



## Dr. Daniel Francis Joseph McCarthy Jr.

December 20, 1936 - August 18, 2020

Dr. Daniel Francis Joseph McCarthy Jr.

Passed away on the morning of August 18, 2020, at the age of 83, in the care of his best friend of almost 39 years, Mary Atwood McCarthy. God, in His great love and mercy, prepared Daniel for his journey home through the reception of Last Rites on the Sunday before he died. With great hope, we consider the tremendous joy God granted his parents (Daniel and Ellen), and sisters (Mary Ann Risch, Therese Maxwell, and Kathleen Turk) in reuniting their entire family.

Daniel was born on December 20, 1936 in Indianapolis. He was the son of Irish immigrants and honored his heritage throughout his life. His parents instilled in him a love for learning and higher education. He was a proud alumnus of St. Philip Neri, Cathedral High School, and Marian College. He was the first Marian College graduate to be accepted into medical school, completing his studies and receiving his Doctor of Medicine degree from Indiana University in 1962.

While finishing his internship at Methodist Hospital, he was drafted by the U.S. Army. He served as a Battalion Surgeon of the 24th Infantry Division in Southern Germany for three years. Upon his return from service, Dan established his private practice as a general practitioner and obstetrician on the Eastside of Indianapolis. Many of those from his childhood neighborhood, St. Philip's, Cathedral, Marian College, and even family members, were among his first patients. They and his other patients made his 48 years of

family practice very rewarding. He was invested in the lives of those he cared for and shared in their joys and sorrows. Wherever he went, he was always warmly greeted as “Dr. Dan”.

Among his most fulfilling experiences was the nine years he spent as a volunteer physician at St. Augustine Home for the Aged. Dan was an avid golfer, world traveler, voracious reader, Colts fan, storyteller and animal lover. He cherished his many friendships and always looked forward to family gatherings.

He is survived by his six children, Daniel (Myrna), Sheila, Michelle, Jennifer West (Alex), Michael (Kelsey), and Patrick (Alicia); nine grandchildren, Kevin (Sophie), Kyle (Karah), Kelly (Daniel), Kaitlyn (Joshua), Anthony and Nicholas Chomko, Ryan and Siobhan West and Jack McCarthy; and great-grandchild, Sereine. He also leaves behind many loving nieces and nephews.

A Funeral Mass will be held on Saturday, August 22, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 126 W. Georgia St., Indianapolis, IN 46225. A Celebration of Life will be scheduled at a later date, due to the Covid-19 pandemic. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations would be appreciated by Marian University, St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital, or St. Augustine Home for the Aged. Final care and arrangements are entrusted to Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel.

# Previous Events

## Funeral Mass

AUG **22**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church  
126 West Georgia Street  
Indianapolis, IN 46225

# Tribute Wall



“ To Mary and family,

*Dr. McCarthy was always a kind hearted and patient man. I loved having him as my doctor. He was always making jokes too to try to ease the dreaded Dr. Visits. I've missed him since he's retired and I know he will be dearly missed by all. Prayers to you and your family.*

---

**Kelly Williamson** - August 22, 2020 at 11:57 AM



“ To Mary and Family

*So sorry for your loss, what a great friend, doctor Dan was for our family, they just don't come like that any more. He will be missed ! Prayers, blessing's and Love from The Whitaker family, Jerry, Sandy and Family*



---

**James & Sandra Whitaker** - August 21, 2020 at 09:48 PM



“ To the family of Dr. Daniel McCarthy,

*I am sorry for your loss and please accept my condolences. Dr. McCarthy was a great man. God gave him life and Dan was a true servant of God. A self made man. God blessed his hands and heart. Dan was my family's doctor for 44 years. He saw us thru every sniffle, cough, and cold. He was like a father to me. He imparted his words of wisdom. Dan could talk the talk because he walked the walk. I was and will ever be his Scotty Boy. I am glad to hear that he prepared to meet our Father thru Last Rights. God bless you and keep you always Daniel Francis Joseph McCarty. Thru God's grace, I will one day see you again.*



*Scott McCutchen*

---

**Scott McCutchen** - August 21, 2020 at 08:54 PM

EG

“ Dr. 'Danny' was my family's Doctor for years. He was my parents doctor, then mine and then my boy's. My boys loved going to their appt's with him 'cause he always played with them. He was a very kind and caring man, I am sorry for your loss! Liz (Wagner) Grant

---

**Elizabeth A Grant** - August 21, 2020 at 05:17 PM

JH

“ To the family of Dr. Dan our prayers are with you. My Mom and Dad went to Marian College with Dr. Dan where they became very good friends. Dr. Dan and my Dad used to play golf together often and Dad was proud to call Dr. Dan his best of friends. I don't think I ever visited my Dad without him mentioning Dr. Dan at least once.

One of my best memories is when Dr. Dan and some other Dad's took a large group of us kids on a camping trip to Kentucky Lake in the mid 1970's. Dr. Dan made it such a fun adventure for everyone. One funny memory I have of that trip was when I scraped my foot on a raised nail head while we were all fishing on the dock. One of Dr. Dan's daughters said "my Dad is a doctor, he'll fix it". I was scared and didn't know what to expect. Dr. Dan poured a little beer on the wound and said I should have worn shoes. Classic Dr. Dan. I will never forget that trip and I will never forget Dr. Dan.

To the family and friends of Dr. Dan, please share your good memories often. God bless you.

Jay Hertz

---

Jay Hertz - August 21, 2020 at 10:05 AM

LC

“ In 1975 when we moved to Irvington with 2 young children we obviously needed a doctor. Dr. Dan was a friend of my boss so I called his office for an appointment. He found frogs in their throats and bunnies in their ears. Not only was he a wonderful doctor, he looked like the actor Parnell Roberts!! He also let us run a tab if the kids got sick at an inopportune time (and they usually did!) Dr. Dan was our family doctor for at least 15 years and my daughter went to him up until the time he retired. He was a good doctor and a very good man.



---

Linda Comstock-Teel - August 21, 2020 at 07:17 AM

TB

“ Uncle Dan you were an extraordinary man. Many of the things you did for people went on behind the scenes. I will remember trips that always had stories of beer can ratings bats and Wonks dragging the outhouse behind them...you made life fun. You were Irish in every way and my mother (sister, Therese) used to say, with a twinkle in her eye, he has the devil in him!! Your laughter, your jigging and your piano playing of one song will be missed forever. Rest In Peace and please say hi to my parents!! Love, your niece Terri

---

**Terri Burgess** - August 21, 2020 at 12:21 AM

BD

“ I first met Dr. Dan in 1968. I thought I was pregnant and was not married to the father who claimed he was sterile. When the test came back positive I was in tears. Dr. Dan told me to tell my young man that I was carrying his child and that he had 2 weeks to show up at my house ready to get married or get out of my life forever and not to come around in 4 or 5 years and say the child looked just like him and he wanted to have a relationship with the child. It was either now or never!. Low and behold he showed up and married me. I had a little girl and then later a little boy and we've been married for 52 years. Dan was our doctor until he retired. The best part about this story was that Dan told me to wipe my tears and if the ultimatum didn't work I could come and live with him and his wife . They had a lot of children and could always use the help. I credit Dan with not only being my doctor but being my friend. I have never met a more compassionate and understanding man, I am sorry to hear of his passing and will be praying for his wife, children, grandchildren and family. May God grant you peace and comfort. He was a Great human being.

---

**Bonnie Dellinger** - August 21, 2020 at 12:10 AM