

Therese Frances McAllister, the daughter of Richard “Dick” F. and Teresa C. (Kliegl) Kelly, was born on April 7, 1940 in Emmetsburg, Iowa. She attended St. Mary’s Grade School and graduated from Emmetsburg Catholic High School in 1958. On October 21, 1961, Therese was united in marriage to Marvin R. McAllister at Assumption Church in Emmetsburg, Iowa. Therese owned and operated Town and Country Realty in Clarion, Iowa for over 30 years. She was the past President of Wright - Hamilton Board of Realtors. Therese enjoyed reading, genealogy, gardening, and being outdoors. She especially loved spending time with family and following her grandchildren to all their activities.

Left to cherish Therese’s memory are her children, Martha McAllister (Mike Gardner) of Elmhurst, Illinois, Lisa Tortora (Mike) of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and David McAllister (Heather) of Ankeny, Iowa; grandchildren, Jack McAllister, Tom McAllister, Dan Tortora, Matthew (Liv) Schlipper, Katie McAllister, Laura McAllister, Sarah Tortora, and Rachel Tortora; great grandchildren, Dean Schlipper; siblings, Larry (Robin) Kelly of Emmetsburg, IA, Jim (Liz) Kelly of Chaska, MN, Rich (Patty) Kelly of Emmetsburg, Catherine Chrysler of Parker, CO, and Rosemary (Ron) Sackett of Tofte, MN; sister-in-law, Karen Siddall of Urbandale, IA; and brother-in-law, Garold Hough of Algona, IA.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Marvin; parents, Dick and Teresa; brother, John; nieces, Karen Chrysler and Susan Siddall; nephew, Dan Kelly; mother-in-law, Agnes McAllister; sister-in-law, Mary Hough; brother-in-law, Jim Siddall; grandparents; and many aunts and uncles.

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April 7, 1940

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October 3, 2026

Cedar Rapids, Iowa

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

10:30 AM Saturday, October 17, 2026

Holy Family Catholic Church

Emmetsburg, Iowa

CELEBRANT

Father Travis Crotty

MUSIC

Holy Family Choir

Athlyn Black – Accompanist

“Prayer of St. Francis” ~ “City Of God”

“Here I Am Lord” ~ “One Bread, One Body”

“O’ Loving God” ~ “May The Road Rise To Meet You”

PALLBEARERS

Jack McAllister ~ Tom McAllister ~ Matthew Schlipper

Dan Tortora ~ Jim Carpenter ~ Greg O’Leary

FINAL RESTING PLACE

St. John’s Cemetery

Emmetsburg, Iowa

I Am Not There

*Do not stand at my grave and weep,
I am not there, I do not sleep,
I am in a thousand winds that blow,
I am the softly falling snow.
I am the gentle showers of rain,
I am the fields or ripening grain.
I am in the morning hush,
I am in the graceful rush
of birds in circling flight.
I am the star shine of the night,
I am in the flowers that bloom,
I am in a quiet room,
I am the birds that sing,
I am in each lovely thing.
Do not stand at my grave and cry,
I am not there. I did not die.*

-Mary Frye



*The family of Therese gratefully acknowledges
your prayers, kindness, and expressions of sympathy.*

In Loving Memory of



Therese Frances McAllister

April 7, 1940 ~ October 3, 2026