



Francis Joseph McNeeley

December 17, 1917 - February 9, 2009

Francis “Frank” Joseph McNeeley, 91, of Columbia, MD, passed away on Monday, February 9, 2009. Mr. McNeeley was born in Cleveland, Ohio on December 17, 1917 and was the son of the late Patrick McNeeley and Ella (Treacy) McNeeley.

Mr. McNeeley was one of the original “pioneers” of Columbia and moved his family here in 1969. He was an active member of St. Johns Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus especially devoted to the Eucharistic Ministry for the Sick. He was one of the original Boy Scout Leaders for the Columbia area.

Mr. McNeeley was a World War II veteran in the U.S. Army Air Corp attached to the 877 Bomb Squad group and flew over 24 missions in the Far East. He was honored with the Distinguished Flying Cross. After 45 years of service to the federal government, Mr. McNeeley retired from the Department of Defense in 1986. He loved dancing reading, music, gardening, woodworking and traveling. Above all he cherished time spent with his family especially on vacations. The most special time was an annual tree decorating held with family and friends.

He was a dance instructor at the Arthur Murray Dance Studio in Cleveland Ohio. He loved reading and was an intellectual in history chronicles and other diverse music. His love of music was diverse but he especially loved the

sound of Irish, Big Band and Classical tunes.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 66 years, Vivian M. McNeeley; loving father of Maureen Wise and her husband, Les of Preston, MD, Sharon Dickerson and her husband, John of Marietta, GA, Kevin T. McNeeley and his wife, Marcia of Columbia, MD, Nora Claudias and her husband, Lenny of Columbia, MD, Treacy McNeeley of Columbia, MD, James McNeeley of Salisbury, MD, Frank McNeeley of Columbia, MD, Cherell McNeeley of Columbia, MD and the late Colleen Powers; devoted grandfather of 17 grandchildren and 13 great - grandchildren. He is also survived by a brother Patrick McNeeley of Lakeland, FL and three sisters, Ella Wulf of West Simsbury, CT, Margaret Schuerger of Brooke Park, OH and Kathleen Kitko of Cleveland, OH.

Friends will be received at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Cremation and Funeral Care, P.A., 814 Bestgate Road, Annapolis, MD 21401, on Thursday, February 12, 2009 and on Friday, February 13, 2009 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church at the Wilde Lake Interfaith Center, 10431 Twin Rivers Road, Columbia, MD 21044 on Saturday, February 14, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. The family will receive friends from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Interment will follow at Meadowridge Memorial Park, Elkridge, MD.

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Francis Joseph McNeeley*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - February 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Francis Joseph McNeeley*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Francis Joseph McNeeley*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Francis Joseph McNeeley*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *I've admired Frank when we first met while visiting a sick relative in the hospital when I was about 14. I was on the way to a visit of the Naval Observatory. We had a great chat and reading his bio only confirms the breadth of his accomplishments. What a fine person.##imported-begin##Jim Curry##imported-end##*

March 15, 2009 at 11:15 AM



“ Frankie, Jamie, and the entire McNeeley family: I am so sorry to have heard of your fathers passing. Please know that your mom and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Clare Widitz##imported-begin##Clare Widitz##imported-end##

February 21, 2009 at 03:03 PM



“ Hello McNeeley Family,

I am sorry to hear of the loss of your Dad and Husband. I remember your Dad well and all the fun times we had as kids growing up on Green Mountain Circle! Your home was full of life, love and kids! I always remember that your door was always open if any of us needed anything.

I hope you all are well and miss seeing you. Our prayers and love are with you during this difficult time.

Sincerely,

Pam Ecker and Family##imported-begin##Pam Ecker (Deshaies) and Don Ecker and family##imported-end##

February 20, 2009 at 09:15 AM



“ May you know that you have always been in my heart. It is with great pain that I write this and I am so sorry that I've been out of touch and have never really shared with you how much you touched me and my family. You shared your house and your love with my family when we were just starting out and that has always been remembered. I love you Uncle Frank and may God bless and keep you Aunt Vi. Love Always, lil Pat##imported-begin##Patrick McNeeley Jr##imported-end##

February 13, 2009 at 05:47 PM



“ Some of my fondest memories as a child include Uncle Frank and Aunt Vivian. I would visit my Dad and Maureen in the summers and always ended up staying with Uncle Frank and Aunt Vivian. They were wonderful role models and just plain fun. The McNeeley clan just accepted me as their own - southern accent and all. And I still feel the love and affection that they always gave me. I know Frank is smiling down at his greatest achievement in life - his wonderful family. I so wish I could be there for you all. Much Love -
Kim###imported-begin###Kim Singletary###imported-end##

February 12, 2009 at 04:16 PM



“ My prayers are with you in the loss of your loved one.###imported-begin###Carol Owens###imported-end##

February 12, 2009 at 02:10 PM



“ In loving Memory, Ken & Beate###imported-begin###Ken & Beate Collins###imported-end##

February 12, 2009 at 02:08 PM



“ Dear Jamie,
So sorry to hear about your Dad. Hope you and your family are doing well at this difficult time.
Please let your Mom know my prayers are with her as well.
Carol###imported-begin###Carol Griffin###imported-end##

February 12, 2009 at 12:24 PM



“ Grandad,
You are missed so very deeply and have made impressions for
lifetimes to come. All our love,
Sabrina, Jim, Nadia, and Aida##imported-begin##Sabrina
Benko##imported-end##

February 11, 2009 at 10:34 PM



“ Uncle Frank was a very special Uncle. I have many fond memories
of visiting Aunt Vivian and Uncle Frank and all my cousins. He will
be missed.##imported-begin##Barbara and John Hoff##imported-
end##

February 11, 2009 at 05:40 PM