



## George Alexander McNeill

November 14, 1929 - August 20, 2016

George Alexander McNeill born on November 14, 1929, passed away on August 20, 2016. He is survived by his partner in life and loving wife of 64 years, Margaret McNeill. He is also survived by four children: daughter Jan McNeill (husband Frank Griffin), son J Cameron McNeill, daughter Laurie Lee (husband Doug Lee), and daughter Kathryn Matlack (husband Duncan Matlack). His grandchildren include: Jamie Griffin Goeres (husband Bryson Goeres), John Griffin (wife Veronica Valero Griffin) and Abigail Matlack, and Elliot Matlack.

George lived a full and energetic life right until the very end. Affectionately known as the "energizer bunny", he loved the outdoor sports of hunting, fishing, wind surfing, scuba diving, water and snow skiing, and especially tennis. He imparted this love to his family and many family vacations spent doing these activities.

George spent his first 32 years in Canada. Born in Calgary Alberta Canada, he grew up in Edmonton Alberta. He attended his beloved University of Alberta and earned a B.Sc. in Electrical Engineering. In high school, he met the love of his life Margaret. He later proposed to her at the top of a snowy ski hill and they were married September 20, 1952. George worked 10 years in Canada and then sought more challenge and opportunity by emigrating with his family to the US. He then worked for Monsanto Chemical in Alvin Texas and Springfield Mass. In 1972, George and Margaret became the proud owners of the Riverdale Gardens Nursing Home in West Springfield MA. They

sold their business in 1988 and retired, spending their winters in Jupiter FL and summers in East Otis in the Massachusetts Berkshires.

George continued to stay very active in business. He and his son Cameron became partners in owning an apartment complex in Houston TX. George also expanded his apartment property ownership via multiple facilities across the US. He loved the analysis, development, and improvement phases.

George was known for his philanthropy and community service. He belonged to both the Jupiter FL and West Springfield MA Rotary Clubs. He spent many a day helping on Rotary Club projects - especially the Jupiter/Tequesta boy scout camp. He and his wife Margaret encouraged their children and grandchildren to become involved in and give back to their communities.

George and Margaret spent 67 happy years dancing, fishing, traveling, and laughing through life with their family and friends.

George was preceded in death by his parents George and Alice McNeill , mother Nora McNeill, and his grandson Robert Griffin.

Margaret and her family extend their deepest appreciation to the doctors and staff of MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston for their compassionate care that George received during the last couple of years of his life.

A memorial service in Massachusetts will be held on Sunday September 18 at 2:00pm at The White Church ,4 North St., Blandford, MA. Immediately following, a reception celebrating his life will be held at the Blandford Club at 17 North Street, Blandford. A second memorial service will be held in Florida on Friday November 4 at 4pm at Jupiter First Church at 1475 Indian Creek Pkwy, Jupiter. A reception celebrating his life will be held afterwards at the church.

In lieu of customary remembrances, the family requests memorial contributions in George's honor/memory be made to "The Blandford Club" a nonprofit which can be sent to 17 North Street, Blandford, MA 01008, or a charity of your choice.

# Tribute Wall



“ *George Alexander McNeill*

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October 22, 2023 at 10:17 AM



“ *Ms McNeill, I was sad to hear of the loss of Mr McNeill from Jan. I always loved and admired the closeness and dedication that y'all had for each other and the bond you had for your family. He was a great man who could be looked up to with respect. Each time I use my cookbook that you gave me I think of y'all. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Barbara Springer*

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**Barbara Springer - Longview, TX** - January 02, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *Through Pat ( his brother and his wife Sandy)) we met numerous times and are saddened by his passing. The Murrays*

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**A friend** - December 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ Margaret and Family, So sad to see this pop up when searching for your contact info on line to let you know that my Mom passed away on Sunday. We will be out in Western Mass. on Saturday for her funeral and will think of all of you on Sunday when you're remembering George in Otis. He was an amazing person, and my parents cherished all the fun times they had with you both over the years. I, too, have wonderful memories of boating, swimming, water skiing on the lake in Otis. Dad will be especially sad to hear of George's passing. He lives at Wingate at Boylston Place in Chestnut Hill, not to far from my home in Wellesley. Once again, heartfelt condolences from my whole family. Sincerely, Julie Koeninger

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**A friend** - September 13, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ We did not know George during earlier years, but when we did become good friends in recent times, George was a role model in how to age with energy, charm and grace. We will miss his friendship.

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**Betsy and Ron Vaughan - North Palm Beach, FL - Friend** - September 01, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ Jan, Much love to you, your mom and your family. Denise

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**Denise Gowan - Houston, TX** - August 31, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JA

*“ I had the joyous opportunity to meet and spend a few days with George and Margaret, at their Otis home last September. Their combined energy was infectious and their kindness immediately made me feel like family. Thank you, Jan, for creating the opportunity for us to meet. It was a privilege to spend such quality time with George!*

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**John Ulan - Edmonton, AB** - August 31, 2016 at 12:00 AM

ET

*“ Marge, you and yours are thought of, and it was a true honor knowing vivacious George. Our hearts are with you.*

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**Elisa & Peter Holmertz - Austin, TX** - August 31, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AF

*“ Dear Margaret We were saddened to receive word of George's passing. Our prayers and condolences to you and your family. George will be remembered for his smile and kind words he had for everyone. Riverbend will miss him fondly. Helen & Joe DeLago Old Greenwich Ct*

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**A friend** - August 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AF

*“ Margaret and family, We are deeply saddened to learn of George's passing. He was an amazing renaissance man and a dear friend. Memories of our times with him will be with us always. He has gone ahead of us and we'll see him and laugh together again one day. John & Pat McGowan*

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**A friend** - August 28, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Jan, It has been many years since those days at Tech High. My deepest condolences on the passing of your father. Although I never met him, he seems to have been one of the best. May your memories of him help you and your family through this difficult time. I will keep him in my prayers. Dave Choquette

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**David Choquette - Springfield, MA - Classmate** - August 28, 2016 at 12:00 AM