a unit to check staffing, she went in person. We shared a love of chihuahuas and beer. What a great Lady! I'm sure all the angels cheered her when she got to Heaven. Everyone loved and respected her, she's going to be greatly missed. They don't make 'em like her anymore. She was Providence's Betty White.

Cathy Wilson - July 19, 2023 at 02:55 PM



Cathy, you are so right. This was Geri!!

Lois Koning - July 19, 2023 at 08:38 PM



Thank you for sharing about my grandma. It made me smile, especially "Providence's Betty White." I can definitely see that. ❤️

Jackie K - July 20, 2023 at 10:10 AM



I agree, thank you for sharing about my grandma.. I too love the "Providence's Betty White" comparison. It doesn't surprise me that she was loved by everyone she met.

Chris Lewinski - July 20, 2023 at 03:17 PM



She was defiantly Providence's Betty White! Hard working and went to every unit to check in. She is a legend here at Providence!

Lorinda - July 21, 2023 at 11:33 AM

MG

“ Geri was a fantastic nurse. I learned so much from her. I had the pleasure in the last 4 years to travel with her to Mackinac Island. She was planning to go this September. I will miss her terribly. Rest In Peace, Geri. You did an exceptional job.



Maureen Galster - July 19, 2023 at 01:21 PM

DH

*I worked with Geri for ten years,we shared some good times together,she always get me to come in to work when they were short,I always did it because loved working with Geri.RIH*

Denise Harden - July 19, 2023 at 03:11 PM

KR

*Geri was an inspirational person—as a woman, Mother, Grandmother, Great Grandmother, nurse, supervisor, educator and friend. Her smile and twinkling eyes and wonderful hugs will be greatly missed. Rest in God’s arms, Geri. You have earned your wings!!*

Kathy Ryan - July 19, 2023 at 07:11 PM



*In these days of temperaments flaring and loneliness, Geri's way of living, working, and loving is fast and true. She inspired others, loved generously, touched you with her soulful smile and quick wit. Such a wonderful example of how we should live our life; one day at a time but always with kindness and generosity. Such a star. Esther Bay from Providence, Southfield MI & Henry Ford Community College, Dearborn MI*

Esther Bay - July 23, 2023 at 03:43 PM

DH

*My favorite Geri memory was early on in my career when I snuck a dog into the hospital for an elderly man. Geri took one look at the situation and said, "I'll be back in a half hour to round on the unit.". You best believe the dog was gone and I still have my nursing license. A true mentor and friend. She was the best.*

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**Deb Hamel** - July 24, 2023 at 08:24 PM

TP

*Geri was my mentor and friend! She was my preceptor as a house supervisor and I remember my first rounds with her, I couldn't keep up! I was skipping to keep the pace! On all the floors" What's cookin!" is what she asked! I got a Christmas card from her every year! I will miss her dearly!.*

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**Taa Palczyk** - July 25, 2023 at 03:58 PM