



## Michael John "Mickey" McCarthy

November 26, 1938 - October 21, 2012

Michael John "Mickey" McCarthy, 73, passed away on Sunday, Oct. 21, 2012, at Highland Park Hospital. He was born Nov. 26, 1938, in Chicago, and had been a resident of Gurnee since 1975. He was a US Marine Corps veteran and was member of the Vietnam Veterans. Michael was a retired animal control officer for the city of Skokie. Surviving are his son, Michael James McCarthy (Beth Krumrey) of Round Lake Park; his brother, Frank Butera of Michigan; and dear friend, Annie Wells of Villa Park. He was preceded in death by his wife, Darleen McCarthy on Sept. 2, 2009. Visitation will be from 1 p.m. until time of services with full military honors at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27, at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home Ltd., 120 W. Park Ave. (Route 176, one block west of Milwaukee Ave.), Libertyville. For information, 847-36Z-3009 or sign the guest book at [www.burnettdane.com](http://www.burnettdane.com).

# Tribute Wall

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“ *To the Family of "Mickey Mc Carthy" (Butera/Pintozzi) Our Deepest Sympathy & Treasured Memories. From the Family of Ruth & Lawrence Meccia*

xxxxxxxxxxx - June 29, 2018 at 02:44 PM

LT

“ *I send my deepest condolences to Mickey's famiy. I worked with Mickey sometimes in the animal control capacity, and he was also a good friend. Mickey always seemed to be so happy go lucky, and he always had something to say. Mickey always made people laugh.*

Linda L. Teckler - June 29, 2018 at 02:44 PM

DF

“ *I will always remember Mickey being kind and going out of his way to help those who needed it. He came to my retirement party which made me happy, it was so good to see him. Rest in Peace. I trust you are in a much better place.*

Debbie Feiter - June 29, 2018 at 02:44 PM

BS

“ *My condolences to the McCarthy family. It was my pleasure to have known him.*

Barry Silverberg - June 29, 2018 at 02:44 PM

BG

“ Our condolences to Mickey's family and friends. Mickey was the type of person you were always happy to see anytime, especially if you were having a bad day. Just by his personality, he could cheer anyone up. When he worked for Animal Control, he used to bring stray dogs to our house and we would try to find homes for them. He had a love for animals and would always try to prevent having them put down. I'm sure he will be missed by all who knew him. With sorrow, Bob and Linda Grau

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**Bob and Linda Grau** - June 29, 2018 at 02:44 PM

BS

“ I would like to give our condolences to Mickey's family and friends. If anyone was lucky enough to know Mickey they knew immediately how special he was. This is one man that would do anything he could to make life better for anyone. God Bless him and his journey to heaven.

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**Brian & Pam Springer** - June 29, 2018 at 02:44 PM

RB

“ My deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Mickey. It was always a pleasure to work with Mickey when he responded to our requests for assistance. He was always professional and very caring with all those he came in contact with. He will be missed.

*Ron Baran, Skokie P.D. Retired*

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**Ronald Baran** - June 29, 2018 at 02:44 PM

BR

“ I met mickey at the viet nam veterans post. we both liked to talk about guns & shooting. I tried to set up a time & date to go to the range with mickey. but hat never happened. I talked the beginning of this year going wild bore hunting with mickey but he was frustrated with buying a home in Arizona. I was thinking of calling mickey about hunting wild bores as soon as I am recovered from spine surgery. my wife & I were both shocked & very saddened at losing our good friend. we will miss him very much.

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**bruce rubenstein** - June 29, 2018 at 02:44 PM

BJ

“ We have known Mickey for about 30 years, Mickey is not just a friend but part of our family. Mickey will be deeply missed until, we see him again.  
We love you Trolli!

*Death is the chariot our heavenly Father sends to bring us to Himself.*

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**Bill & Tammy Jarding** - April 27, 2018 at 06:50 AM

WS

“ We have known Mickey for over 20 years. He was a great friend and a constant source of entertainment. Go in peace my friend.

*William & Myrna Smith*

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**William & Myrna Smith** - April 27, 2018 at 06:50 AM

DS

“ *The officers and members of Morton Grove Post 134 of the American Legion offer our sympathy to you and your family in this hour of sorrow.*  
*Don Stotz - Service Officer*

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**Don Stotz** - April 27, 2018 at 06:50 AM

DB

“ *So sorry mickey was the best. He was like a second father to me. Mickey and richard are together arguing about everything now and laughing at the same time. They did some pretty wild stuff together and I will always remember what a great man he was. Mickey you cant change my dipper anymore but the advice and guideanc will stay with me. love you denise oberlin braun*

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**denise braun** - April 27, 2018 at 06:50 AM

CB

“ *Mickey was a true friend when I needed one. He tried to teach me how to shoot a gun for protection--several time, in fact. After several weeks he said, "maybe you should change your name and move." Loved his ready smile and unconditional support. My deepest sympathy for all of the family and friends.*

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**Claudia Braden** - April 27, 2018 at 06:50 AM

LK

“ Mickey had retired from Skokie Animal Control before I came to work here, but he used to visit regularly and tease everyone, including me, the new kid. I loved his boistrous personality and the way he lit up the room the minute he walked in. He had a huge spirit and was always a joy to be around. I never had the opportunity to work with him, but I am very grateful that I got to know him, because he was such a delight to know. He stayed close to his ol' stompin' grounds here at Village Hall and it was always fun to get a call from him because he was always up for jokes and silliness, news, information and advice. He is greatly missed.

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**Lori Kaplan** - April 27, 2018 at 06:50 AM

DP

“ MISS YOU ALREADY CUZ. LOVE YOU  
DONNIE CHRISTIE

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**DC PINTOZZI** - April 27, 2018 at 06:50 AM



“ Part II/continued years, they know that his greatest sadness was the loss of his wife Darleen. We've watched him go to her tomb and cry, especially during the late summers of each year since she passed. Like his wife, Mickey has touched the lives of a lot of people, many of whom could not be here today but have extended their condolences to his son, Michael. Mickey took particular effort to take care of the stray cat who Darleen took in, Angel. One of his greatest fears was that he would outlive his cat and that there wouldn't be anyone to take care of him. I'm confident that he's resting easier now, knowing that Angel is comfortable in his son's capable hands. Mickey left a mark on everyone who ever met him, from the waitresses who he flirted with at restaurants to the friends he would take the shirt off of his back for. Some of the fainter hearted may have been taken aback by Mickey's bluntness and he could make the strongest of men blush, but he was Mickey. Formality may not have been one of his strong suits and most of us have teased him about his frugality. I usually commented on his duct-taped jeans. He's the guy who made sure to tell those close to him that he loved them and wouldn't let them leave or get off the phone with him until they told him the same. Mickey was supposed to be the indestructible Marine who would outlive everybody. Now, we must take solace in him being at peace and maybe Heather nipping at his heels if he disturbs Darleen's garden, in heaven. Mickey was a great man and he will be missed by all whose lives he touched.

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October 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Earlier in the week, Mickey's son Mike had asked me to say something at the funeral, but there was some confusion at the funeral home and people were not invited to speak. Here's what it would've been: A big part of Mickey's life was spent in Skokie, that was where he started working in 1968, and that's why a lot of us know him. He was the first animal control office in the Village of Skokie and he was the go-to guy that the village went to when they had problems with citizens. Anybody who knew Mickey knew that he could schmooze with the best of them. Talking was probably one of his favorite pastimes, but he was always there to lend him a helping hand. Over the years, I've learned that Mickey was a lot of things to a lot of different people. To his friends that he went to gun shows with, he was the Troll man. I think that I might accidentally hung up on his friend, Bill, once when he called the house looking for the troll and I thought that it was some sort of crank call. Mickey would go out of his way to help just about anybody and, as many of you know, he could even be offended if you didn't ask for help. He loved to tell stories and was good adding special embellishments for everyone. Mickey was also talented to a fault, at pushing people's buttons, especially his partner from Skokie, Marianne's. Fortunately, they both shared a love of animals and a strong bond that has enabled them to persevere as friends. Mickey made some of his closest friends while he worked in Skokie, including some of the people who were at his bedside during his final days. Over the past 20 years, he has been active with a couple of veterans groups: the Vietnam Vets and the American Legion. He held offices at both and devoted a lot of time to their philanthropic endeavors. Together, they raised a lot of money for long-term residents of the VA in North Chicago, as well as other veterans who needed a helping hand. For the people who have known him over the

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October 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JH

“Mickey will always be with us. I knew him from the time he shot a rabid animal that attacked me some 40+ years ago to his design of the post #134 pin and all the good times since. He left memories in all of us that won't be forgotten.

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**Joe Hedrick** - March 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM