



Mrs. Mary L. (McLeod) Lacy

December 18, 1943 - April 22, 2024

UTICA – Mrs. Mary L. (McLeod) Lacy, age 80, was peacefully received by the Lord when she passed away on Monday, April 22, 2024. She was surrounded by her entire family who were by her side to the very end of her earthly life.

Born in Utica on December 18, 1943, Mary was the daughter of the late Baum, Jr. and Flossie (Gregg) McLeod. She lived her long life in the Utica area, attending local elementary schools and graduating from Utica Free Academy.

On April 18, 1964, she was united in marriage with John B. Lacy. The family they built was always their priority, and they did their best to provide each of them with a good life. They succeeded with much pride and mutual love. Nearly one week ago, they celebrated 60 years of marriage; although she was hospitalized, all will fondly remember that special day.

Mary first found employment with the Utica Mutual Insurance Company. She then went on to work with Foothills Girl Scout Council as an administrative assistant, a position she enjoyed tremendously. She was not ready to give up being in the workforce, thus she accepted a position as a lunch monitor with the Utica City School District, lastly at T. R. Proctor High School, until her final retirement.

Mary had kindness in her heart, generosity in her spirit, and a desire to help others in her soul. Her home was her priority, and her children were her pride and joy. Her grandchildren were the benefactors of her boundless love; she bestowed upon them many remarkable acts of kindness and she made sure they were safe in her car while they waited for the bus each day.

She was wise, never wrong, and spoke her peace; that is what she leaves as her legacy. You never saw Mary not in full glamour, she never compromised her appearance, and her natural beauty was foremost an admirable quality. She was a wonderful and independent cook – she did the cooking, and you watched. She always made sure there was a plate for everyone; cleanliness was observed, and she made sure that everyone was well served. Sunday meals were a perfect time where everyone gathered and created memories for which they are so grateful. Her spaghetti, chili, and dressing were her staples. She was also famous for her peach cobbler and pineapple upside-down cake. No matter how hard her children observed, her cooking will be hard to duplicate.

Mary imparted great motherly wisdom to the next generations, like never to be late and to always take care of family and make one another a priority. To the very last day, she was a doting mother, but in the end, she accepted her family's care and tenderness. The family voice of reason, she was able to fix almost any problem and kept it all together. These gifts and life lessons she leaves behind to her loved ones will never be forgotten and will be held close as examples of the way they will live their own lives.

Ever one to have a good time, the casino was her happy place, often accompanied by her late sister-in-law, Susie Mills, and her niece, Tarita Mills; they were a great team and the slot machines never saw them coming! She was constantly together with her daughter, Linda Lacy, who was her "GPS" when they went to "every store" and made sure she arrived at all her

appointments; as well as John who was treated with the same tender care and respect.

A member of Hope Chapel for many years, she had a personal relationship with her Lord, and would often watch St. Matthew's Temple COGIC's weekly livestream of Sunday services.

Mary is survived by her devoted husband who made sure she had a good life, John, Sr.; her children, John Lacy, Jr., Kenneth and Diane Lacy, Patricia Anne Lacy, Michael Lacy, and Linda Lacy; her grandchildren, Giavonna, John III, and Devon Lacy, and Elijah Hanna; Kenneth "Kenny" Lacy, Jr. and fiancée Ashley Pape, and Dante Lacy; Mykayla Lawrence; Keshawn, Kevown, and Kyzere Brown; Brandon, Joshua, and Tajh Lacy, and Alexis Lee; and her great-grandchildren, Kailynn, Alessia, Jaylianne, Liana, and Azariella. Her loss is also felt by her brother, Ret. Hon. James A.W. McLeod; and sister-in-law, Pearlene McLeod. She fondly remembered her siblings who preceded her, Harold J. McLeod (2013), Karen Zaneta McLeod (2016), and Marron W. "Butch" McLeod (2021). She will be held in the hearts of a host of nieces and nephews, Jeff McLeod, Darren and Ronda McLeod, Shannon Steward, James Michael McLeod, Brian Thompson, Rodney Thompson, Jamie McLeod, Tiffany McLeod, Tracey McLeod, Susie and Randy Brown, Fred Lacy, Jr. and Jackie Tolbert, Anisah Lacy, Shirley Ann Waltower, Taryn Lacy, Anna Lee Lacy, Maria and Kevin Roux, Jacqueline Lacy, Norris Lacy, Jerome Lacy, William and Latoya Lacy, Walkery Mills III, David Mills, and Kimberly Murray; great-nieces, great-nephews; and sisters-in-law, Aida Santiago, and Martha Lacy. She will also be missed by her neighbors, best friends, and other people who were family through close bonds of love, Melissa Hanna, Francesca Aridou, Tarita Mills, Timothy Brown, Osvaldo Serrano, the Howard Family, the Frazier Family, the Brown Family, the McBride Family, and her lifelong friend, Miss Thelma Porter Blackshear. Mary was additionally predeceased by her

father-in-law and mother-in-law, David, Sr. and Annia Lee (Sample) Lacy; brothers-and sisters-in-law, David Jr. and Henrietta Lacy, William Lacy, Sr., Susie May and Walkery Mills, Jr., Lee Henry Lacy, Fred Lacy, and James Lacy; niece, Jessica Marie McLeod; and nephews, William Lacy, Jr., David Lacy III, and Willie Lacy.

The Lacy family is forever grateful to Mary's caregivers, Dr. Dilip Kachare, Paulette Anderson, Laura Jones, Andrea Blackshear, Nicole McCovery, as well as the staffs of numerous floors at Wynn Hospital. The special blessing was the time she spent with her daughters and granddaughter Mykayla who opened their home and hearts to care for their mother as she had once cared for them, which was a great honor... rest in peace, Mommy.

Visitation will be held on Friday, May 3, 2024, from 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. at St Matthew's Temple COGIC, 110 Washington St. Mary's Home Going Service and Celebration of Life will commence at 1:00 p.m. at the church. Interment will take place in Forest Hill Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Forest Hill Cemetery

2201 Oneida Street
Utica, NY

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 3. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

St. Matthew's Temple Church of God in Christ
110 Washington Street
utica, NY 13502

Home Going Service

MAY 3. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

DB

“ *Denise Brown lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary L. (McLeod) Lacy*



Denise Brown - May 09, 2024 at 11:41 PM

PL

“ *To the Lacy & Hanna families, saddened to hear of Mary's passing. I knew Mary from Foothills Girl Scout Council. She helped me with all the crazy paperwork I needed for my Girl Scout Gold Award. What a wonderful sweet lady. Rest in Peace. Priscilla Moore Larry*

Priscilla MA Larry - May 06, 2024 at 01:52 PM

EM

“ *Our deepest condolences to the Lacy family.
Edna Martin
Lyndon Martin*



Edna Martin - May 03, 2024 at 02:18 PM



“ *Our sincere condolences to the entire Lacy family. Praying that God will comfort and give you strength during this difficult time. Mary and Bobby Wells 🙏🙏🙏*

Mary Wells - May 03, 2024 at 10:14 AM

PG

“ To: The Lacy and McLeod families: My deepest condolences on your recent loss. May the Lord comfort and keep you, make his face to shine upon you, and give you peace.
Patricia Garrett



Patricia Garrett - May 02, 2024 at 07:26 PM

JH

“ Our sympathy and prayers for the Lacy family. We are sorry for your loss.

Mark and Janet Hanna

Janet Hanna - May 01, 2024 at 02:06 PM

SL

“ Sharon "Boo Jones" Lakins purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Mrs. Mary L. (McLeod) Lacy.



Sharon "Boo Jones" Lakins - April 30, 2024 at 04:45 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Mary L. (McLeod) Lacy.



April 30, 2024 at 05:57 AM

RB

“ Ruby M. Henley & Vivian M. Bowie purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mrs. Mary L. (McLeod) Lacy.



Ruby M. Henley & Vivian M. Bowie - April 29, 2024 at 08:14 PM

RB

“ Ruby M. Henley & Vivian M. Bowie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Mary L. (McLeod) Lacy.

Ruby M. Henley & Vivian M. Bowie - April 29, 2024 at 08:14 PM

TT

“ Tonya "TT" Titus/Hamell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary L. (McLeod) Lacy



Tonya "TT" Titus/Hamell - April 29, 2024 at 10:13 AM

TO

“ To the entire Lacy Family,

Sending sincere condolences and deepest sympathy at this difficult time!! You all are in our thoughts and prayers!

The Titus Family

Tonya - April 29, 2024 at 10:12 AM

VK

“ I had the honor to work with Mary at JFK and Proctor she will be missed by all that worked with her and knew her as a good friend. Rest in peace Mary 🌸

vallerie kochanowski - April 28, 2024 at 12:38 PM

PC

“ Pastor Angela U Carter lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary L. (McLeod) Lacy



Pastor Angela U Carter - April 27, 2024 at 08:42 PM

MC

“ My sympathy to the Lacy family. I worked with Mary at the Foothills Girl Scout Office. She was always so pleasant. A wonderful lady!

Marge Calenzo - April 27, 2024 at 11:12 AM

RM

“ Our deepest sympathy goes out to mike lacy and entire family. May miss Mary rest in paradise. Keep forever those special memories close to your heart ❤️. Condolences from Donald duck Harris and Rosana Morales Reed. 💖🙏

Rosa Morales - April 26, 2024 at 02:20 PM

RM

“ *Rosa Morales lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary L. (McLeod) Lacy*



Rosa Morales - April 26, 2024 at 02:17 PM

MW

“ *Our sincere condolences to the entire family. Words can't express how sorry we are for your loss. Our prayers are with you all. Mary and Bobby Wells* 🙏🙏🙏

Mary and Robert Wells - April 25, 2024 at 11:32 PM

VI

“ *My condolences to the entire family, especially my good friend Anne.*



Vivian - April 25, 2024 at 09:02 PM

KF

“ *Dear Lacy family, I never had the chance to personally meet Mary, but we did speak on the phone. I worked with John for several years, and knowing the gem that he is, I am sure she was just rare a find as he. My condolences to this blessed family and may you all remember the good times with her, her love and her precious words of wisdom. God bless, Kate and Peter Fiduccia*



Kate Fiduccia - April 25, 2024 at 06:22 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Mary L. (McLeod) Lacy.*



April 25, 2024 at 02:57 PM



“ *Jimmy, Tiffany, Tracy. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Mary L. (McLeod) Lacy.*

Jimmy, Tiffany, Tracy. - April 25, 2024 at 02:57 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Mrs. Mary L. (McLeod) Lacy.*



April 25, 2024 at 12:46 PM



“ *Lacy and Santiago Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Mary L. (McLeod) Lacy.*

Lacy and Santiago Family - April 25, 2024 at 12:46 PM

RW

“ *Deepest condolences to your family.*



Rose & Hershel Walker - April 25, 2024 at 10:01 AM

KF

“ *Ke'Shawn Ke'Vown and KyZyere and family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Mary L. (McLeod) Lacy.*



Ke'Shawn Ke'Vown and KyZyere and family - April 25, 2024 at 08:09 AM

FG

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*
Janice and Fred Greer



Fred Greer - April 25, 2024 at 07:31 AM

PF

“ *Praying For The Family So Sorry For Your Loss*



Prince Workman & Jackson Families - April 25, 2024 at 01:53 AM

LJ

To the family of Mrs. Mary Lacy My Deepest and Sincerest Condolences Goes Out To Yall May God Comfort Yall During This Difficult Time

Lisa Jenkins - April 25, 2024 at 02:14 AM

LJ

“ *To the family I send my condolence and prayers 🙏. Look to the hills which cometh your strength*

Leola Turner/ Jones - April 24, 2024 at 10:28 PM

FF

“ *My heart is heavy. I was so looking forward to sitting on the porch with you this summer. I'll still sit on the porch and think of you often. I'll miss yelling to you across the street. Sending an abundance of hugs and prayers to my Lacy family*

Frances Frazier - April 24, 2024 at 09:58 PM

PP

Deepest sympathy to the family. May you take comfort in the many warm and loving memories you share.

Patricia A Patterson - April 25, 2024 at 11:35 AM