



## Colleen McGee

March 2, 1945 - September 15, 2017

Colleen (Des Jardin) McGee went to be with her Lord in Heaven on September 15, 2017.

Colleen was born to Clarence and Alma (Gates) Des Jardin on March 2, 1945. She attended Lincoln 2 Country School (Church school), then graduated from Bad Axe High School. She began working at Huron Medical Care Facility, following in the footsteps of her mother and grandmother. Colleen moved to Germany to marry the love of her life on January 29th, 1965. Once Jim was honorably discharged from the U.S. Air Force, Colleen and Jim settled into life in Bad Axe to raise their 4 wonderful/spectacular children. Colleen returned to Huron Medical Care Facility where she dedicated her life to the care of the residents. She retired in 2007. That only lasted about a year, before she started one on one care in home for a special lady. She also worked part time as an aide at Scheurer Hospital and drove HMCF residents to and from appointments all over East Michigan. She also continued to volunteer for outings for the residents of HMCF.

Colleen enjoyed cooking, knitting (especially Christmas snowflakes), gardening, cards, traveling, reading, canoeing, friends, family and so much more. She was a delight to her friends and family, always willing to listen and help out whenever needed. She loved to spend time with her children and grandchildren, traveling all over to spend a few weeks with each family. Her family always enjoyed the yearly week long vacation at her home in Bad Axe with cook outs, bonfires, swimming, friends and fun.

In May of 2016, Colleen was diagnosed with lung cancer. Her family gathered around her to help her fight for her life. Her children were privileged to be able to care for her during that time.

Colleen is survived by:

2 Daughters- LaNee (Bernie) McShane of Anderson, SC and Jill (Chris) Lohman of Greenville, MI.

Son-Joe (Terri) McGee of Dumont, NJ.

Granddaughter-Amber (Randy Landro) McShane.

Grandsons-Bernie McShane, Joel and Jarod Lohman and Cory McGee.

Brother-Bill Des Jardin of Bad Axe.

Colleen was preceded in death by:

Husband-James (Jim) McGee.

Son-Steven (Steve) McGee.

Parents-Clarence and Alma Des Jardin.

Brother- Joel Des Jardin.

Colleen took great comfort in all of the support from friends and relatives, receiving many cards and letters of encouragement. You were all an inspiration to her. Thank You.

A memorial mass will be held on Friday, September 22, 2017 at 11 am at St. Hubert Parish-Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Bad Axe. Friends may call at the church on Friday from 10 am until the service time at 11 am.

Memorials may be offered to Hope House of Grand Rapids.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **22**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St Hubert Parish-Sacred Heart Catholic Church  
311 Whitelam St  
Bad Axe, MI 48413  
(989) 269-772

## Funeral Mass

SEP **22**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St Hubert Parish-Sacred Heart Catholic Church  
311 Whitelam St  
Bad Axe, MI 48413  
(989) 269-772

# Tribute Wall



“ Colleen McGee

January 28, 2023 at 01:32 PM



“ *colleen was a amazing woman, who touched my heart, I remember my mom and I going to colleen,s house, to get some curtains hemmed up, mom and I went out side to pull some weeds around her flower bed and we were pulling away and a snake appeared, I took off running an screaming, colleen came out to see what was going on, mom told her and she laughed so hard , and she never forgot about it, till this day we laughed about it, they both thought it was funny, but I didn't., when my mom got sick colleen was there for her for she brought her ensure and ice cream and a cup to mix it together, trying to get my mom better, she was a very caring woman, I will never forget her, and she will always hold a special place in my heart, as for my mom she lost a wonderful friend, and co worker, they had so many great times at hmcf working together for many years, those are the memories we will cherish forever.*

**donna storckle** - September 29, 2017 at 08:35 PM



*Colleen and I were friends in school and though our lives tok differ paths after HS, I recall times at her parents farm, sharing time watching her mother cook, her dad at the kitchen table and her brothers Joel and Bill. I attended Lincoln country schooli one day and it was great! ...like abig family of friends. Thanks for your wonderful smile Colleen and your kindness...many loving memories....*

**nancy grannell herdell** - October 12, 2024 at 08:51 PM

DS

“ Donna Storckle lit a candle in memory of Colleen McGee



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**donna storckle** - September 29, 2017 at 08:14 PM

DS

*a beautiful rose for a amazing beautiful woman,i will never forget her. rip colleen, I love you*

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**donna storckle** - September 29, 2017 at 08:38 PM

LS

“ I remember the first time I met Colleen. I was a new CENA and was taking care of her Mother. I was so intimidated by her, because she wanted to make sure I knew what I was doing and providing quality care. I remember feeling like she was watching me like a hawk, and I thought I was really going to mess up and do something wrong. However, after working with Colleen for awhile, I realized that she expected, and gave, that kind of treatment to all the people she cared for. I could look back on that day, and understand that she wasn't just making sure I was proving great care to her Mom, she was mentoring me on how I should care for every resident that I encountered. She was an amazing caregiver, and a great asset to HCMCF. I am so glad that I had the opportunity to work with her, and learn from one of the very best! She will be sadly missed by many. Condolences to her family.  
Linda Shisler

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**Linda Shisler** - September 21, 2017 at 10:23 PM

ME

“ From "Merlin," to knitting, to her dry sense of humor that I loved, Colleen was and always will be in my heartfelt memories from working with her at HCMCF. When she'd really, really smile, her eyes would become like half-moons! And there's that laugh that still echoes in my mind.

When my boys were growing up, they affectionately knew her as "the Turtle Lady." We would go over to Colleen and Jim's place to feed the many turtles in their gravel pit/pond pieces of bread. So much fun! When the cute turtles would suddenly disappear, and the water would begin to ripple ominously, we knew the huge, prehistoric snapper was heading over to get his share. Sometimes I think we could hear the music from "Jaws" in the distance.... ;)

New Year's Eve at McGee' s was like being in a live Courier and Ives Christmas card, with the only exception being the bonfire that lit up the night sky like the top of the Chrysler Building! Ringing in 2000 was spent at McGee' s. Only a handful of partiers showed up that year...something about the end of the world and all. But time went on, and so did we.

Thanks for the memories, Colleen! Thank You, Lord for placing this amazing woman in our lives!

Mary Bismack Eggert

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**Mary Eggert** - September 20, 2017 at 06:23 PM

CW

“ Colleen was an amazing woman and extremely dedicated to the Huron County Medical Care Facility. She worked very hard and she put smiles on the faces of many residents and co-workers. She will be truly missed. Sincerely, Carol Walsh

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**carol walsh** - September 19, 2017 at 11:18 PM