

Robert A. McKenney

October 15, 1921 - December 7, 2018

Robert Arthur McKenney, age 97, of Linden, MI (formerly Holly) died Friday, December 7, 2018. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 am Thursday, December 13 at St. Rita Catholic Church of Holly. Father Peter Etzel, S.J. and Father David Blazek will be officiating. Military honors and burial will be at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. Visitation will be held 2-9 PM Wednesday at Dryer Funeral Home, 101 First Street, Holly, MI with Rosary prayers at 5 PM. Robert was born in Amsterdam, NY to Archie and Sarah McKenney, October 15, 1921. After graduating from St. Mary's Institute in 1939, Robert attended and was graduated Summa Cum Laude from Niagara University. Robert served in the United States Army during World War II. He was wounded in combat and awarded the Purple Heart. Robert married Virginia Bottecelli on September 22, 1945 in Fenton, MI. Robert attended Syracuse University Law School, where he graduated with distinction and third in his class. Robert began his practice of law at the firm, Levene & Gouldin in Binghamton, NY. In 1951 Robert, Virginia and their three children moved to Holly where Robert commenced his law practice as a member of the State Bar of Michigan. Robert and Virginia worked together for decades in their home raising their six children and at Robert's law office. Robert's acumen and professionalism as a lawyer were highly regarded by his clients and his fellow lawyers. Robert was proud of his Irish roots and cherished his faith, his family and his friends. Robert is survived by his children Michael (Kathy) McKenney of Durand, Patrick (Susan) McKenney of Holly, Maureen

(David) White of Webster NY, Thomas (Jane) McKenney of Holly, Timothy (Marianne) of Carrollton, TX, eleven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Robert was preceded in death by his wife Virginia, who died September 22, 2018 on the couple's 73rd wedding anniversary, and by his son, Father William G. McKenney, S.J. Memorial donations may be made to Red Cloud Indian School. www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com

Cemetery Details

Great Lakes National Cemetery

Holly, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **12**. 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Dryer Funeral Home
101 First St
Holly, MI 48442
(248) 634-8291

Service

DEC **13**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Rita Catholic Church
Holly, MI

Tribute Wall



“ *Dryer Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Robert A. McKenney*



Dryer Funeral Home, Inc. - December 12, 2018 at 09:32 AM

JD

“ *Today is Saturday and I discovered a man I respected above many had passed away. I am so very sorry I was unable to pay my respects to the family. I was a school chum with Bob's oldest son Mike. Mike and I would walk to school together as kid in our early grade school days. Mr. McKenny told us that if we brushed our teeth every day through the school year he would take us to a Tiger game in the spring. He checked me out every morning to see if I had kept up with our agreement. When the warmth of the sun cleared the snow off the field at Briggs (Tiger) Stadium Mr. McKenny, he was always Mr. to me out of respect, the day had arrived. You can bet it was a Yankee's game. I don't know who won, but we had box seats for us on the first base line. It was great! It was my very first Tiger's game. I dearly loved "Mr. McKenny". He always showed me that he was glad to see me from a lad to adulthood. Holly, Michigan has lost a great citizen and a good friend!*

James Disbrow - December 14, 2018 at 12:30 PM

TS

“ *The Scofields purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Robert A. McKenney.*



The Scofields - December 12, 2018 at 11:30 AM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Robert A. McKenney.*



December 12, 2018 at 09:53 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Robert A. McKenney.*



December 11, 2018 at 10:49 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert A. McKenney.*



December 11, 2018 at 04:04 PM

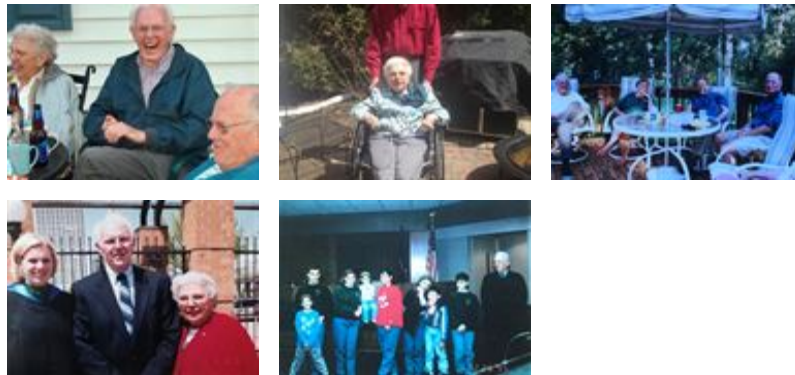
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“ We were so sorry to hear of Mr McKenney's passing. What a wonderful role model he was for the Holly community! I'm sure he and Virginia are looking down with pride on a life well lived. Our sincere sympathy. Dottie and Amos Bradsher

Bradshers - December 11, 2018 at 02:40 PM



“ 28 files added to the album Life Tributes



Dryer Funeral Home, Inc. - December 11, 2018 at 02:11 PM

DW

Bob and Virginia were some of the first people I got to know when I moved in to American House of Grand Blanc. They were some of the finest people I ever have gotten to know. My life has been blessed by getting to know them.

Dale Wolfgram

Dale Wolfgram - December 11, 2018 at 09:52 PM

DW

“ *Dennis A White purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Robert A. McKenney.*



Dennis A White - December 11, 2018 at 01:48 PM



“ *Mr. and Mrs. McKenney were the some of the kindest most faith filled people I have ever known. I am sure they are dancing together in heaven.*

Narcia Schultz-Acker - December 10, 2018 at 04:00 PM



“ *So very sorry to hear of Mr. McKenneys passing. He was always so kind and generous to our family. I pray that you will be comforted in knowing he's reunited with His wife and son. My prayers are with you at this time. Jinx Kincaid*



Jinx Kincaid - December 10, 2018 at 10:02 AM

DA

“ *So sorry to hear of Bob's passing. He has always been a great friend of all of our family. Thinking of all your family. God Bless. Duke & Sherry Addis*

duane addis - December 10, 2018 at 08:18 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Robert A. McKenney.



December 10, 2018 at 02:58 AM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Robert A. McKenney.



December 09, 2018 at 11:19 PM



“ *Marie Botticelli* purchased the *Country Basket Blooms* for the family of Robert A. McKenney.



Marie Botticelli - December 09, 2018 at 09:55 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Robert A. McKenney.



December 09, 2018 at 07:36 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Robert A. McKenney.



December 09, 2018 at 06:29 PM



“ Our Holly High School Class of 1979, would like to offer our deepest condolences to our Classmate Tim McKenney and his family upon the loss of his dear Father Robert A. McKenney. Please know you are in our prayers. Peace.



Holly High School Class of 1979 - December 09, 2018 at 04:36 PM



So sorry for your loss to the McKenney family.

Doug Alexander - December 10, 2018 at 10:31 AM



Deepest condolences to the entire McKenney family, we (Shultz family) go way back, Robert was executor of my great uncle, Ed Harris of Davisburg which showed his thoughtfulness and professionalism. Both he and Virginia supported a 6 week trip of a lifetime I took with their son Tom in 1974, including staying with Virginia's brother and family in Hawaii. We will never forget those memories. Thank you for letting us go.

For Robert's sense of humor I remember he told me my dad deserved fan of the month during high school football season, because he drove to Northville for a game that was cancelled due to tornado warning. My dad cracked up when I told him.

What a legacy he has left.

George Shultz - December 10, 2018 at 07:36 PM

PA

Sorry for your loss. He married Rob and me in 1992. I'll pray for him and your family. Patrice E. AddisMacMain

Patrice E. Addis-MacMain - December 14, 2018 at 06:08 PM