



Paul Devenport McManus

April 22, 1942 - November 29, 2015

Paul McManus died at home in Grasonville, MD, on November 29 at the age of 73.

Paul is survived by his wife, Patricia McManus of Grasonville and his children, Kathleen Hartman of Nashville, TN, Paul McManus of Fairfax, VA, and Brian McManus of Johnson City, TN; and stepchildren, Monica Giovachino of Alexandria, VA, and Jessica Giovachino of Port Jefferson, NY. Paul is also survived by two brothers, Thomas McManus of Waldorf, MD, and John McManus of Wakefield, MA; a sister, Mary Jane Strackbein of Vienna, VA; three grandchildren; five step-grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his first wife, Lillian Connelly of Johnson City, TN, who died in 1992.

Paul McManus was born on April 22 in Brooklyn, NY, to V. Paul McManus and Dorothy Devenport. He attended Gonzaga High School in Washington, DC, graduating in 1959. After a year at Bullis Preparatory School in Potomac, MD, Paul entered the U.S. Naval Academy and was commissioned as an officer in June of 1964. He served in the Navy for nine years as a helicopter pilot and instructor. After leaving the Navy, he earned a Master's in Business Administration from Bryant University in Smithfield, RI, and had a career as an electronics purchasing manager for Texas Instruments and Siemens.

After retiring from Siemens, Paul moved with his wife, Patricia, to Grasonville, MD, where he worked as the Xerox Sales Representative for Queen Anne's County until 2003. He later taught ESOL classes part-time at the Grasonville Community Center for two years.

He especially enjoyed golfing, boating, and visiting with family. He volunteered at the Naval Academy in the museum and also sponsored midshipmen as a host family. He was an avid USNA supporter and was active in communications and reunions with his classmates.

A mass will be held on Thursday, December 3 at 10 a.m. at Our Mother of Sorrows in Centreville, MD. Interment will be privately held at the US Naval Academy Columbarium. All are welcome to attend and celebrate Paul's life.

In lieu of flowers, please send memorial contributions to Grasonville Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 457, Grasonville, MD 21638 or a Catholic charity of choice.

Cemetery Details

United States Naval Academy Cemetery Columbarium

United States Naval Academy
Annapolis, MD 21401

Previous Events

Mass

DEC 3. 10:00 AM (ET)

Our Mother of Sorrows Church
303 Chesterfield Avenue
Centreville, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *Paul Devenport McManus*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Paul Devenport McManus*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Our sympathy to the McManus family. I remember meeting your father when you were in Johnson City and his devotion to the Naval Academy. He raised a fine family.
Scarlett and Randy Coapstick*

Scarlett Coapstick - December 08, 2015 at 06:27 PM



“ *My condolences to the family of Paul. He was a friend and neighbor in Johnson city, tn. I worked with Paul at Texas instruments for many years and he lived just 3 houses down the street. He was a great person and I was proud to know him.
Gary Shaw*

Gary Shaw - December 03, 2015 at 03:07 PM



“ *I am saddened to learn of Paul's passing. My memories of him at Texas Instruments in Johnson City, TN are his smiling face & kind man each day at work. Prayers & thoughts are with the family at this time.
Charleen Stamper*

Charleen Stamper - December 03, 2015 at 12:31 PM



“ I remember the year Young Paul was born and helping he family get Christmas together. Have some wonderful memories of life with the Mc Manus family on Ann Lane. Peace and love to all of you may God help you through these difficult days ahead. With Love Mrs. Glover

Dorothy Glover - December 03, 2015 at 10:55 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Paul Devenport McManus.



December 03, 2015 at 08:22 AM



“ Loving Grace was purchased for the family of Paul Devenport McManus.



December 02, 2015 at 09:25 PM



“ I loved working Paul during our time together in Adult Education when he was an ESOL and GED instructor. He was a wonderful and sincere person who cared deeply for the students in his classes. I am saddened to hear of his passing.

Ginny Schrenk

Ginny Schrenk - December 02, 2015 at 08:15 AM

DM

“ *Donna Martin purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Paul Devenport McManus.*



Donna Martin - December 01, 2015 at 06:43 PM

DM

“ *My memory of Paul was one of heartfelt gratitude and caring for taking care of our one and only daughter, who had never left home before, but met and fell in love with Paul's son, Paul. Paul along with Pat helped make Angie's transition much easier, and welcomed her into the family with open arms. A family she is proud to be a part of. Thank you, Paul. You will be truly missed*
Sincerely,
Donna and Paul Martin

Donna Martin - December 01, 2015 at 05:27 PM

PM

“ I echo the sentiments of Judy Alford. Dad is the number one reason that I became the person I am today. His wisdom showed itself many times in my life. Allow me to share a couple of examples.

First, he refused to accept excuses. He refused to accept the convention of the time that any child who was legally blind would be sent to Nashville to the Tennessee School for the Blind. Therefore, I stayed the course and remained in the public school system. There was much angst, trepidation, gnashing of teeth, and heartache at times, and my report cards showed such, but his will proved even stronger than mine. For that, I am grateful, because I graduated on time with grades good enough to go to college.

Second and more profoundly, he and my mom were faced with having to drop me off in Knoxville to attend the University of Tennessee. Mom was terrified for me, but dad said calmly: "Give him one week. If he needs to come home, then we'll go and get him. After that, he'll do just fine." Dad's faith in me was rewarded four years later with a B.A. in Liberal Arts, and again 2.5 years later with a M.S. in Geography.

None of that would have happened without dad's leadership, and I'm grateful for everything he provided for his family through the years. Dad made sacrifices in his career in order to share quality time with his family. Finally, I'll sign off with one final nugget from dad: "Nobody has ever been on his death bed wishing he'd spent more time at the office."

Rest in peace, Pop. I'll always love you.

Paul McManus - December 01, 2015 at 02:46 PM

AM

“ *MY POP: I remember the first time I met Pop . He came to Paul's apartment in Oakton Va . To pick up " Tasha the cat" . I held out my hand and said " Hi Mr . McManus , How are you ? " He replied " Don't call me Mr. McManus , you can call me Dev or Paul . He made that statement in a very funny way that he always could . Pop always used to call me the " Hallmark Queen" because I was always sending him and Pat cards in the mail . Pop ALWAYS made me laugh , always told me stories of his childhood , his NAVY days , his time with my motherinlaw Lillian, and his time with Pat . He used to always laugh and ask me " aren't you tired of me telling stories ?" My reply " heck no Pop I love listening " oh God how I wish I could hear one more story again . Pop : I am very blessed and very proud to be your daughter law and part of the McManus family . I will miss your smile , your hugs and kisses every time you greeted me at the door , your sense of humor , etc . I have tons of great memories with you that I will cherish forever . I know your in heaven with NO PAIN and playing 18 rounds of golf . I love you Pop* ❤️💚💙💜💛

Angie McManus - December 01, 2015 at 02:36 PM

JM

“ *It's hard to believe that Dev will no longer be sharing his infectious enthusiasm. He never related an incident or told a story without a healthy dose of gusto.*

As one of his older brothers, I saw him progress from his earliest days into boyhood and then manhood. I remember how proud Mom and Dad were when he earned his ensign bars at the Naval Academy. We siblings (Tom, Mary Jane and I) were equally thrilled at his accomplishment and then his years of service as a Navy pilot.

I recall the wonderful marriage he had with beautiful Lillian and the sadness we all felt at her "too early" passing. Then we were thrilled when he found Pat who, for a solid twenty years, has been a loved member of our family.

To most everyone who knew him, he was always Paul. But all of us, Lillian and Pat for sure, knew him as "Dev," a unique moniker for a unique human being.

Together with my own Mary, his loving Pat, and all the members of the extended family, our prayer is that God will extend His welcoming hand to the man who personified exuberance - our Dev. He will surely be missed.

Jack McManus - December 01, 2015 at 01:59 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Paul Devenport McManus.*



December 01, 2015 at 11:51 AM

JU

“ I knew Paul best in his role as a father. I saw a dad who did not accept the term disability when his sons were diagnosed with vision impairment. Paul focused on ABILITY rather than disability regarding parenting 2 children with special needs. One of his greatest joys and accomplishments in life was how proud he was of his 3 children.

Judy Alford

Judy - December 01, 2015 at 08:16 AM