



Gwyneth McKee

January 29, 1928 - August 25, 2019

Gwyneth Olwen (Williams) McKee, 91, of Centralia, passed away Sunday, August 25, 2019 at Alton Memorial Hospital.

She was born January 29, 1928 in Ringoes, New Jersey, daughter of George Owen Williams and Edith (Kiss) Williams. She married John Morris Poland on December 22, 1949 and he preceded her in death on September 6, 1962.

Gwyneth married James "Jim" Webster McKee on August 20, 1970 and he survives in Bethalto.

In addition to her husband of 49 years: James "Jim" Webster McKee of Bethalto; two children: Scott Kenneth Poland and wife Cindy of Knoxville, Tennessee and Kimberly Anne Baugh and husband Russ of Edwardsville; 11 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren; a daughter-in-law: Ada Poland of Fayetteville, Arkansas; a brother: Dr. Trevor Williams and wife Gail of Salisbury, North Carolina; a brother-in-law: George Poland and wife Carol of St. Louis, Missouri; several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents: George and Edith Williams, a husband: John Poland, two sons: John Richard Poland and Mark Alan James McKee, a brother-in-law: Joseph Poland, and two sisters-in-law: Mary Elizabeth Cox and Joan Bozzett.

Gwyneth graduated from Flemington High School. She attended Maryville College in Maryville, Tennessee, where she graduated with her Bachelor Degree in Education. She also attended Design School in New York. She later attended Webster University in St. Louis, Missouri, where she graduated with

her Masters Degree. She taught school in St. Louis for 6 years and she later retired after 18 years at the Centralia City Schools.

Gwyneth was a member of the First United Presbyterian Church in Centralia, where she served as an Elder in the church, a Sunday School Teacher, Past President of the Presbyterian Women's Club and Circle Chairman. She was also a member of the Delta Kappa Gamma, where she was past President, held a position in the State Office, and Teacher of the Year Book in 1988. Gwyneth held a State Membership Chair for 6 years in the I.V.H.E.T.A., a member of the St. Louis Teachers Association, and served as a past President of the P.E.O.

Gwyneth served as a volunteer on a mission trip to Utah at the Wasatch Academy Presbyterian Church for 2 years. She and her husband, James, enjoyed supporting the Marion Medical Mission, where they have developed several water wells for different villages. She cherished the time she spent with her family and friends.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held Saturday, August 31, 2019 at 12:00 PM at the First United Presbyterian Church in Centralia with Pastor Stan Martin officiating. Visitation will be held from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM at the church on Saturday morning. Memorial donations may be made to the James McKee Scholarship Fund at Kaskaskia College and/or Marion Medical Mission and will be accepted at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home and Cremation Services at 235 North Sycamore Street Centralia, Illinois 62801, (618)532-3523, whom is honored to be of service to the McKee Family. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 31. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church
102 S Hickory Street
Centralia, IL 62801
(618) 532-9124

Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall

MG

“ *Scott, Cindy and Laura,
Robert and I are keeping you in our hearts and thoughts today. I
hope you have warm memories and healing laughter from all who
knew Mrs. Mckee.
Safe travels home,
Missy Garland*

Melissa Garland - August 31, 2019 at 10:32 AM

MM

“ *I am sadden by your loss. But I thank God that this Lovely lady
came into my life even if it was for a short time. The love and the
kindness she gave me lives in my heart. She would thank me for my
help when I am the who should be thanking her. She was truly a
Bright shinning light in this world.*

Mary Martin - August 30, 2019 at 12:51 PM

JP

“ *Such a sweet lady. I have a vision in my head of Gwyn and Jim
walking hand and hand through Park Forest... It is a privilege to
have known her...*

Jennifer Price - August 30, 2019 at 12:03 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for
the family of Gwyneth McKee.*



August 30, 2019 at 07:12 AM

DK

“ She was one of my teachers at Centralia Junior High School and such a delight! I also had Jim for math at Kaskaskia College too. Two teachers which I hold in my memory because of the kindness they both demonstrated. Our sympathies to the entire family, many of which are very close to our family. David & Annette Kenney

David Kenney - August 29, 2019 at 05:57 AM

CD

“ She was such a sweet lady. Home EC teacher when I was in Junior High. She was always soft spoken, and always had a smile on her face. Mrs. McKee you will be missed. Prayers for her family.



candy donoho - August 27, 2019 at 07:13 PM

RF

“ Robert Williams and Family. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Gwyneth McKee.



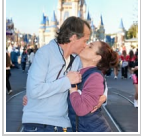
Robert Williams and Family. - August 27, 2019 at 04:56 PM

MT

“ Marsha Wynn, Maryville, TN purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Gwyneth McKee.



Marsha Wynn, Maryville, TN - August 27, 2019 at 03:56 PM



“ *Mrs. McKee was a blessing to everyone she met. Her beautiful heart will be missed.*

Stephanie Logullo - August 27, 2019 at 09:46 AM

KE

Wat was wrong with her?

Kenzie - August 28, 2019 at 11:20 PM

SG

“ *Mrs. McKee was my home ec teacher . Sweet lady and loved her class . Prayers to the family.*

Sonya (Spears) Greathouse - August 27, 2019 at 07:16 AM

CC

“ *Aunt Gwyn was a beloved member of our family. She was kind and giving to all who knew her. One of the highlights of the year was the Christmas Eve party that she and Uncle Jim hosted every year after the Christmas Eve service at church. All of the family came together for visiting, fun, good food, fellowship and love. We all looked forward to it and Gwyn would bake and cook and make all of our favorite holiday snacks. I think we each had our favorite and we could count on it being there every year. We filled all the rooms of their home with our visiting, laughing, catching up with people we didn't see all year and eating. Uncle Jim kept busy wherever he was needed refilling dishes and drinks and being available to talk to. There were gag gifts from Santa(Carol) for everyone and it was great fun playing with them and sharing them with young and old alike. Even though Gwyn did all the work and cooking, she seemed to enjoy it as much as everyone else did! I know all of our family will always remember the wonderful Christmas Eves with Uncle Jim and Aunt Gwyn. Linda and Charles Cox*

Charles and Linda Cox - August 26, 2019 at 08:12 PM