



A Special Edition for a Special Person

September 5th 2008

Current News

I said in the beginning that I wanted this newsletter to bring only good news to our family and friends. Bad news is depressing and causes people to cry and feel down. Today I need to send this out, because in a way it is good, but at the same time it is very sad.

Most of you already know that our mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister, aunt, great aunt and friend, Mildred (Midge) McCann passed away on Monday, August 25th. She had lived a full life and it was time for her to go, to be with our Dad, our brother, her mom and dad and all of our loved ones who have passed before us.

*She is at peace now
and I have dedicated this newsletter to her memory*

Feature Stories



We held the services for mom on Friday, August 29th at the Sacramento Memorial Lawn facility where mom, dad and Bobby are buried. We did not have a memorial or a funeral, we held, as they called it, a gathering. We had family and friends come from all over to attend the gathering, and bring their love and thoughts, and to be with us at our time of great need. I have two wonderful brothers and a totally irreplaceable sister, not that my brothers aren't. But my sister has been our mother's right hand for several years, as she began to grow older and more frail, my sister was there to help her in so many ways. She was so selfless and thoughtful, only caring how things were going with our mother and not so concerned with her own life. She reminds me so much of my dad.

By the time everyone arrived at the gathering, our mother had already been laid to rest. No one attended the burial except my father, as it was the wishes of our mother that we not attend, to save us from some unhappy thoughts. We visited the grave site with family and friends but did not hold the services there. After we said a few words about her in the chapel, (thank you Gene for the eulogy), we all moved into the Silk Room for some food and conversation. We really appreciate everyone who attended, and everyone who wished they could be there. Shawn called and told me that he felt bad that he couldn't be there, I told him not to feel bad, I wasn't able to make it to my Grandmother's service because I was having a son (Brandon). I told Shawn, that he is there for a reason, he has a mission and to please stay safe.



I have put together a photo page of the gathering [Here](#). Make sure you check out the poem for our mother written by our sister Sandie. I hope you enjoy the page. I will add some information about mom to the memorial pages of both the Bennett family and the McCann family because she was so much of both, a Bennett and a McCann.

Please keep in mind that this newsletter is meant to inform you of family news and also to send you our thoughts and love. We need to continue our family reunions forever; it gives the younger crowd an opportunity to get to know and appreciate us older folks, and our elders get the chance to see all of the young ones. We are all so busy these days; I find it hard some times to pull away to do something as simple as go out to dinner.

Our Love to you All...



New Web Site Features

Because my Web Site was originally developed to communicate to my family and friends, I have up-graded the Site to include some interesting new features, including unlimited Web Space, and secure folders. We need to keep in touch with each other, because before you know it someone else will be gone. Time keeps going by and if we don't do something now, tomorrow may be too late.

Secure Section of the Site

I have setup a secure section where we can post our street address and phone numbers. I won't display my phone number or address on a public Site, even though most viewers are family and friends, there are also bots, (little programs that scan Web Sites for personal information) that we must be aware of. You can view the secure section by sending me a request for a username and password, the form is [Here](#). Just fill it out and click the submit button.

Produce your own Page, Section or Sub-Web

You can have your own piece of our Site and become a mccanns.com staff member. You don't have to know HTML or PHP or any Web Development to have a piece of our Web Site. Of course if you do know how to create Web Pages, it will be more fun. However the fun to me is seeing what you have created; posted on the Internet so all of the family and friends can see. Contact me for more information on how you can have a piece of the Web Site. It's a way to make the Site more versatile and informative, more interesting and educational. Get involved today!

It's great for school, blogging, or just for fun!

Web Site Policies

Our privacy policy is very simple. We do not give out information to anyone unless they are an immediate relative. We do not give out personal information to anyone. We will not post addresses or phone numbers unless specifically asked to do so, and then only within the secure section of the Site.

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Don't forget about my [Downloads Page](#) on the Web Site. I will try to place links to important programs and utilities from time to time for you to download. I know some of you still have dial-up access so I will try to make things smaller to download faster to your machine.

I have added some links that I think some of you will enjoy, if you haven't checked them out before, check them out now. Especially check out Google Earth. If you haven't seen what it is, download it and install it, you can zoom in on anyplace on earth. It also includes Google Sky, which shows the night sky and all of the stars. You can see what the sky looks like from your house, right on your screen. [My Links Page...](#) I found out recently that it also has a flight simulator which is hidden like an "Easter egg" (a small program or movie hidden in a program or utility). I will post how to find it next time.

Missed a past edition of the newsletter? You can view past issues on our Web Site. Some are actually printable, you'll need Adobe

Reader to download and print them. Go [Here](#) to view past issues of our newsletters.

Picture Archives

Pictures on my Web Site are low res so they load in your browser faster but they are not good for printing. So remember that any picture you like in any news letter or on the Web Site, you can have (in full resolution) for free. All you have to do is Email me explaining which picture it is you want. Let me know what type of internet connection you have, and any Email file size limits. There is no limit to the number of pictures you can have. Email me at;

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