



Loretta Elizabeth McCabe

August 21, 1930 - October 6, 2025

Loretta Elizabeth McCabe of Tullahoma, Tennessee passed from this life on Monday, October 6, 2025, at her residence in Tullahoma, Tennessee at the age of 95 years surrounded by her loving family.

A native of Homestead, Pennsylvania, she is the daughter of the late Albert and Julia Kriscunas Brazinskas. Along with her parents, she is preceded in death by her husband, Joseph Raymond McCabe in 2010, and one daughter, Nancy Brown in 2019.

Funeral Mass will be held on Friday, October 10, 2025, at 11:00 AM at St. Paul's the Apostle Catholic Church located at 304 West Grizzard Street in Tullahoma with Father Malachy Joseph Napier who is her grandson and of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal of New York officiating. Entombment will follow at Rose Hill Memorial Garden. Friends may visit the family at the funeral home on Thursday evening, October 9, 2025, from 5:00 to 8:00 PM at Daves-Culbertson Funeral Home and on Friday morning at the church from 10:00 AM until the time of service.

Mrs. McCabe graduated from the Western Pennsylvania Hospital School of Nursing in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania as part of the class of 1951. She worked as a Registered Nurse night supervisor for 26 years at Harton Regional Medical Center in Tullahoma, Tennessee until her retirement on August 31, 1995. Mrs. McCabe worked the night shift her entire career in order to spend more time with her family which included her husband Joseph and eight children. After her retirement, she continued to work part time for several

years at Harton Hospital when they were in need of skilled nursing. As a member of St. Paul's Catholic Church, she was an active member of the Ladies Council, she served on the Parish Council, the Charismatic Prayer Group, worked on the Memorial Wall located in the side hallway of the church where they displayed plaques of departed parishioners, she volunteered at the Good Samaritan well into the age of 90 years and also volunteered at St. Paul's Catholic School. Her kindness, care and giving spirit will be forever missed.

Survivors include her children, Patrick McCabe of LaVergne, Tennessee, Terrance McCabe of Phoenix, Arizona, Joey (Rebecca) McCabe of Tullahoma, Tennessee, Cynthia (Bill) Napier of Augusta, Georgia, Carol (Bill) Maxwell of Scottsboro, Alabama, Julie (John) Forte of Pleasant Valley, New York, and Loretta Kerber of Nashville, Tennessee, 22 grandchildren and 25 great grandchildren.

Mrs. McCabe is also survived by her special family friend, Sharlyn Ramey of Austin, Texas and her long-time best friend and fellow night nurse supervisor, Barbara Prater of Tullahoma, Tennessee.

Online condolences may be made at www.davesculbertsonfuneralhome.com. Daves-Culbertson Funeral Home is honored to be assisting the family of Loretta McCabe.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **9**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Daves-Culbertson Funeral Home
401 N. Jackson Street
Tullahoma, TN 37388

Funeral Mass

OCT **10**. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church
304 W Grizzard St
Tullahoma, TN 37388
(931) 455-3050

Visitation will also be on Friday morning from 10:00 AM until the time of service at St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church in Tullahoma, Tennessee

Entombment

OCT **10** (CT)

Rose Hill Memorial Gardens
4758 New Manchester Highway
Tullahoma, TN 37388
<http://www.rosehillmemorialgardens.com/>

Tribute Wall

JH

“ 11 files added to the tribute wall



john huckestein - October 23, 2025 at 09:12 AM

JH

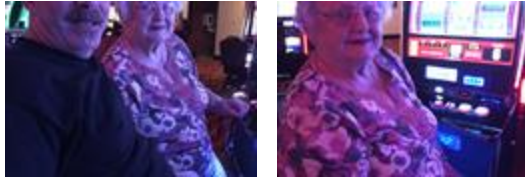
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john huckestein - October 23, 2025 at 09:08 AM

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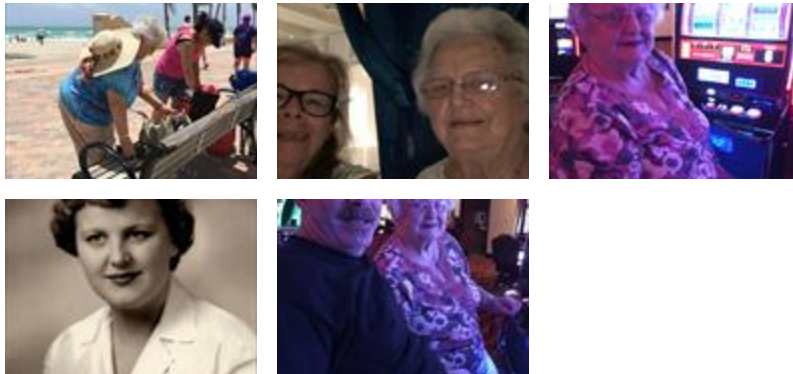
“ 2 files added to the album *life tributes*



mary ellen huckestein - October 23, 2025 at 08:21 AM

MH

“ 11 files added to the album *loretta hollywood fla*



mary ellen huckestein - October 21, 2025 at 04:50 PM

MH

“condolences to the family and friends of Loretta. she will be sorely missed by me and my family. Loretta was my sister in law but was much more to me than that. She was like having another sister , friend, confidante, advisor and she was instrumental in helping me to establish my career as a nurse. We have spent many many times together as a family visiting each others houses as well as many times going places with our families. One of those times was when her and my brother Joe came down to florida to visit and when we went to the beach in Ft Lauderdale much to our surprise it was spring break and the beach was so crowded that we could hardly find a place to sit. We all got a good laugh over that and had a great time anyway. I even lived with them for one summer when my brother went to Penn State University to baby sit Cynthia as Loretta was a nurse also and worked at night. I would take the baby for walks while she slept during the day. She worked in the emergency room at that time and I would love to hear her tell me the stories of what happened last night in the ER. Loretta had a lot of influence in me to become a nurse. I will leave it at that as this could really become a book. Lots of Love, Mary Ellen McCabe Huckestein

mary ellen huckestein - October 19, 2025 at 05:21 PM

JN

“Janelle Norwood lit a candle in memory of Loretta McCabe



Janelle Norwood - October 14, 2025 at 04:42 PM

DR

“ David Brian Ray lit a candle in memory of Loretta McCabe



David Brian Ray - October 12, 2025 at 08:40 PM

DR

“ She always made me smile when she would walk in the post office it was the way she walked i would always greet her as Mrs McCabe. She will be missed. Sincerely Brian Ray

David Brian Ray - October 12, 2025 at 08:39 PM

JC

“ Myself and the whole family will love and miss you always. Rest now aunt Loretta your fight is over. Lots of love, nephew, joe carazola and family. Oct. 9, 2025

Joseph Carazola - October 09, 2025 at 06:38 PM

CV

“ Claire Galbraith Valine planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Loretta Elizabeth McCabe.

Claire Galbraith Valine - October 09, 2025 at 05:15 PM

CV

“*Claire Galbraith Valine purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Loretta Elizabeth McCabe.*”



Claire Galbraith Valine - October 09, 2025 at 05:15 PM

MC

“*Charlie and I send our deepest sympathy to Loretta’s family. We so enjoyed visiting her whenever we were in the Tullahoma area. She was always upbeat and funny.*”

I believe I shared this Eskimo blessing with her when her husband passed away and I believe it brought her comfort. I hope it will do the same for you.

“Perhaps they are not really stars, but openings in the heaven, where the love of our lost ones pours through and shines down upon us to let us know they are happy.”

Look to the skies on a starry night, and you’ll feel your mom smiling down on you. I hope this brings you some comfort.

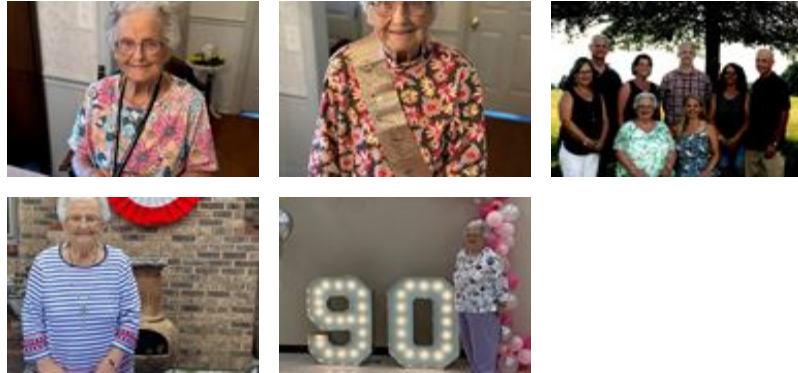
Hugs and prayers,

Midge & Charlie. (Julie’s friends)

Midge & Charlie - October 09, 2025 at 03:57 PM



“ 80 files added to the album Life Tributes



Daves-Culbertson Funeral Home - October 09, 2025 at 12:48 PM



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

October 09, 2025 at 10:07 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Loretta Elizabeth McCabe.



October 09, 2025 at 10:07 AM



“ Your Citigroup Family purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Loretta Elizabeth McCabe.



Your Citigroup Family - October 09, 2025 at 08:57 AM



“ *With our deepest sympathy. Sent with love and remembrance.*
Love, Pam & Pat "the twins" and Amber



Pam, Pat and Amber (niece's) - October 09, 2025 at 12:30 AM

“ We want the immediate and extended family of Loretta Elizabeth McCabe to know that our deepest condolences and sympathies for their loss are contained in our brief acclamation. Mary Ellen and I had so many enjoyable visits with Loretta over the years. The impromptu trip in a rental van with our cat Socrates and the wonderful hospitality shown us by Joe and Loretta was the ultimate visit. Another visit was Joe’s 80th birthday celebration where we were entertained by Father Malachi’s guitar soliloquy and their son Joe’s fabulous hospitality. Then Loretta, Nancy, Carol and Cynthia visited us twice and stayed at the Tide & Sea Downs on Hollywood Beach in Florida.

Loretta was always so enjoyable, inspirational, lively, positive and fun to be around. Her energy was boundless. Loretta made a difference in life. Her chosen profession of nursing showed in the everyday actions, behavior and love for her children and her patients. She used those attributes in the right contexts especially in raising her family. That is quite evident in the way her children conduct their lives. Their achievements are a direct result of parental guidance, love and the discipline and patience of Joe and Loretta.

In the coming moments, a voice, a particular flower, a fragrance, a movie, a TV show, a joke, a phrase, a favorite song, a special holiday, and a birthday will bring back forgotten memories be it sad or joyous for everyone that has known Loretta. She was definitely that type of person.

In closing we will convey a short passage by Henry Van Dyke – a theologian, scholar, philosopher and thinker. There is a pamphlet used by hospices and palliative care centers. this passage is included in a blue pamphlet by Barbara Karnes entitled *Gone from My Sight – The Dying Experience*. it has 16 pages, and it was given to me when my dad died in 2010 at a hospice on the South Side of Pittsburgh.

Picture Loretta as a wooden sailing ship, a China clipper with spars, masts, rigging and sails heading to another world -- the past departed await her on that distant shore. We are the current world watching her depart.

It reads ---

"I am standing upon the seashore. A ship at my side spreads her white sails to the morning breeze and starts for the blue ocean. She is an object of beauty and strength. I stand and watch her until at length she hangs like a speck of white cloud just where the sea and sky come to mingle with each other.

The someone at my side says: "there, she is gone!"

"Gone where?"

Gone from my sight. That is all. She is just as large in mast and hull and spar as she was when she left my side and she is just as able to bear the load of living freight to her destined port.

Her diminished size is in me, not in her. And just at the moment when someone at my side says: "there she is gone!" There are other eyes watching her coming, and other voices ready to take up the glad shout: "here she comes!"

And that is dying.

LN

“ Love - Ethan, Jackson & Jodi Napier purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Loretta Elizabeth McCabe.



Love - Ethan, Jackson & Jodi Napier - October 08, 2025 at 10:21 PM



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

October 08, 2025 at 05:48 PM



“ Rose Garden Heart was purchased for the family of Loretta Elizabeth McCabe.



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“ Janelle Norwood lit a candle in memory of Loretta McCabe



Janelle Norwood - October 08, 2025 at 03:26 PM