



Dr. Ellicott McConnell

April 4, 1924 - May 18, 2018

Easton:

Dr. Ellicott (Mac or Eck) McConnell died on May 18, 2018 at his home in Easton, Maryland following a short illness. He was 94 years old.

He was born in Providence, Rhode Island on March 4th, 1924. He was the son of Grace Main McConnell and Chrystie McConnell.

He was married to Harriett Louise Shea of Hartford, Connecticut on July 1st, 1950 in West Hartford, Connecticut. He graduated from the University of Connecticut in 1949 and obtained his Masters of Science and PhD in Entomology degrees from the University of Minnesota in 1957.

He lived overseas in Panama, Egypt and Ethiopia for over twenty years performing scientific research on tropical diseases where he became a specialist on African sleeping sickness. He returned to the US in March 1977 and worked at the Naval Research Center at the Bethesda Naval Hospital. He resided in Potomac, Maryland and then Great Falls, Virginia until 1986 when he moved to Easton.

He enjoyed traveling and journeyed to many countries in Europe, and Africa and traveled to Japan and Russia on cruises.

He was active at the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum as a docent, tour guide, and engine repair team member. He was involved with the Talbot County Humane Society for several years and was also active in the Memorial Hospital Auxiliaries for many years. He enjoyed shooting and was an avid member of the Choptank Muzzleloaders, and the Talbot County Gun Club,

participating in their black powder turkey shoots on many occasions, winning often enough that the younger shooters refused to give him any handicap! He was also an avid reader and enjoyed writing letters to the editor for the Star Democrat and Washington Post expressing opinions and counter arguments to issues of the day. He was a member of the Saint Andrews Society, the Easton Library Poetry reading group, the Great Decisions group, and the Isaac Walton League. He served in the Army Signal Corps during WWII while stationed in India and was a member of the Easton VFW, Post 5118.

He leaves behind his wife Harriett of 67 years, his sister Elizabeth (Kenneth deceased) Haddad, daughter Anne (Richard) Naber of Mt Morris, Michigan and son Craig (Kristina) of Chardon, Ohio.

A memorial service will be held on Monday, May 21, at 2 PM at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A., 200 S. Harrison St., Easton, where friends may call one hour prior from 1-2 PM.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in his honor to Talbot Hospice, 586 Cynwood Dr., Easton, MD, 21601 and Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum, 213 N Talbot St, St Michaels, MD 21663.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY 21. 2:00 PM (ET)

Easton Location
200 S Harrison St
Easton, MD 21601
(410) 822-3131
info@fhfuneralhome.com

Gathering

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Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. Ellicott McConnell*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Dr. Ellicott McConnell*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Dr. Ellicott McConnell*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *It would be hard to think of anyone I enjoyed discussions with more than with Mac. That is not to infer that we always agreed, but he always displayed impeccable logic for his position. And he was always delightfully stubborn. I will miss him.*

Pete Farris

Pete Farris - May 20, 2018 at 10:07 AM

JD

“ I have only known Mac over the last five or six years. I regret it wasn't longer. I always looked forward to seeing him at our weekly breakfast group in St. Michaels. He had a wonderful sense of humor that he frequently interspersed with stories of his experiences living and working in other countries. An accomplished and impressive man for certain. I am honored to have known him and will miss him greatly.

Joe Day

Joseph Day - May 20, 2018 at 07:54 AM

HL

“ My deepest sympathy to Harriet and family. i am traveling abroad and will not be able to attend the memorial service. Mac was a respected friend and fellow member of the StMichael's men's breakfast group.I will miss him.

Haim Loran

Haim Loran - May 20, 2018 at 06:22 AM

DB

“ Deepest sympathy to Harriet and family. Mac and I exchanged e-mails for years. Have approximately 100 of them stored on my computer. Peggy's young grandson Laurens was introduced to "E-Mails From Mac" several years ago as a source of education and humor. We both enjoyed many of them. Mac will be greatly missed...

Dean S. Bird - May 19, 2018 at 11:58 PM

SP

“ *What a wonderful friend!
Harriett and Mac livened up our parties, Mac with his wry sense of humor and outrageous true stories. It was fun to share impressions of Africa especially Ethiopia. And to find we had a common friend in Thailand.
I've missed his emails lately and now we know why.
Warm sincere condolences to Harriett and your children. Suzi & Jerry*

Suzi Peel - May 19, 2018 at 08:50 PM

NM

“ *I worked closely with Mac years ago on the Talbot County Humane Society Board, he was the gentlest, most kind person and good friend. Though it has been many years since we were in contact the wonderful memories of him still make me smile. He will be missed by all who knew him,
Noreen Morgan*

Noreen Morgan - May 19, 2018 at 09:40 AM

EM

“ *Feeling very saddened by this . My late husband Ben and I were neighbors of Mac & Harriet when we lived on the Miles River in Bantry . We enjoyed many frequent, interesting & humorous conversations.He will be remembered fondly by many of us for his friendly approachable personality & witty sense of humor. My deepest condolences to Harriet and family...Thanks for being our neighbors and part of our journey in time.*

Emily Meintzer

Emily Meintzer - May 19, 2018 at 08:48 PM

WG

Mac was a dear friend to me over here on Gulley's Cove Lane. He use to walk all around the neighborhood and stop and chat with me. We were the same age and had lots of stories to tell. I even got to meet his two Dobermann Pinschers years ago when they came by themselves to visit. Our Sympathy to Harriet and family. Bill Guilfoyle and Kay

William Guilfoyle - May 29, 2018 at 10:36 AM