



## Lillian Virginia (McCarthy) Egan

January 11, 1955 - April 7, 2020

Lillian Virginia McCarthy, also known as Mom and Grandma, was born January 11, 1955, in Syracuse, NY. She lost her fight against Brain Cancer/Glioblastoma on the morning of April 7, 2020, in Rockwall, TX.

Lillian was a curly-haired Shirley Temple look-alike at a young age and her lively spirit, sense of humor, angelic voice and love for dancing was clear to all who knew her from the very beginning. Raised in all Catholic schools she continued her education at Le Moyne Jesuit College in DeWitt, NY. There Lillian met the father of her children, James J Egan (2015). Lillian had a zest for life and touched many around her during the years of her many moves as a family to Norwich, NY, Manassas, VA, Endicott, NY, Clear Lake, TX, Boca Raton, FL, Grapevine, TX, and Austin, TX, before her last move to the Dallas, TX, area. Through every job move and physical move she brought her spirit and love of life to those around her and her family. She raised her two children with love, laughter and lots of sitting through golf tournaments and baseball games at all of her homes. She was loved by her children's friends and everyone she worked with - she never met a stranger. She asked her mother, Mary Virginia McCarthy (2013), to move in with her family when her father, Thomas Patrick McCarthy (1991), passed suddenly at 65. The hour-long conversations she had regularly with her mother turned into a loving and larger household where they could talk and support each other fully. Her love of her family was apparent then and was pervasive throughout her life. Lillian spent a very happy ten years with her partner, John Balkey. They enjoyed quiet weekends cabining and also let her love of fun loose, seeing shows and dancing often, prior to her passing.

She was surrounded by her family during the days leading up to her death and kept such a loving and light spirit about her, even during her hardest days. She is survived by her son Richard (Dr. Ashley) Egan, her daughter Jennifer (John) Lewis, her four grandchildren: Kelsey, Lochlan, Thomas and Logan, her partner John Balkey and many family members who loved her from the DeRosa, Egan and Johns families.

Due to the COVID19 restrictions, services in both Rockwall, TX, and Syracuse, NY, will be

forthcoming. In lieu of flowers, the family has set up a memorial page and donation site on Head for the Cure's website at

<https://www.headforthecure.org/foundation/memorials/lillian-egan>.

# Comments

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“ My deepest sympathies to Lily's family. I've known Lil for over 45 years. She will always be my closest and dearest friend. I will always know her as a wonderful, warm human being and I will miss her. She had such great pride in her family and bragged about how lucky she was to have such wonderful children. There are not enough words to describe her. I will always keep her close to my heart.

Danny Robbino 5/5/20

Danny Robbino - May 05 at 07:00 PM

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“ My deepest condolences to you both. Your mom was first and foremost a dear friend to me. I will treasure our chats and visits over lunch and dinner. She and Hali gave me the most wonderful 50th birthday celebration. She was also mentor while I was at Dell and under Marty's organization. Your mom was a sweetheart, forever smiling and laughing. She was very proud of her children and her grandbabies. She will be sorely missed by many..... especially me. God bless.

Kelly Behr - April 27 at 04:09 PM

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“ My sincerest condolences to you both, Rick and Jennifer. I worked with your mom at Dell, and she was always talking about her kids. She was very proud of you both. Your mom was a respected mentor and friend to lots of people in Dell and specifically the WW Procurement organization. My thoughts and prayers for you all at this difficult time. Janet Mendez

Janet Mendez - April 27 at 09:09 AM

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“ So sad to hear that Lillian had passed away. My condolences to you, Rick, and the family.  
LiL worked for me at Eagle Engineering in Houston for quite a few years. She was a valued member of my staff and became a very good friend. We stayed in touch for many years as she moved to several locations and later back to Texas. I was honored that she stayed in touch and I was able to track you and Jennifer as you grew up. Even after she learned of her recent illness we talked frequently by phone. She was so proud of her grandchildren and enjoyed being close enough to see them often. In the years ahead, the older ones will of course remember her and hopefully the little ones will, too, with pictures and many stories. She was a good person who loved people and will be greatly missed.

## Shirley Gloyd Reynolds

Shirley Reynolds - April 21 at 02:10 PM

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“ Lillian was the best mother in law anyone could ask for. She had the perfect recipe to be the dreaded mother in law, an incredibly strong connection and pride for her son, Rick. But instead of being difficult, she has been supportive, loving, welcoming, and inclusive from the moment I met her 13 years ago. Over the last 10 months, our family has been blessed to have Grandma with us. Her connection with our youngest, Logan, was something special. They understood each other on a different level. They played peek-a-boo, read books, and blew kisses all day long. I heard more of Lillian's very recognizable laugh in the last few months as she giggled with Logan! It is a true testament to the way she lived her life. Laughed often and loved hard.

This disease is terrible, it has robbed us of more time with a beloved mom, grandma, friend, partner... but the things we gained from it we will carry with us forever. It gave us dinner with Grandma every night for months, it gave us a close connection with a new member of our family, John, and it gave us a bond with our family (Jenn, JP, Kels, and Loch) that no disease can ever take from us.

Lillian is now an angel flying high, laughing that contagious laugh, and watching over all of us. I am grateful for our time together.

Ashley Egan - April 16 at 08:15 PM

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“ Lillian was a very dear friend and we spent many hours together at the baseball field. After our baseball time together we met every month for lunch until she moved to the Dallas area. We enjoyed talking about our families and shared many happy and sad moments. She was a wonderful, happy and loving friend. I will miss her dearly. God has gained a special angel.

Barbara Mokry



Barbara Mokry - April 16 at 07:45 PM

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“ Lillian and I went to high school together and I was so happy to reconnect over the years. A gentle and loving soul.



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Jennifer Lewis - April 16 at 06:50 PM

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“ To Rick and Family! My sincere condolences to you and your family. Lillian and I were messaging back and forth for a while! She and I worked together at Dell along with The late John E. I am so sorry to read this update. Lillian wanted to read my book. I mailed it to her, but I'm not sure if she got it. I pray for your strength during this most difficult time!! Your mom always did her best to stay in touch over the years. RIP my Friend! You were a jewel to me!!!!



Queen Norvella Smith - April 16 at 06:45 PM

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Jennifer Lewis - April 16 at 06:29 PM

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“ Lillian and Jim were both beloved members of LeMoyne's class of '77. Many of us hold wonderful memories of them in our hearts. May your family be comforted by the memories you hold, and may God give you all peace through this tough time.



“ Many years passed after our LeMoyne graduation before I reconnected with Lillian. I learned of her illness and when I messaged her, I'm so grateful that we were able to have several nice chats online. Her love for her family knew no bounds. Knowing her challenges, it might have been too easy for her to just curl up but Lillian found oodles of strength and joy in the comfort of her loved ones. I pray that the happiest of memories give her family and closest friends reason to celebrate her life. 'Phins always!



Jane Hackett Backus LeMoyne '77 - April 15 at 11:30 AM

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“ Jane Elizabeth Brown lit a candle in memory of Lillian Virginia (McCarthy) Egan



Jane Elizabeth Brown - April 15 at 08:52 AM