



William J. McMellen, Jr.

June 8, 1933 - May 23, 2017

William J. "Bill" McMellen, Jr., 83, of Conestoga passed away at his home on Tuesday morning, May 23, 2017 with his loving wife by his side. Born on June 8, 1933, he was the son of the late William J., Sr. and Marian Flick McMellen. He was the husband of Betty M. MacDonald with who he shared 63 years of marriage.

Bill graduated from J.P. McCaskey High School. Following high school, he enlisted in the United States Navy. He met Betty while in the service. After being discharged, he and Betty made their in Lancaster where Bill worked for the Lancaster City Police Department. He worked as a Lab Technician for Alcoa, when he retired from. After retirement, they moved to Sebring, FL, moving back to Conestoga when Bill's health began to decline.

Besides his wife, Betty, Bill is survived by his daughters, Keli M., wife of Carl Garthwaite of Columbia, SC, Kim M. Richardson of Conestoga and Koleen M. Weber of Conestoga; 7 grandchildren and several great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his sister, Joyce Klugh.

In keeping with Bill's wishes, all services will be private.

Tribute Wall



“ *William J. McMellen, Jr.*

October 22, 2023 at 10:35 PM



“ *William J. McMellen, Jr.*

October 06, 2023 at 08:29 AM



“ *William J. McMellen, Jr.*

October 05, 2023 at 11:43 PM



“ *Happy Birthday dad and grandad...we still miss you as much if not more than ever. You are in our thoughts every day and we will love you forever. We're gonna have strawberry shortcake with whipped cream this weekend for ya dad. You're in our hearts always...all our hugs and kisses!*

kel, carl and james garthwaite - columbia, SC - Family - June 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dad it,s been a year since you,ve been gone now. Wow, it,s been a rough one for all of us. But I think you would be proud of us. We are all using all the skills that you and Mom have taught us. Love,Care, Share, Be there for each other and help each other. Together we are strong. We all miss you so very much and wish that you could be here with us. Koleen.*

Koleen Weber - Conestoga, PA - Daughter - May 23, 2018 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Hi Dad, Well it's been a year now and everyone misses you as much as ever. We miss your keen insights, jokes, advice and presence. The world is a much smaller place without you in it. We get by, but it's just not the same. Love always, Carl

Carl Garthwaite - Columbia, SC - Family - May 23, 2018 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ It's been a year since you moved on dad. Not an end, more like a butterfly from a cocoon I believe. It's raining alot this spring dad, and even though it makes it kinda dark and gloomy I realize that waters and gives life too, like our tears water the flowers of our memories of so many wonderful things that you and mom made happen for us all....here's to the time when we'll all be making wonderful memories together again! All love from all of us dad

kel garthwaite - columbia, SC - Daughter - May 23, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ So sorry to hear of Bill's passing. I spent so much time at the McMellen's in the 60's and 70's that Betty and Bill were like second parents to me. I miss you all and hope you are doing well. Please accept my sympathies. - Joe

Joe Gottschall - Rehoboth Beach, DE - Family Friend - March 27, 2018 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ Hi dad. Jay got your night light up and on. It is a light in the night and comforting as you always were for all of us. Love you always dad.

kel garthwaite - columbia, SC - Daughter - February 09, 2018 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ *The Holidays are here now. We had an empty chair at the head of the table on Thanksgiving . It just did not feel right without you . We missed you being with us. love you, miss you .Koleen and Mom.*

koleen weber - conestoga, PA - Daughter - December 16, 2017 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ *Dad, I know you're with us all during these holidays and every day, and you are ALWAYS near and dear to our hearts... Love you dad, Happy Holidays1*

krl garthwaite - columbia, SC - Daughter - December 07, 2017 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ *Dad just wanted you to know that we all miss you and think of you a lot.*

Koleen Weber - Conestoga, PA - Daughter - October 16, 2017 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ *Hi dad! Today is my birthday. Along with all the wonderful and beautiful birthday cards and wishes I hear your beloved voice wishing me a happy birthday...thank you dad.I--and everyone--miss you so much dad, all our love always..*

kel Garthwaite - columbia, SC - Daughter - October 12, 2017 at 12:00 AM

KD

“Dad, living in Columbia, we just experienced the first (and probably last) full solar eclipse during our lifetime. It was phenomenal and Breathtaking and Freaky and just beautiful! I was moved by it more than I thought I would be...it's just the kind of thing you would have loved to see...I wish I could share it with you, but then again I guess I guess I am now, and I know in my heart that you had a better seat and view then we did!!! After all, you were a "stellar" guy! Love from all of us,

Kel Garthwaite - Columbia, SC - Daughter - August 21, 2017 at 12:00 AM

KD

“Happy Anniversary mom and dad. You are always in our hearts and thoughts.

Kel Garthwaite - Columbia, SC - Daughter - August 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

KD

“Hi dad! Just got done light bleaching some siding outside. Between the smell of the bleach and the hot summer day, it has the feel of one of those days at the farm, with you getting the pool ready to swim in and mom busy around the house and getting things ready for a cookout later. Earlier Carl James and I were remembering all the wonderful times at camp that you and mom made beautiful and shared with us all. Thank you both for making such sweet memories...love you so much!

Kel Garthwaite - Columbia, SC - Daughter - July 06, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DF

“Happy Fathers Day I love you and miss you Great Granddad, Deidre

deidre keller - willow street, PA - Family - June 18, 2017 at 12:00 AM