



Ray McCarthy

July 1, 1938 - January 21, 2015

Ray Rachel Ellis Hedrick McCarthy, 76, died peacefully in her home with her family on January 21, 2015 in North Myrtle Beach, SC. Mrs. McCarthy is predeceased by her husbands, James M. Hedrick, Sr. and William L. McCarthy.

Rachel was born July 1, 1938 in Columbia, SC. Her parents, John Luther Ellis and Elva Clamp Ellis predeceased her. She graduated from Eau Claire High School in 1956. She married James (Jim) Hedrick, Sr. in 1957; they were married 32 years before his passing. The Hedricks raised their children in Lawrenceville, GA and Rock Hill, SC before returning to his home town, Windy Hill Beach. Mrs. McCarthy got her Real Estate License and worked many years at the Myrtle Beach Air Force Base, achieving the highest civilian rank, G6 Real Estate Specialist. In 2002, she retired as the Chief of Real Property.

Rachel lived her life with enthusiasm for people, and by her example taught her children the importance of serving the community wherever she lived. A lover of the arts, she was a Long Bay Symphony and an Atlantic Stage supporter. She was active in the choir in all the churches she attended over her lifetime. In Lawrenceville, she held leadership positions with the American Cancer Society. Mrs. McCarthy was a patriot and very active in the Republican Party. She was a member of the Gamecock Club for 49 years, cheering from the stands for five decades. Rachel was proud to be a native South Carolinian and cherished her community of Windy Hill Beach.

Mrs. McCarthy is survived by her children, Rachel Hedrick Stephens (John) of North Myrtle Beach, J. Beth Hedrick of Belmont, NC, and James M. Hedrick, Jr. (Patricia) of North Myrtle Beach; her granddaughters and greatest joy of her later years, Chapel and Shelly Jean Hedrick; and her siblings, John L. Ellis of Tampa, FL, Bonnie Ellis McDaniel (Jerry) of Mt. Airy, GA, and Jerry D. Ellis (Gail) of Charleston, SC. She is also survived by two stepsons, Michael and George McCarthy, and many nieces and nephews who always held a special place in her heart.

The family will receive friends at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway, SC on Friday, January 30th, 5-7 p.m. Funeral Services will be held at King of Glory Lutheran Church, 805 11th Ave North, North Myrtle Beach, SC, on Saturday, January 31st, at 11 a.m. Memorials can be sent to the American Cancer Society.

Goldfinch Funeral Home Conway Chapel is in charge of arrangements.
Sign a guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall

MB

“ Ray, Milton and Max have been our primary connections to our Alma Matre, ECHS, all of these year in our travels as an Air Force Family. We were so fortunate to be able to share some time together during several class reunions and a visit to Her place at the beach. Ray was a great classmate, friend and a very sweet, vibrant lady. We are so sorry for Her having left us all at such a young age. Our sincerest and heartfelt condolences to all of her family, loved ones and friends. Hope to see you up the line Ray. Love, Mike and Emma Jean Brooks - Birmingham

Mike Brooks - February 23, 2015 at 03:07 PM

BC

“ Rachael was a good friend and neighbor to all of my family and Windy Hill too. She is gone too young and too soon and will be missed so very much. Our heartfelt thoughts and prayers are with your entire family. Much love, The Charles Family

Barbara Charles - January 30, 2015 at 04:12 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ray McCarthy.



January 30, 2015 at 10:38 AM

BM

“ So sorry to hear today that our friend Rachael had lost her battle. We worked together at MBAFB in CE. Our sincere condolences to the family. Bette and Jim

Bette and Jim McDaniel - January 29, 2015 at 08:18 PM

FH

“ Frank & Lynda Harmon sent a virtual gift in memory of Ray McCarthy



Frank & Lynda Harmon - January 29, 2015 at 02:20 PM

CC

“ I grew up across the street from Ms Rachel and Rachel, Beth and Jim. My prayers are with you!



Connie Hagan Claybrook - January 28, 2015 at 08:35 AM

CS

“ Beth has been a friend of our family for MANY years. She always spoke highly of her mother, and I can tell, through knowing Beth, what kind of woman that Rachel was. Looking at her picture, I can DEFINITELY see the resemblance. Beth, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your entire family at this time. We love you.

Craig and Nicole Sasser - January 28, 2015 at 08:29 AM

SM

“ I remember the Hedricks so well when they were our neighbors in L'ville. I use to babysit their children. We had some good times and they were the nicest people. She also use to pay me to do their ironing. Especially Mr. Hedricks shirts. I was paid !0 cents per shirt. I have great memories of the children and am sad that we lost touch over the years. Prayers for the family.

Sheila Wages Millsaps - January 27, 2015 at 09:03 PM