



Joseph Michael McCauley

August 3, 1935 - February 28, 2020

Joseph Michael McCauley, CDR USN (Ret.), 84

HAYMARKET, VA: Friday, February 28, 2020, at 3:30 PM. Surrounded by his loving family and friends, Joseph (“Joe”) Michael McCauley was welcomed up to Heaven and into the caring arms of our Lord. Joe is survived by his wife of 60 years, Anne Robertson McCauley of Haymarket, VA. In addition, Brian Blanton McCauley (son) (Judith Anne Carroll McCauley) of Haymarket, VA., Blair Fitzpatrick McCauley Merkli (daughter) (Robert Edward Merkli) of Alexandria, VA, and four grandchildren, Sean Carroll McCauley, Emily Dianne McCauley, Grace Anne Merkli, Scott Edward Merkli. A funeral with military honors will be held at Arlington National Cemetery in coming months. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Pierce Funeral Home, Manassas, VA. <https://www.piercefh.com/obituaries/>

Joe grew up in a close-knit Irish-Catholic family in West Philadelphia. Joseph Patrick McCauley and his wife Helen Fitzpatrick McCauley moved young Joe and Francis (“Frank”), Joe’s younger brother, to the tree-lined township of Ridley Park, PA. From there Joe commuted daily to the campus of LaSalle College (now University), where he studied pre-med, pre-law and graduated in 1957 with a B.A. in History. He was a star defender on the men’s soccer team and a brother in the Sigma Beta Kappa fraternity. Later in life, Joe would share his athletic prowess as an impassioned youth soccer, baseball and football coach, including three years as one of the early soccer coaches of the famous Annandale Boys Club.

Joe met and fell in love with Anne McPherson Robertson, the eldest daughter of Lt. Col. and Mrs. A.N.B. Robertson (USMC) in Charleston, SC. The couple were married in Charleston on October 10, 1959, departing the church under an honorary sword arch.

Joe's early naval career was at sea, and on one world cruise aboard the USS Canberra (CAG-2), he received word from Anne in Clearwater, FL of the birth of their first child, Brian.

Other ships Joe served on included the USS Franklin D. Roosevelt (CV-42), USS Ruchamkin (APD-89), and USS Ashland (LSD-48). In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully request that any donations be made in the memory of Joseph Michael McCauley to the Wounded Warrior Project <https://support.woundedwarriorproject.org/default.aspx?>

Tribute Wall

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“ *Christie Kestler lit a candle in memory of Joseph Michael McCauley*



Christie Kestler - July 15, 2020 at 08:24 AM

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Emily McCauley - March 20, 2020 at 02:46 AM

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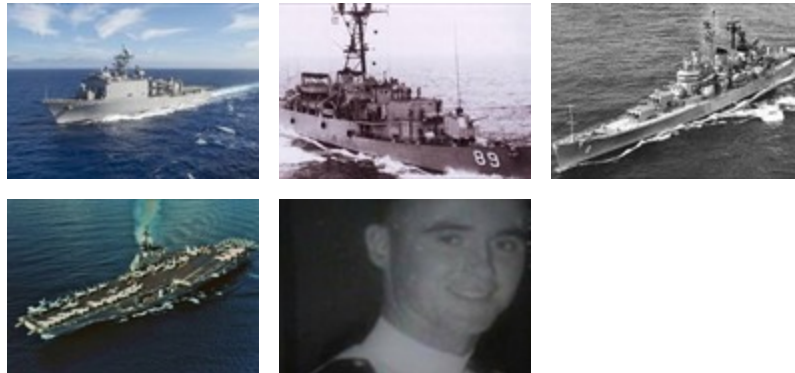
“ *Joseph Mccauley and his grandchildren...*



Emily McCauley - March 20, 2020 at 02:43 AM

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Brian McCauley - March 03, 2020 at 03:46 PM

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Brian McCauley - March 03, 2020 at 03:31 PM