



Robert J. McElhannon Jr.

October 25, 1925 - September 21, 2004

Robert J. McElhannon, Jr., 78, of Big Bend, New York died Tuesday, September 21, 2004 at home.

Robert was born October 25, 1925 in North Carolina, the son of Robert J. and Helen (Chapman) McElhannon. He retired from Syracuse Herald Journal as a distributor in 1987 after over 30 years. He formerly worked at General Motors, Brown Lipe Chapin and was the owner/operator of Big Bend Service. He played on the Senior Softball Over 75 league with the "Big Bend Seniors". The team advanced to and won the World Series played in Canton, Michigan in 2000. He was a Navy veteran of World War II and served with Company UDT Team 19.

Robert is survived by his wife of 56 years, Marian Quartier McElhannon; four sons, Robert (Judy) McElhannon of Pompey, New York, Rick McElhannon of China Grove, North Carolina, Jamie (Patsy) McElhannon of LaFayette, New York and Roger (Sharon) McElhannon of LaFayette, New York; one sister, Sylvia White of Liverpool, New York; 17 grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, numerous nieces & nephews.

Services: Saturday, September 25, 2004, 11:00 a.m. at Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home, Inc., LaFayette, New York with Father Michael Minehan and Father John Kurgan officiating.

Burial: LaFayette Rural Cemetery, Route 11, LaFayette, New York.

Calling Hours: Friday, September 24, 2004, 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. at the funeral home, 2584 Field Lane.

Contributions: Hospice Of Central New York, 990 Seventh North Street, Liverpool, New York 13088 or LaFayette Fire Department, Route 11, LaFayette, New York 13084.

Tribute Wall



“ I'll never forget all of the times when I was young spent with Max (and Marian!) when I came out to visit my Mom (Carol Blum) and Benny. I always looked forward to the weekends when I could come to LaFayette for a visit. LaFayette has a lot of exceptional citizens and Max was no exception by any means. I remember all the times that he came to plow my driveway during heavy snow storms and how grateful I was that he showed up! He was such a thoughtful and caring man and I will NEVER forget him!!! My thoughts and prayers are with Marian, and all of you (Bobby, Jamie, Ricky and Roger, and your families too). Take care.

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“ Missing your presence will not be easy. Your smile,laughter and stories will always be my fondest memories.You will remain forever in my heart.

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“ I was very sad to hear of the passing of RJ. My thoughts and prayers are with each and every one of the McElhannon family members. It has been a long time, but I have so many fond memories of bowling against RJ and Bob,Rick,Jamie, and Roger, and then we were teammates.Great times I'll never forget. I still remember RJ coming down to the ice cream stand when our family ran the business, thursday nights if I remember, with family members and RJ would be driving the old Lincoln.My thoughts are with all of you and your families. Tim Hannafan

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“ *I will always remember the great times we shared. I miss you grandpa.*

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“ *To the McElhannon Family, I am so sorry for your loss. Grandpa Mac was a wonderful man who will be missed by everyone who had the privilege of knowing him. I will never forget the many years of 'Old Timers' games. We never did beat the men when Grandpa was on the team! My Prayers are with your family. ~Kate Doupe*

September 22, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ *To the McELhannon Family, Some of my earliest memories including stopping by Big Bend as a kid in the family car and seeing the Red Star Texico man! Mr Mac was a great man, whom I've admired all my life and will greatly miss. God Bless each and everyone of you- Brad & Sandy*

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