



## William F. McKeen

August 16, 1928 - March 10, 2005

William F. McKeen, 76, of LaFayette, New York, died Thursday, March 10, 2005 at Community General Hospital, Onondaga Hill, New York.

William was born August 16, 1928 in Syracuse, New York, the son of William Charles and Agnes (Reilly) McKeen. He was a life resident of Central New York. He graduated from Onondaga Valley Academy in 1946 and from LeMoyne College in 1952. He was honored as a "Golden Dolphin" in 2002. He was an Army veteran of World War II. Bill retired from General Electric in 1988, after 32 years of service as a Quality Control Engineer in the Heavy Military Division. He was a communicant of St. James Church in Syracuse and had also been a Knight of Columbus. He was an avid golfer, and had been a charter member of the Nedrow Golf League for 53 years. He was a member of the Friday Morning Men's Senior League at Orchard Vali and a member of the G.E. Employees League at Camillus Country Club for several years.

Bill is survived by his wife of 51 years, Barbara Sayles McKeen; two sons and daughter-in-law, William M. "Bill" McKeen of Mattydale, New York and Michael J. and Shelly McKeen of Syracuse, New York; daughter and son-on-law, Kathleen and Jon Whipple of Chittenango, New York; brother and sister-in-law, Charles and Ellen of Fredericksburg, Virginia; sister and brother-in-law, Susan and Richard Likon of Orlando, Florida; granddaughters, Meghan

McKeen, Sarah and Lauren Whipple; several nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was predeceased by his sister, Shirley McKeen.

Services: Tuesday, March 15, 2005, 11:00 a.m. in St. James Church 4845 S. Salina Street, Syracuse where a Mass of Christian Burial will be Celebrated.

Burial: Onondaga Valley Cemetery, 2500 Valley Drive, Syracuse, New York.

Calling Hours: Monday, March 14, 2005, 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. at Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home, 4612 S. Salina Street, Syracuse, New York.

Contributions: Francis House, 108 Michaels Avenue, Syracuse, New York 13208 or St. James School, 4837 S. Salina Street, Syracuse, New York 13205.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of William F. McKeen*



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**Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home** - March 10, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ *I never met a man that walked with such integrity in his life. His truth, kindness, love of family and faith in his God were always prevalent when you were around him. I would get a kick out of his passion for golf and Orangemen Sports. I would look forward seeing him every March in Orlando and share this passion during Bay Hill and March Madness. Sorry I missed you this year Uncle Bill, I know you got a better place and better seat to watch these events.*

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“ *I cannot recall a memory of Uncle Bill in which he is not smiling. His happiness and genuine love of life and people was infectious. Bill always made you feel that you were important, and that your thoughts and ideas really mattered to him. He was a great listener, and therefore a great teacher. I believe that he taught peace, serenity, and the ability to be happy with life, as it unfolds, changing things which one can, accepting things one cannot. I deeply miss and will always remember my Uncle Bill.*

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*“ I know that in my lifetime I will never meet another person who embodies all that is good and right in the world like my Uncle Bill. Even a moment in his presence was a true gift. Kind, funny and gentle of nature, Uncle Bill was not only my favorite uncle, but one of my favorite people. I was so honored to have him in my life. I know his smile continues to shine on all of us who were lucky enough to know him. God bless Aunt Barb, Billy, Kathy and Mike and I thank each of you for loving him so well. He will forever be in my heart. I love you Uncle Bill. Be at peace.*

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*“ Our sincerest sympathies to all of you. We will keep you in our prayers. Rick & Mary Storrier*

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March 13, 2005 at 12:00 AM



*“ Michael, We have such fond memories of your dad. Your father was a special person, and you so lucky to have shared such a special relationship. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Shelly and Meg.*

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*“ My thoughts and prayers are with you and yours as you enter eternal life.*

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*“ Michael, just a wish of comfort and strength for you and your family on the loss of your father. Ken*

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“ He was and is my favorite Uncle -always happy to see us & interested in what we were doing. Funny,fun,smart and loving. Gods' got a good one by his side and we will miss him forever.

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“ Bill was a good friend and fellow golfer though many years. He was unfailingly cheerful and a pleasure to know . I spoke to him a couple months ago at the GE retirees luncheon and he was as always. A shock to see the obit today. I will miss him. Charles

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“ Bill was much repected, a tough match, and fun to play golf with. This is a terrible loss, he will be missed. The deeper the pain, the greater the love. My deepest regards to his family and friends. from a past teammate and friend.

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“ It's been quite a while since Bill played in the Wednesday night league at Orchard Vali. He was a good golfer and a great pleasure to be with. He will be greatly missed.God bless him and his family.

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