



William Caldwell McClay

March 3, 2011

Conway-..William Caldwell McClay, age 80, of Myrtle Trace Drive, died Thursday, March 3, 2011 at his residence. Mr. McClay was born in Philadelphia, PA, a son of the late Howard Andrew and Emma Luckhardt McClay. He was a US Air Force Veteran of the Korean War, a University Delaware alumnus, and a retired executive of Westinghouse Electric Corporation. After retiring to Conway, he was a member of Christ the Servant Lutheran Church and a longtime volunteer at Conway Medical Center. He was predeceased by his beloved wife of 56 years, Kathryn Gebhart McClay. The family extends much gratitude to the caregivers, Rachel Schmatz, Shannon Page, Travis Winn and Candy Mantell for their love, care and support. Surviving are a son, Robert Timothy McClay and wife Christine of West Chester, PA; a daughter, Nancy Lynn Kent of Gainesville, FL; four grandchildren, Aidan McClay, Erin McClay, Jenna McClay, and Keely McClay; and several nieces and nephews. The family invites you to join a memorial service at 11:00 AM Friday, March 11, 2011 at Christ the Servant Lutheran Church with Rev. Marion Brazell officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to the charity of one's choice. Sign a guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall



“ My deepest condolences and prayers go out to my friend Nancy, and the entire McClay family, in this difficult time. Do not stand at my grave and weep, I am not there, I do not sleep. I am a thousand winds that blow. I am the diamond glint on snow. I am the sunlight on ripened grain. I am the gentle autumn rain. When you wake in the morning hush, I am the swift, uplifting rush Of quiet birds in circling flight. I am the soft starlight at night. Do not stand at my grave and weep. I am not there, I do not sleep. Do not stand at my grave and cry. I am not there, I did not die! Mary Frye (1932)##imported-begin##Gina Z##imported-end##

March 11, 2011 at 01:05 AM



“ Although I have never met Bill in person, he has touch the lives of my family and I in Upstate New York. I met Bill through a letter that he sent me about my daughter. The letter expressed so much love and kindness, that it proved what a wonderful person he was. He will be missed dearly. My condolences go out to his family.##imported-begin##Jim & Lorraine Schmatz##imported-end##

March 10, 2011 at 09:06 PM



“ Remember the wonderful times together. You have my deepest condolences on your loss. My thoughts are with Nancy and the entire family.##imported-begin##Erika Steininger##imported-end##

March 07, 2011 at 01:59 PM



“ All of us at Senior Helpers that knew Bill will miss him & his dry sense of humour. I will forever remember when I see chocolate M&Ms. My life is more enriched for knowing Bill.##imported-begin##Candy Matell##imported-end##

March 07, 2011 at 11:09 AM



“ Nancy, Sorry to hear about your Dad. We both send our heart felt sympathy to you and your family. We will be thinking of you. We care. Cathy and Richard Steininger##imported-begin##Richard and Cathy Steininger##imported-end##

March 07, 2011 at 09:44 AM



“ In the short time that I knew Bill he went from my boss, to my best friend, to a part of my family. We replaced each others loneliness with jokes and laughs. His wisdom, love, and even sense of humor, is something I will carry with me for the rest of my life. I know now that he is truly happy, together again with his Kate. Tom and I will remember him always and will keep him and his family close in our hearts.##imported-begin##Rachel Schmatz##imported-end##

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“ My thoughts are with you in this difficult time, as your Father joins your beloved Mom. They were truly wonderful and will be missed by all who were lucky enough to know them.##imported-begin##kelly fritz##imported-end##

March 06, 2011 at 11:11 PM



“ Our sincere condolences to Robert and Nancy and the McClay family. Bill was a fine man and a great neighbor. When the Syracuse flag was not flying, it gave us a reason to kid him about his "teams." We know he is in peace, and reunited with his beloved Kate. Jay & Dee Sharp###imported-begin###Jay & Dee Sharp###imported-end##

March 06, 2011 at 09:37 PM



“ Thinking of you all so much. I'm glad Bill is whole and well with his Lord.###imported-begin###Pastor Susan Ericsson###imported-end##

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“ Dad, thank you for giving me a blessed and full childhood. I carry with me so many wonderful memories of family vacations, the times you cheered me on at softball games and the kind words you always spoke. You will forever be in my heart. I love you.###imported-begin###Nancy Kent###imported-end##

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“ While some are the heart and soul of a family, Dad was the solid foundation upon which all good things are built. A kind, gentle and moral man who was the architect for my life, which helped me to find a beautiful wife and raise a loving family. Christine, Aidan, Erin, Jenna, Keely and especially I will remember you forever. I love you, Dad!###imported-begin###Robert McClay###imported-end##

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“ We always enjoyed our conversations with Bill. He would call us often with real estate questions and we would drop off the information he was looking for. May his memory be a blessing. Your family will be in our prayers.##imported-begin##Beth and Ronald Crow##imported-end##

March 06, 2011 at 10:45 AM