

*McCarthy, Joann Busse 1932 - 2004*

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**Joann McCarthy, 71, was writing teacher**

Joann McCarthy taught English, journalism and creative writing at Notre Dame Academy for more than 20 years.

"She was a great teacher, and several of her students won writing awards," said her daughter, Monica McCarthy of Cincinnati.

Mrs. McCarthy, 71, of Covington, died Friday at St. Charles Care Center in Covington.

She was a member of the board of directors of Catholic Social Services. One of Mrs. McCarthy's former students is WLWT-TV news anchor Lisa Cooney.

"She was really big on education," Monica McCarthy said of her mother.

"She took students to Europe several times on educational trips." Mrs. McCarthy loved to read and enjoyed taking beach vacations in Florida and Virginia.

"She was very quiet and preferred to keep her opinions to herself," said her daughter. "She described herself as an introvert.

"She was a fantastic mother and a great friend. She loved spending time with her grandchildren. They were the apple of her eye."

Besides her daughter, other survivors include sons, David McCarthy of Cincinnati and Joe McCarthy of Latonia; another daughter, Anne Varnum of Cincinnati; a brother, Dr. James Busse of Alexandria, Va.; and two grandchildren.

Mass of Christian burial will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at St. Charles Care Center. Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Linnemann Funeral Home in Erlanger and from 10 to 11 a.m. Tuesday at St. Charles Care Center. Burial will be in Mother of God Cemetery in Fort Wright.

Memorials are suggested to Kenton County Public Library, 502 Scott Blvd., Covington, Ky. 41011 or to Catholic Social Services, 3629 Church St., Covington, Ky. 41015.

