



## Doreen D. McCabe

May 10, 1951 - June 11, 2008

McCABE, Doreen D.

Doreen Dooley McCabe, 57, of West Hartford, the wife of Joseph E. McCabe, died Wednesday June 11, 2008 at St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center. Born in Middletown, the daughter of the late Kenneth and Marion Allen Dooley, she had made her home in West Hartford the past 24 years. Doreen was a 1969 graduate of Mercy High School, earned her bachelor's degree from Albertus Magnus College '73, and her Master's Degree in Library Science from Southern Connecticut State University. She worked for the West Hartford Public Library, and prior to that the Hartford Public Library and the Connecticut Historical Society. Doreen devoted her life to her family, attending hundreds of sporting and school events for her daughters and son, and enjoying family vacations. She loved to travel with her husband, garden, read, work with her friends, and watch the Red Sox. She is survived by her husband Joe, daughters Megan McCabe Welch and her husband Matthew of Boston, MA, Katelyn McCabe of Los Angeles, CA, and Brendan McCabe of Hartford. Funeral services will be Monday June 16th at 9:30 a.m. from the Molloy Funeral Home 906 Farmington Ave. West Hartford with a Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 a.m. in St. Thomas the Apostle Church, West Hartford. Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery, West Hartford. Calling hours are Sunday from 4-7 p.m. at the funeral home. Donations in her memory may be made to the West Hartford Public Library Foundation PO Box 271663 West Hartford, CT 06127-1663 or the Jimmy Fund at Dana Farber Institute Dana-Farber Cancer

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Dear Joe and Family,  
My thoughts and prayers are with you all.  
Doreen was a wonderful friend.  
I have fond memories of her as we  
attended Eckersley Hall and Mercy  
together.  
Love and Prayers,  
Betty Bonvino and family##imported-begin##Betty  
Bonvino##imported-end##*

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June 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear McCabes,  
Steve, Amy and I want to express our sincerest condolences to all  
of you. I still remember how many hours we spent sitting near or  
next to one another at Amy & Katelyn's soccer games and how  
much fun I had trying to keep Brendan occupied.*

*After the girls graduated from Hall High, I made sure to keep in  
touch with her first at the Hartford library and then at the West  
Hartford libraries, so that I could keep up with Katelyn and  
Brendan's whereabouts.*

*She will be remembered by the Freelays, and especially Amy, who  
remembers accidentally calling her Doreen instead of Mrs. McCabe  
- a big West Hartford no-no.*

*Love,  
Sharron Freeman, Steve and Amy Alloy##imported-begin##Sharron  
Freeman##imported-end##*

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June 19, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ I was so saddened to learn of Doreen's death when I returned from vacation. My heartfelt thoughts and prayers are with you. I shall always remember Doreen's smile and kindness to all. She will be sorely missed by the staff of the West Hartford Public Library.

*Diane Denton, West Hartford Library*##imported-begin##*Diane Denton*##imported-end##

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June 19, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ On behalf of President Matthew Fitzsimons, Principal Margaret Williamson, and everyone at Northwest Catholic High School, please accept our sincere condolences on the loss of Mrs. McCabe. We share the pain of our colleague, Joyce McCabe O'Rourke, and as a community will keep your entire family in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Michelle M. Murphy##imported-end##

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June 19, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ I was a co-worker of Doreen's at the West Hartford Library. I didn't know Doreen very well. But for the year we spent in Room 422, Town Hall, Doreen was always with a smile and she shared her humor and kindness to all of us. My heartfelt condolences to her family and friends.##imported-begin##Roseann Hauschulz##imported-end##

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June 16, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Katelyn and Family-  
You are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. You have my sincere condolences.##imported-begin##Katherine Potaski##imported-end##

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June 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ I worked with Doreen at both Hartford Public Library and West Hartford Public Library. She was a pleasure to work with and had a lovely way about her. She was a talented librarian. I will miss her- my thoughts and prayers go out to her family.##imported-begin##Mara Whitman##imported-end##

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June 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Joe and family,  
I was so saddened when I heard of Doreen's passing. She was a cousin that I admired and looked up to as a model and a mentor in many ways, just a couple of years older than I was. I loved spending time at the cottage at the beach with her and visiting at the house on Farm Hill Road for holidays with all the family. I know Doreen was a great wife and mother and there are no words that ease your pain at this time. Just know how much she was thought of and loved by family and friends. May God surround you all with His love during this very difficult time and know the thoughts and prayers of our family are with you.  
Sharon, Greg, Gabe, and Jeff Kerlec##imported-begin##Sharon Dooley Kerlec##imported-end##

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June 14, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear of Doreen's passing. I will miss her. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.##imported-begin##Irene Oliveira##imported-end##

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June 14, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Joe & family, I am very sorry to hear of Doreen's passing. We were very good friends in Junior High School and had lots of fun at her house as well as mine. Doreen was a kind and gentle person. Her Mom made the best Apple Pie I have ever tasted. I am sure she put 100% into everything she did. Hang on to your memories. They are yours to treasure. Paula & family##imported-begin##Paula Dunn Tranchina##imported-end##

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June 13, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ I will remember not only looking forward to working with Doreen at West Hartford Public Library, but our forays for bagels post-Weight Watchers and a wonderful trip to New York City. Doreen was a remarkable woman, and I was fortunate to have known her. She exhibited strength and grace at the most difficult of times. To her family, my sympathies. I will always keep Doreen in my heart - she made me a better person.  
Amy Frey##imported-begin##Amy Frey##imported-end##

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June 13, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Joe, Oh, Joe, we are so sad. We extend our sympathy to you, Megan, Katelyn and Brendan. We enjoyed sharing our children's events at schools together and seeing you both at Trinity football games. We will miss Doreen.##imported-begin##Patti and Dick Broad##imported-end##

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June 13, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ To Joe and family,

Although I haven't seen Doreen since we graduated from high school, I was very saddened to hear of her passing. We were good friends in junior high and we spent many night at each others houses. My heartfelt condolences to your family at this very sad time.##imported-begin##Kathy Dunn Lefebvre##imported-end##

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June 13, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ I was shocked and saddened when I learned of Doreen's death. I worked with her at Hartford Public Library and remember her wonderful personality and dedication to her career. We had many conversations and smiles shared, and I often regretted not having kept in touch. Peace Doreen##imported-begin##Nancy H. Chambers##imported-end##

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June 13, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ I grew up living next door to Doreen and we were constant playmates. I spent parts of many summers staying at the summer cottage in Clinton. My sincerest condolences to all members of her family. I wish we hadn't drifted apart. Diana###imported-begin###Diana Misenti Morgan###imported-end##

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June 13, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ I have the best memories of Doreen from growing up with Katelyn- she made amazing cookies for our sleepovers, and I can picture exactly the gorgeously decorated Christmas trees. I was so sorry to hear she passed away, and I am thinking of all of you and sending all the love I have.###imported-begin###Leah Picker###imported-end##

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June 13, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ I was so sorry to hear about Doreen's passing. She and I grew up together in Middletown. I have wonderful memories of our times together both in Middletown and also at her mom and dad's cottage. My heart goes out to her family. She was a very special woman.###imported-begin###Marilyn Bunny Ciaburri###imported-end##

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