



## Anne Elizabeth Murk

December 28, 1923 - September 11, 2020

Anne Elizabeth Murk, devoted spouse of Virgil Murk, mother to Barbara Meyer, David, and Susan Wetzel passed away peacefully in her home with family at her side on Friday September 11, 2020.

Anne was born in Middlesbrough, England in 1923. Her father, Thomas Wynne moved the family back to his native Ireland in 1926. She was the oldest girl in a family of seven. Her mother, Beatrice (Lowe) Wynne, passed away when Anne was twelve years old. This began a lifetime of giving and generosity for Anne. After helping her dad care for her six siblings, Anne answered the call for nurses during World War II. She finished nurses' training in Bristol and cared for R.A.F and American soldiers in London and Bristol, spending many nights in the underground stations during bombing raids. After the war was over, Anne scrimped and saved for a voyage to her cousins in Topeka, Kansas. She boarded a ship in Liverpool bound for Halifax in 1948. Standing on the gangplank was a handsome, charming GI returning from Europe named Virgil. They started a relationship on board ship and were never separated for long after that. Virgil and Anne were married in Denver in April of 1950.

Anne & Virgil's giving spirit continued when they adopted their three children from Ireland. Once the children were older, Anne returned to work at St. Joseph's Hospital in Elgin. She then was persuaded to give her time to U-46's

special ed. program at Udina & Independence schools. Anne was an integral part of those schools, initiating many new programs and loved those children as if they were her own. During all these years, Anne and Virgil volunteered for many different religious, civic and educational organizations.

Anne and Virg retired from U-46 in 1988 but the selfless life continued as they made twice a year trips to St. Joseph's Hospice in London to help her sister, Mary. Mary Wynne, an occupational therapist and nun at the hospice kept Anne and Virgil busy doing day trips, fundraising and crafting with the hospice patients. In 2001, Anne and Virgil moved to Huntley and found a new neighborhood family on Hickory Ct. There were many block holiday dinners and Thursday cocktail street gatherings. They continued trips to London but also visited numerous other destinations in Europe and Asia. Anne found great pleasure in gardening and a membership in the Del Webb gardening club. Exercise was always important to Anne and Virgil as they walked for miles and swam at the pool daily. Her greatest joy was attending numerous soccer, baseball, football, dance and theater programs of her nine grandchildren.

She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend to many and will be deeply missed.

She leaves behind her family and a circle of devoted friends. Her family includes her three loving children, Barbara (Steve) Meyer of Mooresville, North Carolina, David Murk of Algonquin, Susan (Rick) Wetzels of Glendale Heights, her cherished grandchildren; Ben Meyer, Shannon (Gregory) Meyer-Hagel, Andrea (Richard) Haines, Mollie, Sophie, Isabella, and Owen Murk and Christopher and Jamie Wetzels, and her two great-grandchildren, Grian and Declan Hagel.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11 AM on Monday, Sept. 21, at St. Mary Catholic Church, 10307 Dundee Rd. There will be no visitation at church, please go directly into church, masks will be required.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Grafton Food Pantry, Huntley Illinois or Habitat for Humanity of Northern Fox Valley.

## Cemetery Details

### St. Mary Cemetery

Dean Street  
Huntley, IL

## Previous Events

### Mass of Christian Burial

SEP 21. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary Catholic Church  
10307 Dundee Road  
Huntley, IL 60142

# Tribute Wall



“ *Anne Elizabeth Murk*

January 17, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ *Dear Barbara, David and Susan,*

*I am so sorry to hear of the death of your Mother. I have no one specific memory but more of a strong feeling of her presence-her soft voice, gentle accent, contagious smile and laugh that reflected an intelligent, insightful mind and witty sense of humor.*

*My siblings and I have very warm memories of you and your family. We were lucky to have spent some time together in the early years. I hope to see you soon*

*Mary Dolan McCarty*

Mary Dolan McCarty - September 20, 2020 at 09:24 PM



“ *We received this obituary from Theresa Hutchinson, we were saddened to hear of your mother, a passing. We met her at Royal Mansions in Florida. we were in unit 1106 .. three down from your unit . We admired her so much as she was so interesting to talk to. We often chatted on our daily walk on the sandy beach as we waded in the water. She was so smart for her age . We realized how she missed your father as she spoke of him frequently . We only met Ann and her son but we send our condolences To the family on the loss of this charming woman*

*Graham and Zita Poirier*

*Halifax , Nova Scotia*

graham and zita poirier - September 18, 2020 at 04:22 PM

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“ Mr. And Mrs. Murk were my CCD teachers at St. Joseph Church in Elgin. A finer couple you will never find. Sad that she left this world but I find joy that she is rejoined with her beloved husband. 🙏

Peg Duewel Luebbing - September 18, 2020 at 07:58 AM

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“ Karen and Joe McKie purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Anne Elizabeth Murk.



Karen and Joe McKie - September 17, 2020 at 11:18 AM



“ What a lovely, gracious lady. Loved hearing the stories about her life. Always a smile on her face and a wave hello! RIP, Anne.

Judith Pollin  
Hickory Ct Neighbor

Judith Pollin - September 15, 2020 at 05:36 PM

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“ Anne was my friend for over 40 years. We first met at a Mardigrad dinner dance at St. Andrew's Country Club where she was disguised as a gypsy. Was that accent a Gypsy put-on or an Irish accent? We learned her accent was no Gypsy stuff. She invited my hubby & I to join her family for the evening & the rest is happy history! We partied, vacationed, laughed, cried and argued together up to three weeks ago. She was my “go-to” in good times & bad”. We will stay friends forever. May the angels take to your Virgil to enjoy heaven forever. God speed you my friend.RIP.

Pat Sweetman - September 15, 2020 at 03:56 PM