



Dixie Lee McCarthy

April 29, 1942 - November 27, 2025

Dixie Lee McCarthy of Cadillac passed away Thursday morning, November 27, 2025 at Sunnyside Assisted Living. She was 83. Dixie was born April 29, 1942 in Tustin to James J. and Leona L. (Laughlin) Mason.

Dixie graduated from Cadillac High School in 1960 and attended Ferris State Institute. She worked for the United States Forest Service in Cadillac for a couple years. On June 9, 1962 at St. Ann Catholic Church she married Michael J. McCarthy and he preceded her in death on March 29, 2022. Once they started their family, Dixie stayed home to raise their children. Once the children were in school, she went to work at Milliken's in Cadillac for ten years. Working there was a perfect fit for her; she loved fashion, style and people. Dixie made friends wherever she was.

She was a member of St. Ann Catholic Church, the Cadillac Garden Club, the Red Hat Society and her bridge club. She enjoyed playing golf, travel and spending her winters in Destin, Florida.

She is survived by their children: Kevin (Cara) McCarthy of Howell, Regan McCarthy and Michael McCarthy both of Cadillac, Patrick McCarthy of Lake City, and Caelan (Steve) Burke of Cadillac; grandchildren: Griffin (Avana) McCarthy, Maeve McCarthy, Caitlin (Jeremy) Stapleton, Brandon Hill, Steven Burke II, Andrew McCarthy and Abriana (Dustin) Brown; nine great

grandchildren; siblings: Darlene Christensen of Cadillac, Elaine (Bob) Mattison of Little River, South Carolina and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents and husband, Dixie was preceded in death by a grandson, Patrick Nathaniel McCarthy and siblings, Marilyn Burns, Ray Mason and James Mason.

A Memorial Mass of Christian Burial will be held 11:00 AM Friday, December 5, 2025 at St. Ann Catholic Church in Cadillac with Reverend Fr. Michael Janowski as celebrant. Friends may meet the family from 10:00 AM until time of Mass. Dixie's final resting place will be Mount Carmel Cemetery in Cadillac.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Munson Hospice of Cadillac or to St. Ann Catholic Church. An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

DEC 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Ann Catholic Church
800 W 13th St
Cadillac, MI 49601-9281
(231) 775-2471

Tribute Wall

LM

“*Condolences to all of the McCarthy Family. We were so saddened to hear of Dixie’s passing. We have fond memories of your time as neighbours in Ridgetown. Sending love to all.*

Love,

Gloria Babula

Greg Babula

Lisa (Babula) Martin

Lisa (Babula) Martin - December 04, 2025 at 08:33 PM

EM

“*I Thess.4:13 : “Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope.”*

(The Apostle Paul wrote this to reassure believers in Christ that while it is natural to grieve, we Christians have the hope of a future resurrection and reunion with those who have died in Christ, which gives us comfort in times of sorrow. Death is not the final end....I do not grieve as those who have no hope. Because of Jesus, I know I will see Dixie again some day, in a much better place.)

We love you all so dearly, and are praying for you—for God’s strength, mercy, grace and peace.

We are just a text or phone call away.

“Sister Elaine” and Bob Mattison

Elaine and Bob Mattison - December 03, 2025 at 10:28 AM

DC

“ I look forward to being with you all for the service on Friday and for time during the luncheon to share “Dixie” stories and memories. She was truly unique, deeply loved, and I know we all miss her already! God’s blessings, comfort and peace.
“Sister Darlene” Christensen

Darlene Christensen - December 03, 2025 at 10:06 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Dixie Lee McCarthy.



December 01, 2025 at 01:16 PM

DE

“ I have been visiting Dixie for the past 3 years and have enjoyed and cherished my time with her. She was a good friend and I loved our times together. She will be missed by not only her family but all who knew her. God bless you, Caelyn, Kevin, Reagan, Mike and Patrick, you were all so good to your mom, my prayers are for all of you.
Dawn

Dawn A Ewald - December 01, 2025 at 10:42 AM

PA

“ Caelan so sorry to hear that your mom has passed. I haven’t been able to travel to Michigan the last couple of years so of course I never was able to see Dixie. Lots of memories with your mom and dad. Your family will be in my prayers. Love Pam

Pam - November 30, 2025 at 08:06 PM

LF

“ Love, The Mattison & DiRezze Families purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Dixie Lee McCarthy.



Love, The Mattison & DiRezze Families - November 30, 2025 at 03:50 PM

LC

“ Love, Darlene & Jim Christensen purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Dixie Lee McCarthy.



Love, Darlene & Jim Christensen - November 30, 2025 at 03:42 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dixie Lee McCarthy.



November 30, 2025 at 10:43 AM

LC

“ lou and carolyn planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dixie Lee McCarthy.

lou and carolyn - November 30, 2025 at 10:43 AM

PF

“ Patrick, Patsy, Brian and Meegan and fam purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Dixie Lee McCarthy.



Patrick, Patsy, Brian and Meegan and fam - November 29, 2025 at 09:00 AM

LJ

“ Love, Gail and Rich Johnson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dixie Lee McCarthy.

Love, Gail and Rich Johnson - November 28, 2025 at 09:20 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Dixie Lee McCarthy.



November 28, 2025 at 09:20 PM