



## Maureen Quinlan McNames

February 8, 1943 - February 1, 2019

Maureen Quinlan McNames 75, of Rockford died on February 1, 2019. Born February 8, 1942 in New Hyde, NY; daughter of Maurice and Doreen (Whiteside) Quinlan. Maureen obtained her Bachelor of Science in Home Economics from Southern Illinois University in Carbondale. United in Marriage to Stewart McNames on December 19, 1964. She was a teacher at heart throughout her life, whether it was in the classroom as a substitute teacher or teaching dog obedience and hunting dog classes. Maureen's passion was in breeding, training and raising Labrador Retrievers. She co-owned Lazy M Labs with her husband Stu, and her daughter Tracy. Together they started the Rock River Retrievers, in addition to being members at the Madison Retriever Club. Maureen was a life time member of Forest City Dog Training Club and was an avid competitor in the AKC Obedience and Hunt Test Programs throughout her life. Maureen and her husband professionally trained hunting dogs, traveling and competing throughout the Midwest and South. She is survived by her husband, Stu; children, Tracy (Jerry) Harper of Mindoro, WI, Dan McNames of Poplar Grove; granddaughter, Brynlee McNames; sister, Carol (Ted) Sauer of MA; and chocolate lab, Wager. Preceded in death by her parents. Memorial visitation on Saturday, February 9th from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Northwest Site, 4881 Kilburn Ave., Rockford. Memorial Service at 7:00 p.m. Pastor Frank Ciprys will officiate. Cremation rites have been accorded. In lieu of flowers, memorials in Maureen's memory may be made to Canine Companions of Independence, w

[www.cci.org/donate/](http://www.cci.org/donate/) Grace Funeral & Cremation Services is assisting the family with arrangements. Share a memory or condolence at [www.graceFH.com](http://www.graceFH.com).

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

FEB 9. 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

St. Paul Lutheran Church - Northwest Site  
4881 Kilburn Ave.  
Rockford, IL 61101

## Celebration of Life

FEB 9. 7:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Grace Funeral & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Maureen Quinlan McNames



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**Grace Funeral & Cremation Services** - February 09, 2019 at 12:21 PM

JP

“ We were so sorry to hear about Maureen - she was a wonderful woman & incredibly supportive of 4-H kids. She worked hard with the county dog obedience program. Our son, Mark, did dog obedience for several years as well as raising a leader dog for the blind. He also rode Smokey pony under her instruction. When we told Mark about her passing he said he had very fond memories of her and how she helped him in 4-H.  
Janet & Perry Pollock

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**Janet Pollock** - February 16, 2019 at 11:42 AM



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She was a great lady,  
and bred some great  
dogs! She will be missed  
- Vanessa Everett

What a wonderful  
person she was. We had  
many great memories  
at hunt tests,  
training and Madison  
Retriever Club.  
- Alice Xander

Maureen was a classy  
lady with a wonderful  
outlook on life! The  
sporting dogs have  
lost one of the  
good ones!!!  
- Pat Quinn

Without her invitation  
to share her passion  
I would not have the dogs,  
friends, or  
lifestyle I have today.  
I know there are many more  
like me who started with  
Maureen's invitation.  
- Sue Barrick

Fondest Memory...as our  
Therapy Chair, she didn't  
trust German Shepherds,  
but gave me the best  
compliment ever when  
she let my Shasta be the  
1st FCDTC German  
Shepherd Therapy Dog.  
One of my proudest moments.  
- Alberta James

Grace Funeral & Cremation Services - February 08, 2019 at 06:36 PM



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Grace Funeral & Cremation Services - February 06, 2019 at 01:12 PM

PB

“ We as a family send our love to you, Stu and Tracy and Dan. Maureen will always be part of our family and so will you. Our friendship goes back so many years. This is Judy speaking. She always called me Jud! I loved it. So direct and honest. Real good friend are very hard to find and we have been lucky enough to feel you, Stu and Maureen captured our hearts. GOD bless your precious family. Our deepest love, Paul and Judy Beall and our family.

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**Paul and Judy Beall** - February 04, 2019 at 05:17 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Maureen Quinlan McNames.



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February 04, 2019 at 01:08 PM