



## Nora Kreher McManus

February 12, 1927 - April 3, 2022

Brodhead - Nora Kreher McManus, passed away on April 3, 2022 at Kettle Park Senior Living in Stoughton. She was born on February 12, 1927 on a remote farm in Hamilton County, IL to Joseph and Madgalena (Karcher) Kreher. In order to attend high school, at age 14, Nora moved to McLeansboro, IL where she worked as a domestic for room and board. She graduated as salutatorian of her class. Nora was the first person in her family to attend college, earning a B.S. degree in Botany and an M.S. degree in Botany and Education at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale. In 1950, her M.S. thesis was the first ever submitted in the Department of Botany (later Plant Biology) at SIU. While at SIU she met and married Charles McManus. Nora was an elementary school teacher in Missouri and Wisconsin in the 1950s and 1960s and continued as a substitute teacher in Brodhead through the 1980s. With her husband, she owned and operated McManus Oil Company in Brodhead for 26 years. Nora volunteered in her community and church in many capacities. She served as a Cub Scout Den leader and Girl Scout Troop leader, as President of the American Legion Auxiliary, and as an election poll worker. For many years she chaperoned Brodhead 6th graders on their annual outdoor education trip to Camp MacLean, where she shared her expertise in botany and passion for the natural world. She was a member of the St. Rose of Lima Catholic Women and taught catechism at St. Rose. In the late 1980s she was recognized as Outstanding Woman of the Year by the Brodhead Jaycees. Nora enjoyed nature and wildlife, reading poetry, and

working crossword puzzles and other word games. She maintained a beautiful yard and flower gardens that always drew compliments from passersby. Above all, Nora was a loving and devoted wife, mother, and grandmother.

Survivors include her son Philip (Sandra) McManus of Albany; daughters Kathleen Klein of Edgerton; Carolyn (Timothy) Tiller of Blue River; Mary (Scott) Laube of Brodhead; and Patricia (Murray Clayton) McManus of Middleton; and numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband and a son-in-law, James Klein.

The family expresses deep gratitude to the staff of Kettle Park Senior Living for providing Nora with excellent care and friendship.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be directed to the family in Nora's memory.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, 1005 West 2nd Avenue in Brodhead on Tuesday, April 19 at 11:00 AM. A visitation will also be held at the church on Tuesday, April 19, 2022 from 9:30 AM until the time of Mass. Burial will conclude at Greenwood Cemetery in Brodhead, WI.

[www.dlnewcomerfuneralhome.com](http://www.dlnewcomerfuneralhome.com) 608-897-2484

# Cemetery Details

## Greenwood Cemetery - Brodhead

1106 E. 9th Avenue  
Brodhead, WI 53520

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 19. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church  
1005 West 2nd Avenue  
Brodhead, WI 53520

## Mass of Christian Burial

APR 19. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (CT)

St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church  
1005 West 2nd Avenue  
Brodhead, WI 53520

# Tribute Wall



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Nora Kreher McManus.*



April 18, 2022 at 02:36 PM



“ *Hi Mary, I am so so sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you and your family. Its rough, but it does get better. God Bless. Dianne*

**Dianne Henning** - April 17, 2022 at 06:45 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Nora Kreher McManus.*



April 12, 2022 at 12:47 PM



“ *Don And Brenda Wahl lit a candle in memory of Nora Kreher McManus*



**Don and Brenda Wahl** - April 08, 2022 at 08:15 AM

VR

“ *Nora was one of the best Moms and teachers...she will be missed! My favorite memory was when on a field trip we stopped at a railroad track near the school for the deaf and she reminded us to all be quiet for the deaf school. It worked.....Hilarious!* ”

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**Valerie Johnsons Renk** - April 06, 2022 at 09:45 AM

LL

“ *Leann Looze lit a candle in memory of Nora Kreher McManus* ”



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**Leann Looze** - April 05, 2022 at 08:28 AM

JM

“ *Carolyn, so sorry to hear of your Mothers passing. She was such a warm and beautiful woman and so thoughtful of others. I looked forward to those rides to school our freshman year. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.* ”

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**Jeff and Wanda Mclain** - April 04, 2022 at 06:31 PM

CT

*Wanda, thank you. Over the years mom did her share of hauling kids to school. That in itself brings back a lot of memories! She enjoyed being involved. We will miss her.*

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**Carolyn Tiller** - April 04, 2022 at 08:20 PM

BM

“ *So sorry for your loss she was very nice lady and friend.* ”

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**Barb Menehan** - April 04, 2022 at 04:40 PM

DF

“ Doug And Kathy Foslin lit a candle in memory of Nora Kreher McManus



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**Doug and Kathy Foslin** - April 04, 2022 at 11:36 AM



“ My sincere sympathy for your loss. She was a beautiful soul. I remember girl scouts and of course Camp McLean.

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**Janet Bartz** - April 04, 2022 at 09:40 AM

GP

“ Nora and Charlie were great neighbors for the ten years we lived on 10th Street. Sorry for your loss.

*Gene and Carol Prudhon*

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**Gene Prudhon** - April 04, 2022 at 08:47 AM

DS

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Mrs. McManus is a cherished part of my childhood. I remember going over to her house for different Girl Scout activities and oh, the fun we had! She was an absolute delight and will be missed.

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**Denise (Cooley) Sacker** - April 04, 2022 at 07:00 AM

AO

“ Allen And Donna Olson lit a candle in memory of Nora Kreher McManus



Allen and Donna Olson - April 03, 2022 at 10:16 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Nora Kreher McManus.



April 03, 2022 at 09:48 PM

SS

“ So sorry for your loss McManus family. Nora will always be a part of my childhood memories. Popping popcorn on the stove, Making carmel apples, picking us up for school and hitting our garbage cans, and always helping out in whatever we were doing at school, church or the pool. She was a constant presence overseeing our childhood. RIP Nora

Sally Saunders - April 03, 2022 at 09:12 PM

PM

Oh, Sally, I am simultaneously weeping and laughing. Thank you for this lovely tribute! We all miss her so much.

Patty McManus - April 03, 2022 at 09:18 PM

CC

*I'm so sorry for your deep loss. Your mom was a lovely lady. I hope you can cling to the wonderful memories and thank God that you had your mom on earth with you for such a long life.*

**Colet Markham Cook** - April 04, 2022 at 01:34 PM

PM

“ 4 files added to the album *Nora McManus obit*



**Patty McManus** - April 03, 2022 at 09:01 PM

DK

“ *Doug And Janice Knight lit a candle in memory of Nora Kreher McManus*



**Doug and Janice Knight** - April 03, 2022 at 06:19 PM

JB

“ Sorry for your loss. Your parents were the first ones to come over and welcome us to the neighborhood. Your mother always had a smile on her face. She loved to talk to you and always welcome us to come over and talk. I still can see her during Halloween time and sitting out in driveway giving out candy. I can still hear her saying that she never wanted to leave her house cause this is where I want to stay. It was a sad day when they did leave but it was for the best. Miss her alot. Again sorry for your loss. She was a joy to know her.  
*Judy and Stuart Bussey*

Judy Bussey - April 03, 2022 at 06:05 PM



Thank you. They were able to stay in their home for so many years because of great neighbors like you.

Mary Laube - April 03, 2022 at 07:41 PM

PM

Thanks, Judy. You were fabulous neighbors. Mom and Dad loved you and Stuart.

Patty McManus - April 03, 2022 at 07:56 PM

Jl

“ Jim &Jeri Iverson lit a candle in memory of  
*Nora Kreher McManus*



Jim &Jeri Iverson - April 03, 2022 at 05:55 PM

DW

“ *Dean And Nancy Walters lit a candle in  
memory of Nora Kreher McManus*



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**Dean and Nancy Walters** - April 03, 2022 at 03:28 PM