



## Norma E. McAvoy

October 30, 1936 - March 17, 2021

Norma McAvoy is best defined by her strength, courage and wisdom.

Throughout her life, Norma lived with many medical issues, but she didn't let them define her. She lived independently most of her life.

Norma of Issaquah, Washington, passed away at age 84 on March 17.

She was diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis in her early 40s. Although she endured years of physical challenges and pain, her strength, wisdom and courage shined through.

Norma always provided sage advice. She didn't complain and treated others with kindness. She was known as caring, loving and tough, with a dry sense of humor.

Her greatest joy was spending time with her daughter, Julie McAvoy. Together, they enjoyed shopping, especially for clothes, and visiting the Japanese Garden within the Washington Park Arboretum in Seattle, Washington.

Over the years, Norma's hobbies included tole painting, decorating and interior design, and buying, fixing up and selling houses. She also enjoyed cooking and loved baking cookies and holiday treats.

Norma lived in a variety of places – from East Peoria, Illinois, and Brownwood, Texas, to Scottsdale, Arizona, and, most recently, Issaquah, Washington.

Norma Eileen McAvoy was born to Norman and Lila Gerrish on October 30, 1936, in Sandoval, Illinois. She married Richard Lloyd McAvoy on February 24, 1957. He preceded her in death on April 19, 1989. Norma was also preceded in death by her brother, Raymond Gerrish.

Norma is survived by her daughter, Julie, and her husband, Craig Trueblood, of Kirkland, Washington, and Palm Springs, California, as well as her sister, Debbie Engel, and her husband, Jerry Engel, of Indianola, Washington.

A graveside service will be held at Fon Du Lac Cemetery in East Peoria, Illinois, on Friday, March 26, at 11:00 AM.

Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services is assisting the family.

Online condolences may be left at [www.GaryDeitersFH.com](http://www.GaryDeitersFH.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Fondulac Cemetery

1985 E. Washington Street  
East Peoria, IL

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

MAR 26. 11:00 AM (CT)

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East Peoria, IL

# Tribute Wall



“ *Norma E. McAvoy*

October 08, 2023 at 04:50 PM



“ *Jackie, Michael & Ryan Nagode purchased the P  
retty Please for the family of Norma E. McAvoy.*



**Jackie, Michael & Ryan Nagode** - March 24, 2021 at 04:32 PM



“ *As our circle of friends and loved one shrink, we grieve and then we recall the great times. I have great memories over the years that include Norma and Dick, plus Julie. Norma's positive attitude regarding her life and physical ailments always touched my heart. And now my heart goes out to you (Julie) for being such a great daughter and outstanding caregiver, you have earned your wings.*

*With Deepest Sympathy*

*Sue Hopper*

**Sue Hopper** - March 24, 2021 at 10:39 AM



“ *Julie. I was very sorry to read of your mom's passing. While I last saw her(and you) many, many years ago, I have fond memories of fun times together. I wish you peace and comfort during this very difficult time. Most sincerely, your cousin Greg.*

**Greg Boynton** - March 23, 2021 at 09:23 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Norma E. McAvoy.*



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March 23, 2021 at 12:26 AM



“ *Dear Julie,*

*My deepest sympathy.*

*Your Mom was a beautiful person inside and out.*

*You were the most amazing daughter, and she dearly loved you.*

*Blessings*

*Cynthia Boggs*



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**cynthia boggs** - March 21, 2021 at 05:43 PM



“ *Julie, I was very sorry to hear of your mom's passing. We had so many good times with your mom and dad, very special memories. It is so hard to lose your loved ones. Blessings, Aunt Myrna*

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**Myrna McAvoy** - March 20, 2021 at 05:11 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Norma E. McAvoy.*



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March 20, 2021 at 11:46 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Norma E. McAvoy.*



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March 19, 2021 at 06:11 PM



“ *Julie, blessings to you and deepest sympathy on the passing of your dear, sweet mom. I always enjoyed visiting with her and Uncle Dick and sharing a laugh or two. I know they were both extremely proud of you. Thinking of you, your cousin Debbie (and John)*

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**Debbie Dickerson** - March 19, 2021 at 05:30 PM