



## Gerald "Jerry" James McCarthy

September 24, 2017

Gerald "Jerry" James McCarthy, 84, passed away peacefully on September 24 2017 in Venice, Florida.

He was born in Waseca, Minnesota, and after graduating from Waseca High School went on to get a first degree in Mathematics and Philosophy from St Mary's University in Winona. Religion was important to him and as part of his studies he spent two years within St Mary's Seminary. He later completed a Masters degree in Mathematics at University of Montana.

He spent most of his career as a highly respected high school Math teacher at US Air Force bases in France, Germany and England. In his later years he also taught Computer Science and was instrumental in establishing the curriculum in this area for all the US Air Force high schools in England. Outside work he enjoyed experiencing the culture and cuisine of Europe and sharing stories and ideas with fellow teachers.

He settled down in England after a few years and became more focused on supporting his growing family and encouraging and providing for their education and development. In retirement he began to miss his home country and so chose to split his time between homes in Venice, Florida during the winter, and Newbury, England in the summer.

He is survived by his wife, Doreen, daughter Helen McCarthy-Tennant (Paul), Andrew McCarthy (Emma) and James McCarthy (Mary) and five grandchildren: Ben, Ella, Tom, Matthew and Daniel. Jerry is also survived by his brother George Brendan McCarthy (Jean) of Albert Lea. He is preceded in death by his father, George "Judd" James McCarthy, mother Esther Morene (Gear) McCarthy, brother John Patrick McCarthy and sister Mary Ellen (McCarthy) Dickirson.

# Tribute Wall

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“ I have already said my condolences but want to add on. Mr McCarthy was a beautiful person. He cared for all of us and wanted each one of us to succeed. I love him like a family member because he loved me. He encouraged me to go above and beyond. It wasn't the time for women to excel but he didn't go by those norms. He encouraged all of us . Love you Mr. McCarthy . You will always be a special person in my life.

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**Diane Van wagner** - November 20, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ Mr McCarthy was a huge influence on me from his classes in High School in England. My condolences to his family and friends. Rest in peace, sir.

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February 23, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ Mr. McCarthy was such a positive influence in my life. During a time when most females did not pursue higher mathematics, he encouraged me to ignore the nay-sayers. As a result, I found the love of computers, programming, and computer science; and for the past 21 years have been sharing my love of programming as a high school CS educator. I remembered his encouragement, and passed it on to my two daughters; both who are engineers. Rest In Peace Mr. McCarthy ~ You were a great teacher and influence in my life!

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**Dianne Lacasse Grim** - February 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ A truly great, kind human being - and an excellent teacher. He and Mr. Norm Chula so inspired me that I too majored in Mathematics and taught in junior/senior high, junior college, and university.

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**Gene Roose** - February 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ I had a dream about Mr.McCarthy a few nights ago and decided to Google him. I was saddened to come across his obituary. He was above and beyond my favorite teacher through school. I had him for 4 years of math and was a TA for him as well. He was a wonderful teacher and a very caring person. He helped me overcome my shyness speaking in public and he had faith in my abilities as a student. I went on to become the 1972 valedictorian of Lakenheath High School and I attribute a lot of it to him. May he rest in peace.

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**Diane Harrison Van Wagner** - January 09, 2018 at 12:00 AM