



Isabelle E. Harrington

June 29, 1955 - March 16, 2025

With heavy hearts, we share the passing of Isabelle Emma Harrington, beloved wife, mother, grandma, and friend.

Isabelle was born on June 29, 1955, in Amityville, NY, to the late Edmond and Raffaella "Ella" (Geraci) Fucci and grew up in Bethpage, NY. The summer she turned 22 she met a young marine vet who was visiting his family after he had moved to Alaska. Sparks flew, and Isabelle surprised everyone as she – a well-known rule-follower – announced she was heading off to Alaska with Mike.

Isabelle and Mike built their lives in McGrath, AK, and made sure to provide everything their children needed to grow up in a safe and loving home. Isabelle obtained her degree in rural development through distance learning at the University of Alaska Fairbanks, while working as a business manager for the Iditarod Area School District. She didn't just tell her children about morals, values, and hard work. She exemplified these every day in her own life.

One of the kindest people any of us will ever have the pleasure of meeting, Isabelle would go out of her way to display kindness and help to all those around her. She thought of everyone else first, and herself last. Humble and modest as they come, Isabelle would probably cringe at the thought of a long list of her accomplishments, yet we would be remiss to not share how much

good she put out into the world.

As a passionate advocate for her community, Isabelle helped found the Kuskokwim Public Broadcasting (KSKO) and McGrath Broadcasting Company. She devoted over 45 years of her life to volunteering in various capacities with KSKO, ensuring that the voice of her community was heard. Isabelle was a pillar of her local parish, St. Michael Catholic Church in McGrath, AK, where she was an active member and volunteer. She also generously offered her time with the United Way, providing volunteer tax services to those in need. Upon her retirement, Isabelle did everything but sit and relax. She maintained a packed agenda, which included volunteering, bingo, bowling, Mah Jong, quilting, card games, and the “noodle club”.

Upon learning about her cancer diagnosis two years ago, she left no stone unturned; determined to seek treatment that would allow her to spend as much time as she could with her loved ones – she refused to go a day too soon. In her last days she still managed to keep her sense of humor and surprised her family with her quick wit.

Isabelle passed on March 16, 2025, at her home in Bonita Springs surrounded by her family, furbabies, and countless heartfelt cards and stunning flower arrangements her loved ones sent in the days leading up.

She is survived by her beloved husband of 45 years, Michael C. Harrington; her loving children, Christine Harrington of McGrath, AK, and Michael P. (Gaby Alvarado) Harrington of Dumfries, VA; her favorite (and only) grandson, Benjamin Harrington; and her pups Rocky and Sadie. Isabelle was also preceded in death by her brothers, Edmond Fucci and Carl Fucci.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Friday, March 21, 2025, at 10:00 AM at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church, 28300 Beaumont Road,

Bonita Springs, FL 34134.

A Memorial Mass will also be held in McGrath, AK, at a later date and will be announced.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Cafe of Life, Inc. at <https://cafeoflife.org/donate/> or Sally Jo Collins Museum P.O. Box 236 McGrath, AK 99627.

Online condolences may be offered by visiting www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home, Family Owned Since 1978.

Isabelle will live forever in our hearts, thank you for the memories.

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

MAR 21. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Leo the Great Catholic Church
28300 Beaumont Rd.
Bonita Springs, FL 34134

Tribute Wall

JZ

“ Jim Zuelow purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathi phyllum* for the family of Isabelle E. Harrington.



Jim Zuelow - March 22, 2025 at 03:50 PM

MF

“ Dear Mike, Christine, Michael, Gabby and Benjamin,

We should all honor Isabelle by living with the same gentleness, gratitude, and boundless love that made her so extraordinary. May we find comfort in knowing that such a beautiful soul leaves an imprint on this world that cannot be erased by death, but continues to guide us toward greater kindness and deeper appreciation of the gift that is each day.

*With much love,
Myra and Phil*

Myra Finger - March 22, 2025 at 12:13 PM

JC

“ Isabelle became a Village Walk friend when she joined our chatty afternoon pool group and our husbands became daily golfers together. She was a busy lady playing bingo, cards, mahjong, bowling, and volunteering with a local tax service. Then we found ourselves walking side by side down a road we didn't want to be on. She became a steady source of encouragement. We shared both our triumphs and our worries. As is so typical of Isabelle, she was never more than a text and a “walk over the bridge” away. Our many visits became a source of strength. As things became more difficult, Isabelle was excited to participate in the clinical trial in Houston. She was determined to exhaust every possibility, and she did that until the very end with a sense of quiet strength I will always admire. Thank you for the blessing of your friendship. You will be missed.

Jane Conover - March 22, 2025 at 11:01 AM

BT

“ I have so many good memories with Isabelle. From our families spending holidays together to counting quarter, quarter, quarter at Chinese Auctions in McGrath. She taught me to love eggplant with her eggplant parmesan. Whenever I see an elephant statue, picture or a documentary, Isabelle comes into my mind because of her love of elephants. You will be missed. My sympathy to Mike, Christine and Michael. RIP. Betsy Torres

Betsy Torres - March 21, 2025 at 12:35 PM

SH

“ First and foremost, condolences to Michael, Christine and Michael. I moved to McGrath, 1999. I started volunteering around 2002-2003 at the McGrath Eight-Ball teen center. Started college classes in 2002, accounting classes. Isabelle started to become my mentor and when accounting wasn't my calling, she pushed for me to enroll in Human Services, together with my degrees she was pivotal in directing my college education, from accounting to human services. She was my biggest cheerleader and confidant in some pretty tough and help me get some thick skin. I could always, always contact Isabelle when life was getting hard on any crisis small or large, during all my years in McGrath. As my boss for the Teen center, mentoring me all along the way, I knew she had such a positive impact on both KSKO, teen center, school district, ASB, Bluegrass, and so much more! Isabelle, although I left McGrath, we still keep in touch seems like on a yearly basis. I always put her down as a reference, and the last time I put her down was for a school application, which she told me, “Sam how long am I going to be your reference?” I told her forever!
Fly high and know you will be just as busy on the other side as you were here on this earth! You made it a better place, wholeheartedly and will be greatly missed.
Love forever the greatest mentor that ever lived!
RIP Isabelle
Sam Holmberg

samantha holmberg - March 21, 2025 at 02:39 AM

TI

“ Isabelle, my friend of 30 years. My heart is heavy but I was so fortunate to have you in my life for so long. Many conversations, travel, long texts and keeping in touch were so precious to me. Love you forever my friend.



Terrie Irwin - March 20, 2025 at 11:19 PM

AC

“ I met Isabelle in McGrath in 1982 while working at KSKO., she probably hired me on being active on the board. I have learned so much from her, she will be missed.....Adele



Adele Chase - March 20, 2025 at 03:24 PM

DH

“ What a tremendous loss for our community. Isabelle was one of the first people I met when I moved to McGrath. My cousin "Gooksie" brought me to the district office to introduce me to the staff there and right away Isabelle asked me if I had any kids in school. When I said I had two she and Kaen Ladegard were so excited. I remember feeling so good about meeting her, I thought to myself my boys are going to be just fine. That was such a welcoming feeling. R.I.P. Isabelle you will be missed by many. Hugs Christine❤️ and all the family. Sending all my love.

Debbie Hartman - March 20, 2025 at 02:48 PM

PW

“ Oh Isabelle... you have meant so much to me and KSKO, even if I didn't always say it. Thank you for being you, being so incredibly smart and being part of KSKO's history. You are so appreciated, loved, respected and missed

Paul Walker - March 20, 2025 at 01:29 PM

WJ

“ With love, Jamie, Eddie & Josephine planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Isabelle E. Harrington.

With love, Jamie, Eddie & Josephine - March 20, 2025 at 11:29 AM

NT

“ *Nan and Tommi planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Isabelle E. Harrington.*

Nan and Tommi - March 19, 2025 at 06:12 PM

EM

“ *Elizabeth M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Isabelle E. Harrington.*

Elizabeth M. - March 19, 2025 at 04:56 PM

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“ *Christine Barrington (Collins) purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Isabelle E. Harrington.*



Christine Barrington (Collins) - March 19, 2025 at 04:15 PM

NF

“ *Naomi, Shannon and Danielle and family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Isabelle E. Harrington.*



Naomi, Shannon and Danielle and family - March 19, 2025 at 03:38 PM

NF

“ Naomi, Shannon and Danielle and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Isabelle E. Harrington.

Naomi, Shannon and Danielle and family - March 19, 2025 at 03:38 PM

CW

“ I met Isabelle in McGrath in 1979. She was hardworking, honest, and dedicated to anything she set her sights on. And she was a dear friend. Besides her and her husband Mike, being the Mother & Father of KSKO radio in McGrath and keeping the Iditarod Area School District running smoothly for many years, she was instrumental in writing grants to open and maintain the McGrath Teen Center for teenagers. Isabelle never let you down. She was a real gem. Candace and Butch will miss her.

Candace Waruch - March 19, 2025 at 03:28 PM

AF

“ She's the best aunt anyone could ever ask for. It's an honor to have been constantly called Isabelle throughout my whole life, by everyone from my grandparents, to my own mom. She was a huge supporter of me and my bowling. I will miss her so much.

April Fucci - March 19, 2025 at 03:12 PM

MK

“ Your kindness and generosity will never be forgotten. Rest easy my friend.

Marnie Kelly - March 19, 2025 at 12:19 PM

MK

“ *Marnie Kelly lit a candle in memory of Isabelle Harrington*



Marnie Kelly - March 19, 2025 at 11:08 AM

JZ

Isabelle Fucci Harrington was a wonderful person and a key, dedicated, smart staff member of the Iditarod Area School District. Mike Harrington had advised me to not hire anyone new until I met her; he was right!

Jim Zuelow - March 22, 2025 at 03:38 PM