



Robert McCann

May 1, 1927 - February 5, 2013

ROBERT JAMES McCANN, age 85, of Warrenton, VA formally of Manassas, VA, passed away on February 5, 2013 at Fauquier Hospital, Warrenton, VA.

Mr. McCann was born on May 1, 1927 in Fredonia, PA to the late Urban and Martha (Schiestle) McCann. Robert was 1 of 17 children; he had stories upon stories he loved to share with family and friends about his childhood and life experiences, and was a true joker at heart. After graduating from High School, he joined the Army Air Corps where he proudly served in WWII as a weatherman in the Asiatic Pacific Theater, loving everything and anything about the military. After WWII he was an Ocean Weather Patrol Officer for the Coast Guard sailing on the Castle Rock. Later he traveled through South America setting up Hurricane test sites. He continued his love of electronics, gadgets, technology, science and math throughout his life. He worked for NAFEC on Brigantine Island, NJ, and ended his career as an Atmospheric Scientist for NOAA, where he worked for over 30 years.

Robert met the love of his life Ida and they married on May 31, 1952 where they began traveling around the world. They enjoyed fishing together in Nebraska as a young couple, and later enjoyed helping raise their granddaughters; family was everything to him. Mr. McCann attended all of his granddaughters' extra circular activities making sure he didn't miss out on anything. He was a long time member and served on the Board of Directors

for many years of the Ole Virginia Ham Club (N4RL).

He is preceded in death by his loving wife Ida, an infant son, his parents, 6 brothers- William McCann, Joseph McCann, John McCann, Francis McCann, Regis McCann, and Clifford McCann, and 5 sisters- Helen Marie McCann, Marie Swartz, Elinor Metelsky, Irene Reash, and Patricia Kulka.

Survivors include his daughter, Noreen Carol McCann; his son, Darren Robert McCann; daughter through marriage, Carolyn McCann; granddaughters: Melissa and Shawna McCann all of Warrenton, VA, sisters Lorene Miles, of New Castle, PA, Louise McKnight and her husband Kenneth, of Sharpsville, PA, Dolores Ranelli of Sharpsville, PA, and brothers Donald McCann and Gerald McCann, both of Transfer, PA.

The family will receive friends on Friday, February 15, 2013 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Pierce Funeral Home, 9609 Center Street, Manassas, VA. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday, February 16, 2013 at 2:00 PM at St. John's Catholic Church, 271 Winchester Street, Warrenton, VA 20186. Interment will be at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date. In Lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to: St. John's Catholic Church.

Tribute Wall

CA

“ We will miss Bob. Noreen and family have been a wonderful support for him in the last few years. Noreen's endless stories about her Dad and his jokes are always a source of fun at our work place together. Our sympathy to your family.

Carol - March 29, 2013 at 01:58 PM

DH

“ Noreen and Darren and family:
Our sincerest sympathy in the loss of your father. You are in our thoughts and prayers.
David and Diana Heflin

David and Diana Heflin - March 29, 2013 at 01:58 PM

DL

“ Bob was a fantastic person...most of all I admired his attitude and intelligence...He always had a kind word that usually ended with a laugh. Just being around Him made you feel that life was worth living. He was a shining example of how To live. He took his work seriously and made it enjoyable for others. Bob was a very accomplished professional in several fields and was always willing to lend a hand. But most of all he was proud of his family. He loved to talk about them; and his two grand daughters brought him nothing but joy.

You all should be very proud of your father, he was a very fine gentleman. I find it a joy to say he was my friend.

Don Lepsch - March 29, 2013 at 01:58 PM

HF

“ *Our condolences Darren and Noreen, it was always a pleasure to hear your dads laugh and see his joyful smile.*

Heston Family - March 29, 2013 at 01:58 PM

MH

“ *Dear McCann Family,*

I was so sorry to hear of Uncle Bob's death. He was a wonderful uncle and mentor to so many young people and will be sorely missed. I also hear stories upon stories from my Father Gerald R. McCann also.

Please accept my deepest sympathy.

My thoughts are with you and your family.

Peace be with you,

Gregory & Mary Therese (McCann) Hamilton

Mary Therese Hamilton - March 29, 2013 at 01:58 PM

MK

“ *My dad - Burnis Wells was best friends with Bob McCann for many years - going to Ham-fests, working on computers or anything electronic. Noreen and I grew up together and were roommates for awhile at Virginia Tech. Mr. McCann always had a smile on his face and was always the jokester. He will surely be missed, but I know that my dad has his best friend with him now in heaven!*

Mike and Tina Kimble - March 29, 2013 at 01:58 PM

WB

“ *As President of WWII 15th and 20th Weather Squadron (Pacific Theater) we salute his service to our country.*

William Becker - March 29, 2013 at 01:58 PM

JS

“ *Many fond memories of Uncle Bob. Sending prayers and blessings.
Don & Janet (McCann) Seeman*

Janet McCann Seeman - March 29, 2013 at 01:58 PM