



Eileen Mary McCarthy

April 25, 1951 - July 25, 2025

Eileen McCarthy, a longtime resident of Columbus, Ohio, died peacefully in her home on July 25, 2025. Born in Potsdam, New York on April 25, 1951, she was David and Barbara McCarthy's second of four daughters.

She attended Potsdam State University and was an art major. Eileen had an artist's eye for light and shadow, form and texture, as well as a deep understanding of the use of color. She was a gifted potter and photographer. Upon traveling to Columbus after college, Eileen went to work at the Holiday Inn on the Lane next to OSU. There she worked her way up from maid to Head of Housekeeping and then on to head almost every department in the hotel. Gifted in all matters of accounting, Eileen eventually left the hospitality industry to work as a bookkeeper and started her own bookkeeping business. What a study in opposites! An artist who excelled in math.

A woman of beauty and charisma who could fit in anywhere. Comfortable in formal attire, with her curls swept up in a bun and jewelry gleaming, she mingled with guests. Eileen was well-versed and entertaining, with excellent manners and the vocabulary of a voracious reader. Eileen was just as endearing in her jeans and a t-shirt, with her untamed hair curling under a halo of glistening frizz, drinking a beer while giving voice to her strong opinions and swearing like a sailor. Her handwriting was art; her books were meticulous in every way. Her house was messy; her laundry piled. At heart, Eileen was a kind and generous introvert with a green heart and thumb for indoor plants and outdoor gardening, who loved and lived for her always-too-many cats.

Eileen is survived by her three sisters, Katherine, Patricia and Sheila, all of New York State, a niece, a nephew and their children.

Day Funeral Service is honored to serve the family of Eileen McCarthy.