



# *Celebrating Mary Ellen McCain*

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Mary Ellen McCain was a lifelong learner, graduating from La Porte High School before going on to earn a Bachelor's Degree in secondary education from Earlham College and a Master's Degree in guidance and counseling from the University of Notre Dame. She had a heart for inspiring young minds and spent many years as a secondary teacher and school guidance counselor in La Porte. Her faith was important to her, and she was an active member of the First United Methodist Church where she sang in the choir and served on their Board of Trustees and several other committees throughout her life.

Mary Ellen and her late husband David had a long, rich history of service to the La Porte community. Members of the La Porte Hospital Foundation since the Building Campaign in 1974, both Mary Ellen and David dedicated their time and energy to the La Porte Hospital and La Porte Hospital Foundation Boards and Committees. Their contributions led to the couple being recognized as Honorary Life Members of the La Porte Hospital Foundation, an honor bestowed sparingly on those who have unselfishly made noteworthy contributions.

As a member of the VNA Foundation Board, Mary Ellen was instrumental in the merger of that foundation with the La Porte Hospital Foundation. In 1995, she co-founded the very event you are attending tonight - the Holiday at the Pops. Mary Ellen was a beloved member of the Pops Committee over the course of the event's 23-year history, and her wit and wisdom are greatly missed.