



## Mary E. McBride

July 6, 1926 - December 16, 2017

Mary Elizabeth (Gillespie) McBride, age 91 years, a resident of Simpson, Illinois, passed away Saturday afternoon, December 16, 2017, at 1:44 PM at her home.

Mary was born Tuesday, July 6, 1926, in Galatia, Illinois. She was the daughter of Lloyd and Blanche (Avery) Gillespie.

On November 10, 1944, she was united in marriage to Walter McBride of rural Vienna, Illinois. They were married in Lloyd Gillespie's home in the Ballowe community in Johnson County. Walter preceded her in death on October 19, 1988.

Mary is survived by: a brother – John Gillespie of Vienna; 2 sisters – Margaret Graves and Theresa Gray both of Vienna. Mary and Walter had eight children, all of whom survive: Ronald McBride of Simpson, James (his wife, Virginia) McBride of rural Vienna, Elizabeth (her husband, Karlan) Pepin of Manteno, Billy (his wife, Betty) McBride of Florence, Montana, Peggy (her husband, Randy) Hoots of Simpson, Patricia Green of Simpson, Ethel “Jackie” Catoe of Karnak, and Mary Ellen (her husband, Gary) Mathis of Eleva, Wisconsin; 25 grandchildren; 68 great grandchildren; 22 great-great grandchildren; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and many dear friends.

Mary was preceded in death by: her parents, Lloyd and Blanche Gillespie; a brother – Charles Gillespie; 2 sisters – Lena Bean and Blanche Ruth Gillespie; 2 grandsons – Ronnie McBride, Jr. and Anthony Pepin; her beloved husband – Walter McBride; 2 sons-in-law – Jimmy Catoe and Richard Green; as well as her best friend – Marie (Musgraves) McBride.

When Mary was 18 months old, her family moved from Galatia to Belknap, Illinois. They moved in a covered wagon and she liked to tell the story, which was told to her by her mother, about how they got up before daylight, milked the cow and then took off for Belknap. When they got there, the milk which was in a milk can hung under the wagon had turned to butter. Mary had many more stories about growing up. She wrote what she called “My Life Story” a 56 page handwritten manuscript, which she penned at the age of 85.

Mary worked for several years at Uncle Ned’s (Ned’s Shed) as did all of her sisters. Her great nephew, Kevin Breeden and his wife Angie, run it now. Later, she worked at Manteno State Hospital as a nurse’s aide. She always got a laugh when asked where she was from and she said “Hell’s Neck” (where they lived for 16 years and it was where Walter was raised).

Mary was a homemaker. She enjoyed flowers, gardening, and quilting. She particularly cherished time spent “raising” her grandchildren.

Mary was of the Baptist faith and a lifelong member of the Ballowe Baptist Church in rural Johnson County.

A service honoring the life of Mary Elizabeth (Gillespie) McBride will be held at 1 PM Friday, December 22, 2017, at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna. Father Robert Smith will officiate. Burial will be in the Bridges Cemetery, southwest of Vienna.

Visitation will be conducted Thursday evening, December 21, 2017, from 5 PM – 8 PM at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna.

Memorials may be made to the Bridges Cemetery, c/o Theresa Gray, P.O. Box 11, Vienna, IL 62995.

# Cemetery Details

## Bridges Cemetery

Oak Grove Road  
Vienna, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **21**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Bailey Funeral Home  
705 North First Street  
PO Box 695  
Vienna, IL 62995  
(618) 658-2311  
baileyfhinc@hotmail.com  
<https://baileyfh.com>

## Service

DEC **22**. 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mary E. McBride*

January 30, 2023 at 12:19 AM



“ *Rickey And Sue Harner lit a candle in memory of Mary E. McBride*



**rickey and sue harner** - December 19, 2017 at 02:41 PM



“ *Betty McBride lit a candle in memory of Mary E. McBride*



**Betty McBride** - December 19, 2017 at 02:22 PM



“ *3 files added to the album Memories and photos*



**Erin Stacey** - December 19, 2017 at 01:46 PM



“ *David Otto Adrignola was added to the Family Tree.*

Erin Stacey - December 19, 2017 at 01:43 PM



“ *Thomas James Stacey was added to the Family Tree.*

Erin Stacey - December 19, 2017 at 01:38 PM



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Erin Stacey - December 19, 2017 at 01:25 PM



“ *Jakobe Robert dean McBride was added to the Family Tree.*

Erin Stacey - December 19, 2017 at 01:24 PM



“ *Thomas James Stacey was added to the Family Tree.*

Erin Stacey - December 19, 2017 at 01:23 PM



“ *Braden Arin nikolous McBride was added to the Family Tree.*

Erin Stacey - December 19, 2017 at 01:23 PM



“ *Thomas James Stacey was added to the Family Tree.*

Erin Stacey - December 19, 2017 at 01:18 PM



“ Christopher Davyd McBride was added to the Family Tree.

Erin Stacey - December 19, 2017 at 01:17 PM



“ Anthony Mikeal McBride was added to the Family Tree.

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“ Alexander Lawrence Drexler was added to the Family Tree.

Erin Stacey - December 19, 2017 at 01:16 PM



“ Abigail Dawn Drexler was added to the Family Tree.

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“ Benjamin Donald Drexler was added to the Family Tree.

Erin Stacey - December 19, 2017 at 01:16 PM



“ Mary Margaret McBride was added to the Family Tree.

Erin Stacey - December 19, 2017 at 01:15 PM



“ Erin Elizabeth Stacey was added to the Family Tree.

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“ *Tara Lynn Drexler was added to the Family Tree.*

Erin Stacey - December 19, 2017 at 01:14 PM



“ *Elizabeth (betty) Jane Evans was added to the Family Tree.*

Erin Stacey - December 19, 2017 at 01:14 PM



“ *Mary Ellen Mathis was added to the Family Tree.*

Erin Stacey - December 19, 2017 at 01:12 PM



“ *Peggy Sue Hoots was added to the Family Tree.*

Erin Stacey - December 19, 2017 at 01:12 PM



“ *Patricia Ann Green was added to the Family Tree.*

Erin Stacey - December 19, 2017 at 01:12 PM



“ *Ethel (jackie) Viola Catoe was added to the Family Tree.*

Erin Stacey - December 19, 2017 at 01:11 PM



“ *James Robert McBride was added to the Family Tree.*

Erin Stacey - December 19, 2017 at 01:11 PM



“ Elizabeth Carol Pepin was added to the Family Tree.

Erin Stacey - December 19, 2017 at 01:10 PM



“ Ronald Lee McBride was added to the Family Tree.

Erin Stacey - December 19, 2017 at 01:10 PM



“ Billy Dale McBride was added to the Family Tree.

Erin Stacey - December 19, 2017 at 01:09 PM



“ Erin Stacey lit a candle in memory of Mary E. McBride



Erin Stacey - December 19, 2017 at 12:54 PM



“ Mike And Teresa Richerson lit a candle in memory of Mary E. McBride



Mike and Teresa Richerson - December 19, 2017 at 08:22 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary E. McBride.* ”



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December 18, 2017 at 10:20 PM



“ *Jim & Ruth Flanagan lit a candle in memory of Mary E. McBride* ”



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**Jim & Ruth Flanagan** - December 18, 2017 at 10:17 PM



“ *Steve and Cindy Odom & family.* ”



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**Steve Odom** - December 18, 2017 at 08:36 PM



“ *Rest easy Granny, look after my dad, we'll miss you.* ”



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**Kelly Green** - December 18, 2017 at 08:05 PM

DH

“ *Dennis And Pat Harner lit a candle in memory of Mary E. McBride*



Dennis and Pat Harner - December 18, 2017 at 07:10 PM

MM

“ *Russell and Maxine McBride lit a candle in memory of Mary E. McBride*



maxine mcbride - December 18, 2017 at 05:22 PM

VB

“ *Vera Bedwell lit a candle in memory of Mary E. McBride*



Vera Bedwell - December 18, 2017 at 03:47 PM

RH

“ *Renee Hoots lit a candle in memory of Mary E. McBride*



Renee Hoots - December 18, 2017 at 03:35 PM

TM

“ Tom & Carmen Murrie lit a candle in memory of Mary E. McBride



Tom & Carmen Murrie - December 18, 2017 at 01:31 PM

JS

“ John & Nadene Slack sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary E. McBride



John & Nadene Slack - December 18, 2017 at 11:00 AM

MF

“ Mike Favors lit a candle in memory of Mary E. McBride



mike favors - December 18, 2017 at 06:52 AM



“ Samuel (Joe) & Samantha Morris sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary E. McBride



Samuel (Joe) & Samantha Morris - December 17, 2017 at 11:15 PM

DF

“ *Dick & Bonnie McHugh, & Family lit a candle in memory of Mary E. McBride*



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**Dick & Bonnie McHugh, & Family** - December 17, 2017 at 08:02 PM

JR

“ *James And Diane Rainbolt lit a candle in memory of Mary E. McBride*



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**James and Diane Rainbolt** - December 16, 2017 at 09:13 PM

EK

“ *Elizabeth Kerley lit a candle in memory of Mary E. McBride*



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**Elizabeth Kerley** - December 16, 2017 at 07:41 PM