

OBITUARY

Tim McCarthy



Tim McCarthy, age 72, of Pequot Lakes, passed away on Friday, May 6, 2022, after a 6-year battle with cancer. He is survived by his high school sweetheart and wife of nearly 52 years, Mary Jo (Hageman); daughter, Kelly Marcum and her husband, John and their daughter, Michaela; son, Tim, Jr. and his wife, Mary (Ray) and their children: Tim III, Collin, Christian, Seamus, Sammy, Meredith and Ian; brothers: Rick (Dana), Jim (Rita), Jeff (Allison), Pat (Jill), Mike (Kim), John (Michelle); sister, Kathryn (Jay); and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by parents, Richard McCarthy who died in 2001 at age 75, and Bette McCarthy who died in 2020 at age 95.

Tim had a profound conversion in 1987 and felt the Lord asking him to help people. He did so for many years through his longtime parish, St. Alice in Pequot; also, going twice a year to Pine Ridge Reservation in S.D. for more than 10 years. For the last 21 years, he worked for Lakes Area Interfaith Caregivers (now known as Interfaith Volunteers). First, he served as director and then, he led crews in building over 563 wheelchair ramps for the disabled. His crews, an amazing group of volunteers, meant the world to him.

For forty years, Tim and Mary Jo lived in Pequot Lakes where they owned a family resort, Echo Bay, for seven years. Living on Lake Bertha, Tim and his family enjoyed many years of fishing, swimming, snorkeling, snowshoeing and ice fishing in winter. He was a master carpenter, building decks and, his specialty, screened-in porches. Most of all, he loved having his family, children and grandchildren close by. When Grandpa was with, there was always an adventure to be found.

Tim had a compelling knack of drawing people to him. He had a ready smile and a gleam in his eye that endeared him to everyone; a little bit o’ the Irish Blarney also – was Timothy Michael Patrick McCarthy.

Most of all, Tim loved the Lord; he was quick to pray and help those in need. His Faith was foremost in all his thoughts and actions. Tim had great peace from the Lord in his last months. He died at the 3 o’clock hour on a Friday, the traditional time that Jesus died on the Cross for all of us and the Hour of Mercy, and also during the month of May, dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Tim was surrounded by his wife and children; he will be remembered as a loving husband, a caring and thoughtful father, an energetic, fun-loving and adventuresome grandfather, an endearing brother and uncle, and a loyal friend who sought out the best in everyone and found it. “May Tim and all the Souls of the Faithful Departed, through the Mercy of God, rest in Peace, Amen.”

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Tuesday, May 17 at 11:00 at St. Alice Catholic Church in Pequot Lakes with visitation on Monday evening at St. Alice from 5 to 7:00 pm and also 1 hour before Mass. Arrangements with Kline Funeral Home, Pequot Lakes.

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Finally, spring has sprung

What a winter we had that seemed to go on and on and on.

And as it did, I found myself getting more and more depressed. As snowbirds began to return, I literally told many of them, “Be careful when you talk to those of us who have had to live through this winter because we are all pretty crabby right now.”

But as I write this the sun is out, the temperature is 60 degrees, the birds are singing and it feels like I have literally gone from darkness into light!

Did you know what darkness is defined as? The absence of light and being in the dark is never very much fun. I remember doing a cave tour and after walking down into the cave for about 20 minutes our guide had us stop and all shut off our lights.



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I will never forget that experience as you literally could not see anything.

I waved my hand directly in front of my eyes and could not see anything. I didn’t like it. It was scary, unsettling, disorienting and finally someone couldn’t take it anymore and turned on their light, which was the best feeling ever when we could finally see again.

A reality we all have to face is that dark times happen for all of us. It could be a battle you face with depression or the grief that goes with losing a loved one. It could be the

difficulty you are facing with inflation and the high gas prices or the frustration you feel over the atrocities that are happening in Ukraine.

Maybe you were recently diagnosed with cancer, or you have been through a divorce or job loss and are now wondering how you will ever move forward. And when you are in a dark place it is not a good place to be and has you feeling unsettled, worried and fearful.

Well, here is the good news. Jesus hates to see anyone in a dark place or in a dark way, which is why he came here to earth for us. So, if you are in a dark place right now, please hear what Jesus has to say to you:

▶ John 8:12 – Then Jesus again spoke to them, saying, “I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness,

but will have the Light of life.”

▶ John 12:46 – I have come as Light into the world, so that everyone who believes in Me will not remain in darkness.

▶ John 12:36 – So Jesus said to them, “While you have the Light, believe in the Light, so that you may become children of Light.”

A mantra at the Log Church is, “It’s OK not to be OK.” If you are in a dark place, I want to encourage you to come and worship with us because when you walk into our sanctuary, guess what you are going to see? Lots of lights!

We have strung them up everywhere because the church represents a place where you can have the darkness in your life driven out by the light of God’s love for you.

Mark Holmen is senior pastor at Crosslake Evangelical Free Church, or the Log Church.

Faith in Action honors Hackensack volunteer

HACKENSACK — Bev Madland, of Hackensack, began volunteering with Faith in Action for Cass County in December 2005. In 17 years of service to her community, she has given more than 899 hours and helped 65 people, delivering Meals on Wheels to rural Hackensack, connecting with people through telephone reassurance and sewing masks for volunteers and clients during the pandemic.

She has also provided transportation and done chores.

When asked what keeps her volunteering, Madland said: “There are so many interesting people, and you learn a lot when you sit down and talk to them. I love being able to help people, give them a boost. I get a boost too!”

When asked about her favorite part of volunteering, Madland said: “I look forward to getting out and I love the flexible time and ways to help. I enjoy listening to the stories, and people show a lot of appreciation. I think the community benefits from Faith in Action. People feel less isolated when they have someone to talk with. If I didn’t like it I wouldn’t be doing it!”

As a thank you for her services, Madland received a gas card.

A locally supported, nonprof-



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Faith in Action Executive Director Theresa Eclow, left, gives volunteer Bev Madland, of Hackensack, a Holiday gift card for her volunteer work.

it organization, Faith in Action for Cass County coordinates volunteers who provide free non-medical, neighborly assistance to seniors, the disabled and people in need throughout Cass County. Faith in Action volunteers help with transportation, friendly visiting, respite for caregivers, light homemaking and chores, and basic home repair, and they build

accessibility ramps.

For more information about Faith in Action volunteer services or volunteer opportunities, call 218-675-5435 or go to www.faithinactioncass.com. Previous Faith in Action volunteer highlights and volunteer and client videos are available for viewing on the website on the 20th anniversary page.

Local communities give to Food Shelf’s March campaign

PEQUOT LAKES — Officials at the Lakes Area Food Shelf in Pequot Lakes said area communities donated generously during its Minnesota FoodShare Month campaign.

“We could not be more grateful for the local support we received during our March food and fundraising campaign,” food shelf director Kathy Adams said in a news release. “Schools, churches, families, grocery stores, cities, townships, seniors, local businesses, foundations and other nonprofits, civic groups, kids who shared their allowances, Lakes Area Food Shelf board members, volunteers and staff, friends and neighbors who rely on the food shelf – all gave generously, and we are profoundly grateful.”

The FoodShare Campaign, sponsored by the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches, is critical to Lakes Area Food Shelves financial sustainability. The food shelf continues to see a dramatic increase in families in crisis.

In 2021, the food shelf served 4,657 people; in first quarter 2022, alone, it has served almost

2,600, with new families arriving every day. Food-purchase costs have doubled, as has food distribution each month.

A food shelf participant shares how the food shelf helps.

“My life changed, here, in this place. I was darn hungry when I came here. Unemployed. No place to live. No heat. No electricity. No car. I came here for food, but what I got was all of you. You became my friends, listening to my hardship stories. Telling me I could take some steps to make things better for myself, like get a job. I never thought I was worth too much, you know. I was afraid to try for a job, really. It took me awhile to get up my courage, but I did it. I got a job. Now I got a place to live! I can pay child support and maybe even get my license back. It’s not all perfect, but I think I am doing OK.”

The community food shelf invites all to stop and visit, meet the volunteers, tour the facility and learn more about what the food shelf does.

Contact the food shelf at lafs1@tds.net or call 218-568-8474 to schedule a time to visit.

PEQUOT LAKES



Members of the Pequot Lakes High School Patriots robotics team gather around their winning robot named Bear Claw as Ideal Community Service Organization board members Mary Jo Schneider and Ron Engblom, center, present a \$1,000 donation to the team.

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ICSO donates to PL robotics team

PEQUOT LAKES — The Ideal Community Service Organization presented a check for \$1,000 to the Pequot Lakes High School robotics team, the Patriots, whose focused approach is on team and cooperation rather than just competition.

On Wednesday, April 20, the Patriots will compete in the 2022 FIRST World’s Championship in Houston,

Texas, with their winning robot the team named Bear Claw – because it has hooks that help it climb like a bear.

In January, ICSO donated \$2,000 to the Patriots.

Ideal Community Service Organization, Inc. is a nonprofit charitable gambling organization promoting the improvement of community and families of Ideal Township. Proceeds come from gambling sites at Bites

Grill & Bar in Pine River and Old Milwaukee Club in Ideal Corners.

ICSO members include full-time and part-time residents of Ideal Township. Eligible nonprofit organizations serving Ideal Township may seek more information about grant or donation opportunities by directing inquiries to: ICSO, P.O. Box 751, Pequot Lakes, MN 56472.

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