



## Millie Anne McDonnell

July 23, 1929 - March 16, 2015

Mildred Anne McDonnell, 85, passed away peacefully in her Ephrata home on Monday, March 16, 2015, due to complications of pancreatic cancer, surrounded by her family.

Born July 23, 1929 to Frank and Mayme Schmid, Everett, WA, she was the fourth of seven children.

Millie moved to Ephrata in 1952 as a newlywed to John Francis McDonnell. Together they lived in a small home on F Street and celebrated 50 years of marriage in 2002. They raised ten children: Paul, Marian (Horton), James, Sister Margaret, Robert, Charlotte (Bosold), Virginia (Skinner), Leonard, Raymond, and Timothy.

Millie loved working for St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church. Over the years she was very involved leading liturgical music. She enjoyed visiting, praying with, and bringing Holy Communion to the sick and homebound of our community. Millie helped transport friends to Mass and to doctors' appointments on a regular basis. She rarely missed daily Mass and enjoyed the companionship of the daily group. In addition to church work, Millie volunteered as the dispatcher for Grant County Fire District 13 for many years.

Although the church and community were blessed with Millie's generous service, her greatest devotion was to her husband and family. She loved nothing more than the company of her children and grandchildren, whether simply visiting, playing pinochle and cribbage, or preparing her famous smothered steak. She was preceded in death by her husband John, infant son, and 4 siblings. She is survived by 2 sisters, 10 children, 22 grandchildren, and 7 great-grandchildren.

The Holy Rosary will be prayed at 7:30 pm, Thursday, March 19 at St. Rose of Lima Church in Ephrata. The Funeral Mass will be celebrated there on Friday, March 20th at 11:30 am. Graveside services will immediately follow at the Ephrata cemetery. All are welcome to a reception at St. Rose of Lima School, 520 Nat Washington Way, at 2pm. Please express your thoughts and memories for the family at

[www.nicolesfuneralhome.com](http://www.nicolesfuneralhome.com). Arrangements are under the care of Nicoles Funeral Home of Ephrata, Wa.

# Cemetery

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## **Ephrata Catholic Cemetery**

333 E St. SW

Ephrata, WA, 98823

# Events

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**MAR** **Rosary** 07:30PM

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St. Rose of Lima

323 D St. SW, Ephrata, WA, US, 98823

**MAR** **Mass of Christian Burial** 11:30AM

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St. Rose of Lima

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# Comments

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“ A tribute video has been added.



**Nicoles Funeral Home and Valley View Memorial Park** - March 24, 2015 at 10:06 AM



“ What a beautiful tribute to Mrs. McDonnell, she was loved by so many. Wonderful childhood neighbor and loved to stop and see her when I came to town. Always welcomed me in. Heaven has gained an awesome angel and the kids now have a shining star glowing at night watching them. Love and hugs to the whole McDonnell family. Marian Menzia Pedersen

**Marian Menzia Pedersen** - March 24, 2015 at 05:56 PM

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“ Marian Menzia Pedersen lit a candle in memory of Millie Anne McDonnell



**Marian Menzia Pedersen** - March 24, 2015 at 07:54 PM

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“ We were truly blessed to know. John & Millie; great examples of deep faith, love of and commitment to their family and contributors to our community in. Ephrata. Mike always enjoyed John's humor and Joyce loved singing with Millie at St. Rose of Lima. Our prayers and condolences to their family. We know you will miss Millie, as will all who knew her.

**Mike & Joyce Mulliken** - March 24, 2015 at 06:50 PM

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“ I would like to send condolences to the family of John and Millie. My stepfather, Bernie Sumner was a cousin of John's and I recall visiting with them when my folks and Grandma Spencer were alive. Judy Hall my cousin informed me of Millie's passing and I, in turn, let my sister Roma and brother Herb Sumner know. I remember that she was the mother of ten children and raised them in the faith. Aunt

Maxine often spoke of her and I know they are visiting in Heaven and I will see them when God takes me home...such a blessing that will be.

She has no pain now and no tears. GOD be with you all as you proudly carry on her and your father's legacy. With sincere sympathies, Jeannette Whaley (daughter of Bernie and Beulah Sumner)

**Jeannette Whaley** - March 23, 2015 at 12:31 PM

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“ Millie was a wonderful loving woman who was so sweet and kind to those around her. I will always remember the special Halloween treat bags she made for Eric when we went trick or treating in her neighborhood with Casey and Rachel! She wanted him to feel included so she treated him just like her own grandchildren!

She never called attention to herself and I was astounded to discover she had a beautiful singing voice when she sang at one of Jim's parents' funerals because she never mentioned singing--while most of us would have to boast at least a little bit about how good we were at it if we had a voice like hers!

She raised ten great children and served others as much as she could her entire life and that is tribute enough. Rest in peace now Millie!

Jeanie Ping

**Jeanie Ping** - March 20, 2015 at 11:55 AM

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“ This Earth was a much better place with Mrs. McDonnell in it. She was grace personified. Her contributions to the St. Rose of Lima community are endless. I will always aspire to be as generous, patient, loving, and kind as she was.

**Roxane Neal** - March 19, 2015 at 11:57 PM