



John Richard McDermott

May 18, 1928 - September 17, 2013

John Richard McDermott, 85, of Charlotte, died Tuesday, September 17, 2013.

Richard, as he was more commonly called, was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on May 18, 1928, the Irish-American son of Walter and Germaine (nee Mitchell) McDermott. He grew up in Milwaukee and on April 15, 1949, he married Beverly Pelland at St Boniface Catholic Church. Richard was a talented sales professional, and his career took him to Kentucky and Indiana before he and his family settled in Charlotte in 1970. A testament to his energy and work ethic, Richard worked a route of Charlotte Observer newspaper boxes for 23 years before retiring from it just a couple of years ago at the age of 83.

Richard enjoyed many things in life. While living in Kentucky, he added an interest in horse racing to his many other interests. While outdoors, he enjoyed gardening, flowers, and was known for the beautiful tomatoes that he could coax from the soil. When he was indoors, he enjoyed reading, art, and music. Most of all, Richard loved his family and friends. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him for the hard working, passionate, and outspoken family man, husband, father, and friend that he was.

Richard is survived by:

The love of his life, Beverly, his wife of 64 years,

Five children:

Michael John McDermott of King, NC

Shaun Thomas (and wife, Kathy) McDermott of Charlotte, NC

Kathleen Mary (and husband, Richard) Hess of Walkertown, NC

Brian Patrick (and wife, Julie) McDermott of Concord, NC

Mary Margaret McDermott of Charlotte, NC

Six grandchildren:

Blair McDermott

Erin McDermott

Jonathan (and wife Bridget) McDermott

Kelly McDermott

Lauren McDermott

Abby McDermott

One brother, Thomas (and wife, Joan) McDermott

Richard is further survived by numerous nieces, nephews, a great grandchild due in November; two favored four-legged "children", 'Stanley' the cat and 'Happy' the dog which he gave to his daughter, Mary; and many friends.

The family has given the privilege of serving them and Richard to the family of Lowe-Neddo Funeral Home, 4715 Margaret Wallace Road, Matthews, NC, 28105. In memory and celebration of the blessing that was their husband, father, and grandfather, Richard's family invites you to join them on Saturday, September 21, for a memorial service at 1:00 pm in the funeral home chapel. All are invited to participate and share as Mr. Michael Neddo leads the Celebration of Life Service. Prior to the service, the family will receive guests

at the funeral home for one hour. All will conclude at the funeral home. Further details and the opportunity to share in Richard's life may be found in his online memorial at www.LoweNeddoFuneralHome.com or by calling 704-545-3553.

In honor of the loving care shown Richard during these last days, the family would gratefully appreciate memorials to Hospice and Palliative Care, Harris Hospice, PO Box 33549, Charlotte, NC 28233, or online at <http://www.presbyterian.org/Home/Services/HospicePalliativeCare/Hospice/HarrisHospiceUnit.aspx>

Finally, the family would like to extend a sincere thank you to all who have helped or will be helping in any way during this difficult time. Your thoughts, prayers, and acts of kindness are deeply appreciated.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 21. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *John Richard McDermott*

October 05, 2023 at 07:26 AM



“ *John Richard McDermott*

October 24, 2022 at 08:52 PM

KH

“ DAD

YOU WERE THERE

-to push me off on my 1st successful 2-wheel bike ride (crashed terribly later and you carried me home)

-at my Confirmation

-to take me to horse races and let me stand where the horses entered the track

-to carry me & drive me to the doctor in the nick of time for a bee sting reaction

-to take me weekly for bee sting resistant shots for 2 years

-when you asked me to debut lingerie for your show at Belk-ugh, embarrassing...,

later, bathing suits and finally-real clothing

-for my first dance in public and Shirley Temples

-for my first concert, "Donovan" in Raleigh

-to get me to my orthodontist appointments

-to give me my first and only haircut given outside of a salon...

-for my graduation

-and found me my first car, 1964 Buick LeSabre and I ended up loving it!

-for my wedding and you have loved Richard as your own

-to rescue me when stung by a bee in Matthews and had a police escort-was not sure we would live through the ride:-)

-for all the wonderful Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve family gatherings-love all the memories!

-moving into your own house after 30 years in an apartment-Joy!

-for past beach and more currently mountain trips

-for a great memory traveling to Louisville for the Breeders Cup

-to share all your produce and flowers with so many

-to share your life with so many wonderful animals with 100 percent "LOVE" in return

-cherishing each day and making the most of each moment

These are just some of the things I will always treasure and I am proud to have a Dad that is a large part of who I have become.

Kathleen

Kathleen Hess - October 09, 2013 at 01:25 PM

BM

“ *Those we Love remain with us,
for Love itself lives on.
Cherished memories never fade,
because a loved one is gone.
Those we Love can never be,
more than a thought apart.
For as long as there is a memory,
they'll live on in our heart.*

Brian, Julie, Lauren & Abby McDermott - October 04, 2013 at 11:49 AM

MB

“ *Mary Blake lit a candle in memory of John
Richard McDermott*



Mary Blake - September 26, 2013 at 09:22 AM

WR

“ *Mr. McDermott was charming and gracious to all whose lives he
touched. He held his family close to his heart and will be greatly
missed.*

Wendy Yudell Rose - September 22, 2013 at 10:08 PM

KC

“ *Kathleen McDermott Connor lit a candle in
memory of John Richard McDermott*



Kathleen McDermott Connor - September 22, 2013 at 02:28 PM

KC

Never knew or saw two brothers who looked so much alike! My Dad, and my Uncle Dick

Kathleen McDermott Connor - September 22, 2013 at 02:30 PM

CO

“ *Carolina Region office purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of John Richard McDermott.*



Carolina Region office - September 20, 2013 at 11:05 PM

“ MEMORIES WITH MY BROTHER

Our time as young boys....

We were not much more than babes when we were taken to Grandma and Grandpa's to live! I was about one and the old guy, Dick was two years and nine months old. Our mother had been taken to Wales TB Sanitarium. Everyone thought how terrible it was for us - Dick & I, our mom & dad and other relatives to have this happen but no one ever had a better home than Dick and I!

We moved in with Grandma and Grandpa during the Depression and six of their adult children had already moved back into their home - Terrence, Miles, Evelyn, Gladys and Mildred - plus Great Aunt Maude and her daughter Phyllis. Grandma and Grandpa were saints. Dick and I had a wonderful life and so much fun with this big loving family. Never could understand how they could put up with us. We were spoiled and a couple of real brats. Dick and I were best of friends and still we fought like hell over anything. Our playground was the woods behind Grandma and Grandpa's house which ran down to the Menomonee river. We were real cowboys and Indians. We had a tree house that the big boys had built and we learned to swim at Bare Ass Beach on the river. Dick and I have often said what wonderful days those were.

We seldom saw our mother because the san. was pretty far away. When we did go to visit we had to stand outside on the lawn and wave while she stayed in an enclosed porch. I remember our Grandma saying " I am not your mother. Your mother is Germaine at the san." So for years we called our mother "Mama Germaine" and our grandma "Mama".

We were once in a bad car accident when we had to pick up grandpa at the the train station in Milwaukee. It was raining like hell and we came down a hill and hit a horse that a farmer had tied to the back of his wagon. No one saw the horse in the driving rain. Dick and I got the worst of it. All the windows of the Model A shattered and became shrapnel. We had cuts all over our hands and faces and I ended up with a skull fracture. When Dick

graduated from Rufus King High School, Milwaukee was hit with quite a snow storm, eighteen inches of snow that shut down Milwaukee for a week. I remember my father and mother and I trying to get to Rufus King to see Dick graduate but all the street cars and busses had come to a stop. We never did make it to his graduation. There is so much more to tell but as I get older it takes so much so much more time to tell. Dick and I could fight like hell but we were Irish brothers who stood together against anything or anybody.

God Bless Dick and God Bless Beverly & Family.

With Much Love, Tom and Joan & Family.

Erin Lillich - September 20, 2013 at 12:11 PM

KC

“ *I remeber Mr. McDermott always smiling, always being observant. Years ago(35) I was invited to the family Easter dinner that Bev had prepared; a beautiful table, elegant dishes , lenin table cloths, and the whole family, most of whom I did not know. It felt like it was a formal event and I was being very proper..tryiing to be quiet. At dinner, Mr McDermott picked up a biscuit and threw it across the table, hitting me in the head,,,saying "loosen up". What a great thing to do. I think that says something about his ability to see through people and make them feel a part of the group. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. I wish you God's Peace.*

Karen Renckens Clanton

karen clanton - September 19, 2013 at 09:21 PM

AB

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Abby - September 19, 2013 at 08:54 PM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Abby - September 19, 2013 at 08:53 PM

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“ 3 files added to the album Memories Album



Abby Mcdermott - September 19, 2013 at 08:52 PM

Anny Ainscough

“ Anny Ainscough lit a candle in memory of John Richard McDermott



Anny Ainscough - September 19, 2013 at 11:25 AM

PA

“ *Keep the memories close to your heart. We will keep you all in our thoughts and prayers. Pamela Albertson (sister of Julie McDermott).*

PAMELA ALBERTSON - September 19, 2013 at 11:23 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Lowe-Neddo Funeral Home - September 18, 2013 at 04:28 PM