



Dr. William "Bill" J. McQuillan

January 18, 1934 - February 9, 2020

Dr. William "Bill" J. McQuillan, age 86, passed away on Sunday, February 9th after a courageous battle with cancer. He was born January 18, 1934 in Howell, MI to the late Walter and Bertha Elizabeth (Corbin) McQuillan. In his youth he worked on his uncle's farm and showed championship Shropshire sheep while also graduating valedictorian of Howell High School in 1951. He married his high school sweetheart, Ann Weaver, in 1955 and graduated from Michigan State University College of Veterinary Medicine in 1957. The family briefly lived in Cleveland, OH and Dearborn, MI before settling in Saginaw Township, MI in 1962. Bill was especially proud of his 34 years serving the greater Saginaw community at Riverside Animal Clinic and of receiving the Distinguished Alumni Award from the MSU College of Veterinary Medicine in 2000. He worked in local government for over 35 years – serving as a Saginaw Township Trustee, chairman of the Economic Development Corporation, and three consecutive four-year terms as Township Treasurer until retirement from that position in 2012. A learning wing of the Saginaw Township Library is named in his honor, in recognition of his devoted service to the community. He was a member of St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Parish for over 55 years and was also active in the Michigan Veterinary Medical Association, Michigan State University Alumni Association, Optimist Club of Saginaw, and the Knights of Columbus. Bill never met a stranger and was an avid golfer, card player, and world traveler. He also enjoyed working on projects in his many garages and inviting family and friends on his power boat

at the cottage in Sugar Springs (Gladwin) MI and in Naples, FL during the winter months. He followed the MSU football and basketball teams faithfully and loved cheering the Spartans to victory over USC while attending the 1988 Rose Bowl. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his wife Ann, daughter Margaret Strehl, and brothers-in-law Allan Knight, Paul Hynes, and William Donahoe. He is survived and greatly missed by children, Leslie McQuillan, Sue (Dave) Heraper, Bill (Brenda) McQuillan, Julie Hanson, Mitch (Ashley) McQuillan, Amy (William) Lay, and Jim (Adina) McQuillan; son-in-law, Don Strehl; his sisters, Barbara Knight, Mary Hynes, and Dorothy Donahoe; his dear companion, Marlene Mauch; and brother-in-law, Robert (Jean) Weaver. Also left to cherish his memory are seventeen grandchildren: Ryan McQuillan, Lizzie, Alicia and Ally Heraper, Kristen Strehl, Catherine (Matthew) Addy, Kyle McQuillan, Olivia McHale, Chase and Brody Hanson, Molly, Pat (Samantha), Kevin and Connor McQuillan, and Caleb, Jacob and Abby Lay; and two great-granddaughters, Taylor Addy and Kelsea McQuillan. A Memorial Mass celebrating Bill's life will be held at 10:30 am on Saturday, February 29th at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Parish, Saginaw, MI with Fr. Rick Bokinskie officiating. Family will receive friends prior from 9:30 am until time of service. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in his name to the Michigan State University College of Veterinary Medicine or to Pelotonia.org/DrMcQuillan in honor of his care at The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center-The James. On-line condolences may be expressed at www.dayfuneralservice.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **29**. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Parish
5376 State St.
Saginaw, MI 48603

Memorial Mass

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Tribute Wall



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. William "Bill" J. McQuillan.*



February 27, 2020 at 03:16 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dr. William "Bill" J. McQuillan.*



February 25, 2020 at 06:28 PM



“ *Great Fraternity Brother! While our paths did not cross many times since MSU days I have to say that he was probably had one of the highest I.Q. 's during my time at AGR. A great guy, and many great accomplishments. You did well Bill! Ted Leipprandt*

Ted Leipprandt - February 19, 2020 at 05:13 PM



“ *So sorry, we will all miss him, please accept our prayers and condolences.*

Jim and Florence Hatfield-Heussner

Jim Heussner - February 19, 2020 at 09:13 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. William "Bill" J. McQuillan.*



February 17, 2020 at 09:13 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. William "Bill" J. McQuillan.*



February 15, 2020 at 01:54 PM



“ *We lost a great friend and colleague that goes back to Michigan State days with lots of fun with Ann and Bill and also many fun times together with our families After retirement we enjoyed time with Bill and Marlene at our annual get together in Florida. We pray for peace for his family. Love you guys
Jim and Lois BOYDSTON*

lois Boydston - February 14, 2020 at 02:22 PM



“ *Bill and Marlene were always with me and my friends at my home in Stonebridge C.C. in Naples. He was our token gentleman and was the "life of the party." We all loved him and will miss his wonderful sense of humor. Carol Hoover*

Carol Hoover - February 13, 2020 at 05:50 PM

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“ Dr. McQuillan was a fine Veterinarian who cared for my "Buster" for a number of years. But most importantly, it was obvious that his greatest accomplishment in life was his family - and no higher honor can be bestowed than to be called "Dad." I knew Margaret very well and am acquainted with Bill. But it is readily apparent through the many, many photos shared via Facebook that family was everything to him...

My condolences to his entire family and to all those who knew him.

Steve Paine

DMHS Class of 1977

MSU Class of 1981

Pasadena, CA

spaine - February 12, 2020 at 11:00 PM

JG

“ I will cherish all the time I spent with Bill! His sweet smile, his laughter, his kindness, watching MSU basketball, playing hoss and truly enjoying his company! Love you Bill!

janet Gallagher - February 12, 2020 at 09:45 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Dr. William "Bill" J. McQuillan.



February 12, 2020 at 09:28 PM

AS

“ I have so many beautiful memories of Dr. Mcquillan throughout the years since Optometry school. We all lived together in the beautiful home Dr. Mcquillan owned in big rapids. Myself, Amy, Kris and Margie we found true life long friendship during our grad school years and they are my sisters to this day! The friendship and special moments extended to our families as we gathered again at Dr. McQuillan’s cottage every summer. Our children and husbands all gathered at the cottage and we all shared moments around the campfire and listening to his stories about his family and his years as a veterinarian.....I am so grateful for our time together and his stories that still fill my heart and bring a smile.

Ann Spadafora - February 12, 2020 at 08:54 PM



So sweet, Ann. Thanks for sharing these wonderful memories that I also cherish. With love, Amy and the McQuillan Family

Amy Lay - February 12, 2020 at 09:24 PM

BM

“ I will always remember Bill for his great stories that he would share about his veterinarian experiences and his family. We laughed often until our stomach’s hurt! I also have many fond memories of sharing a meal and playing cards. He was patient as I learned Euchre and Has. It was always fun to get the quarters out and play 99. He had a big heart and tender love for his family. It showed in the things he said and did. Heaven’s gain. I will miss him.

Brenda Mierow - February 12, 2020 at 07:57 PM