



## Thomas Preston McNamara

October 10, 1947 - January 27, 2018

Thomas McNamara died on January 27, 2018 at his home in Manassas, VA. For many years Tom lived in Clifton, VA where he owned the Clifton General Store and the Main Street Pub. An elected member of the Clifton Town Council, Tom was active in the town's civic and business affairs.

Tom was born in Washington, DC on October 10, 1947 to James Henry and Jeannette McNamara and grew up in Silver Spring, MD. He graduated from Northwood High School in 1965 and earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the University of Maryland in 1970. After a long career with the J.C. Penney Company (assignments in Baltimore, MD, Pittsburgh, PA and suburban Washington) Tom moved to Clifton in 1986.

Tom is survived by children Sean Preston McNamara, James Henry McNamara, Kevin Thomas McNamara and Kathryn Rose McNamara (Adam Howell), his former wife Judy McNamara, brother Harry McNamara of New Mexico and many close friends.

The family will receive friends at Pierce Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 9609 Center Street, Manassas, VA on Wednesday, January 31, 2018 from 6-8 PM. Private interment in Congressional Cemetery-Washington, DC

There will be a Memorial Celebration of his life at Clifton Presbyterian Church

on Monday, February 5, 2018 at 4:00 PM.

In lieu of flowers please make a contribution in his memory to Clifton Prayer Group, c/o Chris Jones, 5700 Hampton Forrest Way-Fairfax, VA 22030.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **31**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home  
9609 Center St.  
Manassas, VA 20110  
(703) 257-6028  
pfh@piercefh.com  
<https://www.piercefh.com>

## Celebration of Life

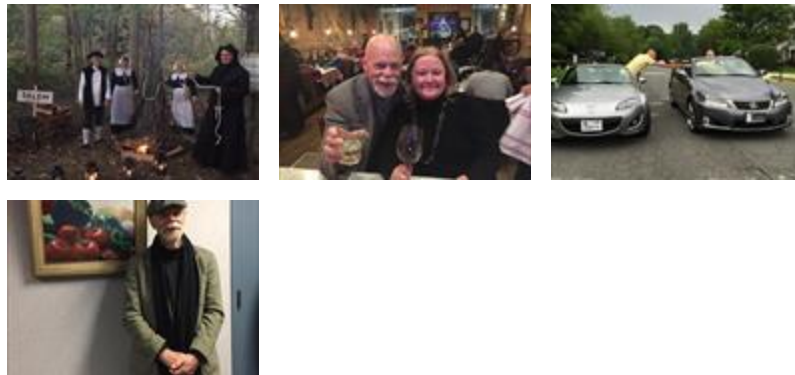
FEB **5**. 4:00 PM (ET)

Clifton Presbyterian Church  
12748 Richards Lane  
Clifton, VA 20124

# Tribute Wall

TJ

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



**Toni Jones** - February 05, 2018 at 08:39 AM

ES

“ *I first met Tom when he married my cousin Judy Widner many moons ago. He was a great addition to the extended Conneran family with its many cousins and became a friend to all. He was a fun, kind, thoughtful and all around great guy who would lighten up a room by just entering it...and gave everyone a hug no matter how much time has passed.*



**Eileen Smith** - February 01, 2018 at 03:24 PM

KD

“ *Kaija Barlow Dallessandro lit a candle in memory of Thomas Preston McNamara*



**Kaija Barlow Dallessandro** - January 31, 2018 at 09:13 AM

MH

“ Over 20 years ago Tom invited me to join the Clifton Prayer Group-- a group of men who were meeting at that time in the Flower Shop at the Clifton Store one morning a week to support each other spiritually and to pray for others.

Over the years the members of the group became like brothers. I always have considered Tom and the other men among the greatest blessings of my life.

With Tom's passing, the prayer group goes on but--in memory of him--renamed as the Thomas McNamara Prayer Group. You will be remembered.

Thank you Tom.

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**Michael Humm** - January 31, 2018 at 08:55 AM

JB

“ Jeff Blalock purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Thomas Preston McNamara.



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**Jeff Blalock** - January 30, 2018 at 05:07 PM

MB

“ Michelle Baker lit a candle in memory of Thomas Preston McNamara



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**Michelle Baker** - January 30, 2018 at 02:46 PM

“ I believe this is the essence of Tom and his relationship with his friends:

*A Friend or Two by W.D. Nesbit*

*There's all of pleasure and all of peace  
In a friend or two;  
And all your troubles may find release  
With a friend or two;  
It's in the grip of the clasp hand  
On native soil or in alien land,  
But the world is made — do you understand?  
Of a friend or two.*

*A song to sing and a crust to share  
With a friend or two;  
A smile to give and a grief to bear  
With a friend or two;  
A road to walk and a goal to win,  
An inglenook to find comfort in,  
The gladdest hours that we know, begin  
With a friend or two.*

*A little laughter; perhaps some tears  
With a friend or two;  
The days, the weeks, the months and years  
With a friend or two;  
A vale to cross, a hill to climb,  
A mock at age, and a jeer at time —  
The prose of life takes the lilt of rhyme  
With a friend or two.*

*The brother-sound the brother-heart  
Of a friend or two  
Makes us drift on from the crowd apart,  
With a friend or two!*

*For come days happy or come days sad  
We count no hours but the ones made glad  
By the hale good times we ever had  
With a friend or two.*

*Then brim the goblet and quaff the toast  
To a friend or two,  
For glad the man who can always boast  
Of a friend or two.*

*The fairest sight is a friendly face,  
The blithest tread is a friendly pace,  
And heaven will be a better place  
For a friend or two.*

*Love you, my friend!*

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**Chris Jones** - January 30, 2018 at 11:09 AM



*Heaven will definitely be a better place with Tom*

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**Erin Lorenc** - January 30, 2018 at 12:31 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Thomas Preston McNamara.*



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January 30, 2018 at 09:31 AM

BH

“ I came across this quote that I think captures very well what I (and sure others) are experiencing right now.

*"He lives on beneath everything I do. His presence influenced who I was, and his absence influences who I am. Our lives are shaped as much by those who leave us as they are by those who stay. Loss is our legacy. Insight is our gift. Memory is our guide."* Hope Edelman

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**Bill Hummel** - January 29, 2018 at 06:55 PM

MW

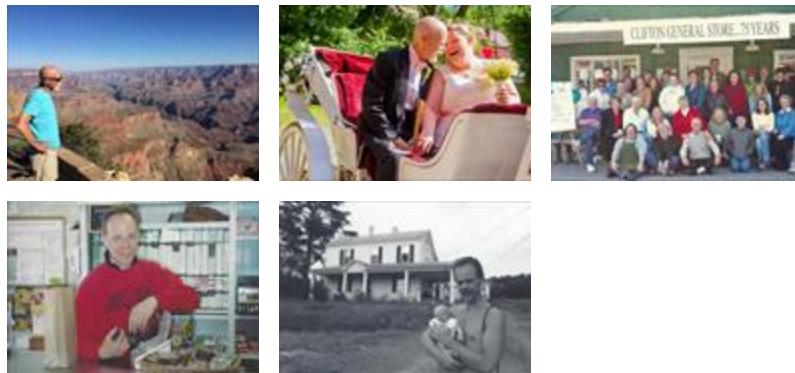
“ Tom's Last Year: Tom made the most of his last year. In April he took the family on a 2-week trip to Ireland where they visited Kilamaley (County Clare), the McNamara ancestral home. In June he walked Katie Rose down the aisle for her marriage to Adam Howell. On a lovely day in October he celebrated his 70th birthday with dear friends and family. The family celebrated Christmas Eve together at Tom's home in Manassas. Tom's children were with him on New Year's Eve to welcome 2018.

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**Mary Frances Widner** - January 29, 2018 at 05:17 PM

BH

“ 13 files added to the album New Album Name



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**Bill Hummel** - January 29, 2018 at 02:59 PM