



Charlene J. "Chucky" McMichael

June 17, 1929 - July 1, 2023

Charlene (Chucky) J. McMichael, 94, of Hampshire, passed away Saturday evening, July 1, 2023, at her home in Hampshire.

She was born June 17, 1929, in Sycamore, the daughter of William (Bill) Ruth and Ruth (Eisler) Ruth. Charlene married Jimmie L. McMichael on Nov. 27, 1947, in Hampshire.

Chucky always the hard worker started while still in high school at the local canning factory. She was very involved in the community, the Methodist church, and various women's and sewing groups. All treasured her time spent as Sunday School teacher helping many of Hampshire's youth find a moral and Christian path forward. After marriage she worked side by side with her husband, Jimmie for District 300 at Hampshire High School, waitressing at the Village Inn restaurant in Hampshire, office of Northern Illinois Breeders Corp., and the Country's Delight business office.

In her spare time, besides work and raising three sons, she started the Hampshire "Old Fashioned Days" parade in the early through mid-1960's: spending hours coordinating the parade entries and building parade floats. Upon leaving the work force she along with her husband Jimmie served the community by helping the elderly in Hampshire with all their needs.

Throughout her married life they were avid gardeners selling vegetables,

strawberries, (and nightcrawlers) at their home vegetable stand, when she was not fishing.

She was loved and respected by all for her Christian values and warm inclusive heart. She had the gift of making everyone around her feel so special, while not realizing how very special she was.

Surviving are her sons, Bill (Patricia) of Hampshire, Leslie (Judith) of Algonquin; daughter-in-law, Marcia McMichael; 12 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and 4 great-great-grandchildren.

She is preceded by her parents; husband, Jimmie; sister, Georgia (Lloyd Warrington); son, Dannie; and granddaughter, Carrie McMichael.

Memorial Services will be held at 11 AM on Saturday, August 12 at Fredrick Funeral Home, 284 Park St. in Hampshire.

Visitation will be prior to services from 10 to 11 AM. Inurnment of cremains will follow in the Hampshire Center. Cemetery followed by a luncheon in honor of Chucky at her home in Hampshire.

Memorial contributions in her name may be directed to First United Methodist Church of Hampshire or to the Kane Senior Council (Meals on Wheels charity).

Cemetery Details

Hampshire Center Cemetery

17N002 Harmony Rd
Hampshire, IL 60140

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

AUG 12. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Fredrick Funeral Home
284 Park St.
Hampshire, IL 60140
(847) 683-2711
<https://www.fredrickfuneralhome.com/>

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Tribute Wall

DJ

“ Chucky and Jimmy were my mom's best friends. Mom would be on the phone with Chucky for hours daily. After mom passed she asked that we keep in contact. We did, infrequently and I was just thinking it was about time I called her again when I ran across this obit. Sorry I missed her service. They're probably wagging their fingers at me from Heaven. Mom's been waiting 13 years for Chucky to join her.

Darrel Johnson - August 16, 2023 at 08:28 PM

DR

“ Chucky was one of those rare, giving, caring, honest and kind people. I feel blessed to have met her and to have been able to call her a friend. She will be missed.

Deb Ross - August 10, 2023 at 10:55 AM

LM

“ Leah, Stacy, & Kim M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charlene J. "Chucky" McMichael.

Leah, Stacy, & Kim M. - August 03, 2023 at 09:55 PM

LM

“ Leah, Stacy, & Kim M. purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Charlene J. "Chucky" McMichael.



Leah, Stacy, & Kim M. - August 03, 2023 at 09:55 PM

DK

“ Chucky was my Mom, Lena Taft (Patchanian) friend since childhood. They remained friends via the phone after my Mom had dementia and they couldn't visit anymore. I spoke with your Mom many times and visited her over the years. She was so positive and kind. I looked forward to every conversation. What a beautiful lady she was inside and out. She will be dearly missed.much love,
Donna Kiss and family

Donna Kiss - July 29, 2023 at 02:14 PM

CG

“ Every time I see a strawberry....I think of your mom! 🍓
Your entire family is in my thoughts.
Carol Bidinger-Golding

Carol Golding - July 17, 2023 at 11:05 PM