



Sara A. McCoy

July 21, 1941 - September 26, 2023

Sara A. McCoy, age 82 of Highland, IL, died Tuesday, September 26, 2023, at daughter's home in Sorento, IL.

She was born on Saturday, July 12, 1941, in Odin, IL, the daughter of Fredrick and Rosalie (nee Hall) Stein.

On Sunday, October 11, 1959, she married James Wesley McCoy at Salem, Illinois, who passed away on Friday, January 5, 2007.

She was a member of Marine Sportsman's Club.

Sara was born in Odin, IL and graduated from Odin High School in 1959. In high school she worked for a nursing home. After graduation she was married in October. They lived in Centralia, IL; then briefly in Chicago, IL; Springfield, IL for six years; then moved to Highland, IL in 1977 and has been there ever since. She worked at Faith Countryside Homes, Highland, IL for close to ten years and then for Drda Electric in Edwardsville, IL for several years. Her husband was an undercover agent for Illinois State Police. She and her husband enjoyed traveling, they visited every state in the United States except for Hawaii and Alaska together. She collected Asian Dolls and ornamental plates. Her #1 hobby was fishing and she enjoyed bowling. The loves of her life were her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Survivors include:

Daughter - Stacie D. (Richard, Sr.) Applegate, Sorento, IL

Daughter - Kellie E. (Significant Other Brian Kelly) McCoy, Fenton, MO

Grandchild - Lauren A. (Darrick) Hays, Edwardsville, IL

Grandchild - Colt J. (Ashley) Witschie, Millstadt, IL

Grandchild - Vivian T. Min, Fenton, MO

Step Grandchild - Richard (Ericka) Applegate, Jr., OK

Step Grandchild - Amber (Derek) Tinarwo, Caseyville, IL

Step Grandchild - Ashley Baldwin, Greenville, IL

Great Grandchild - Christopher J. Witschie, Millstadt, IL

Great Grandchild - Bennett D. Hays, Edwardsville, IL

Great Grandchild - Mara D. Hays, Edwardsville, IL

Step Great Grandchild - Ethan

Step Great Grandchild - Kylie

Step Great Grandchild - Aubrey

Step Great Grandchild - Ian

Step Great Grandchild - Ilyse

Brother - Robert Stein, Edinburg, IL

Brother - William (Linda) Stein, Carlyle, IL

She was preceded in death by:

Father - Fredrick Stein

Mother - Rosalie Hazel Stein, nee Hall

Husband - James W. "Jim" McCoy - Died 1/05/2007

Brother - Dale Stein

Nephew - Billy Stein

Arrangements are being handled by Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

A Celebration of Life will be held Sunday, October 29, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the V.F.W. Post #5694 Hall, Highland, IL.

Interment will be at Highland City Cemetery in Highland, IL.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Cemetery Details

Highland City Cemetery

12301 Koepfli Lane
Highland, IL 62249

Tribute Wall

CW

“ To me, she was Gigi. My Great Grandma, and I miss her so much. We spent so much time playing games, like checkers. We even gambled sometimes, honestly, she probably lost 50 dollars total to me. The worst part, the last words I said to her was “By Gigi, love you. See you next time!” There was no next time. Not a day goes by that I spent even more time with her.

Christopher Witschie - November 08, 2025 at 11:08 PM

PH

“ We have great memories of being friends, neighbors, and coworker. We miss those days. Your parents were special people! So sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts & prayers. Pam & Dennis Higgins

Pam Higgins - October 02, 2023 at 01:58 PM

MS

“ I worked with Sara at Faith countryside, she was always so upbeat and smiling. Inwas a new to the workforce teenager and she sure helped me learn to work. She was a beautiful soul. So sorry for your loss.

Mary Shipman

mary shipman - October 02, 2023 at 11:26 AM

ES

“ My condolences to the family!

Elsie Stacy - September 30, 2023 at 09:37 AM

TM

“ I worked with Sara at Faith years ago..and occasionally our paths would cross...always upbeat and wearing a beautiful smile... Her light did indeed shine...heartfelt sympathy to "her girls" & family.

Teri Musso - September 30, 2023 at 08:37 AM

JJ

“ I worked with Jim McCoy and was neighbors with Sara and Jim for years. Great people ! Sara was always so pleasant, Miss them, Jack Jackson

Jackie D Jackson - September 30, 2023 at 06:58 AM



“ You have my sympathy! Jim and I worked together in the Illinois State Police! He was one of my best friends! After Jim's death Sara and her brother used to come fishing at our pond on Lower Marine Road all the time!! She was such a sweetie!! She was my buddy too!!! So sorry for your loss!!! Craig Koehler

Craig Koehler - September 30, 2023 at 12:53 AM

MD

“ My husband Larry Doiron and Jim worked together for years. Sara was so nice. I always looked forward to seeing her at ISP functions.
My sympathy goes out to the McCoy family
MaryEllen Doiron

MaryEllen Doiron - September 29, 2023 at 10:57 PM

MD

“ My name is MaryEllen Doiron. My husband Larry and Jim worked together for years. Sara was so nice and I always looked forward to seeing her at ISP functions.
My sympathy to you and your family

MaryEllen Doiron - September 29, 2023 at 06:26 PM

WB

“ I am very sorry to here about your Mom!! I knew her and your Dad very well during the time we worked for the IBI. My prayers are with you!!
Dick Barrett

William Barrett - September 29, 2023 at 04:14 PM

CM

“ My name is Christine Brussatti Marah. I am so sorry to hear of the death of your mother. I worked with Jim for many years at Illinois State Police, Investigations. He was a very sweet man. I got to know your mother through the many outings and gatherings all of our ISP family had together. I remember Jim carrying around a little puppy in his shirt pocket at a gathering. Sara was a very nice lady. It was a joy to know them both.
Please accept my sympathy.

Christine Brussatti Marah - September 29, 2023 at 11:59 AM

ST

That was Muffy being carried around in dad's shirt pocket. Thank you for the kind words.

Stacie - September 29, 2023 at 07:10 PM

MD

“ *Our sympathy to you & your sister. Always great memories of our times together* ❤️

Marcia Donini - September 29, 2023 at 11:28 AM

ST

Thank you Marcy

Stacie - September 29, 2023 at 07:11 PM