



Garnet L. McLean

August 11, 1929 - April 20, 2016

Garnet L. McLean Summerville, SC

Garnet L. McLean passed away peacefully into the arms of Jesus on April 20, 2016. He has gone ahead to prepare a home in heaven for his loving family as he did all his life time here on earth.

He was born on August 11, 1929 to Helen Seeley McLean and Hector L. McLean in Bishop Mills, Ontario Canada. Graduated high school in Oswego, NY and attended RIT in Rochester, NY. Always full of energy and laughter but eager to succeed in life, he worked hard beginning with delivering the Pall Times newspaper on his bicycle, working hot summers on the onion muck farms, McPhails Chocolate Factory, a fireman on the coal freighter, The Fontana, that sailed on the great lakes, carrying coal from Sodus, NY to the pier station in Oswego, NY. He served his country in the naval militia. In the 50's he started work at the Western Union Telegraph Company in Syracuse, NY climbing poles to install and maintain the above ground equipment. He soon became manager of the Rochester, NY office. When modernization took over that aspect of the company he became part of the Xerox Tech System and went on to head a technical team in Mahwah, NJ.

He married his childhood sweetheart Jane France on November 23, 1950, during the great Atlantic storm that occurred that same day. He built a house with his own hands for his family on East River Road. During his career moves they lived in Ontario, NY, Rochester, NY, Spring Valley, NY, Brooksville, FL, Brunswick, GA, Vestavia Hills, AL and Summerville, SC.

A kind, quiet, and gentle man he loved his family, his dogs, politics, football, just puttering around and gardening. He was an expert in fixing any item that wasn't running or redoing something already running to make it more useable. He had a passion for reading, especially history and could recall immediately memorable events and little known facts that occurred almost like he had been there himself in another lifetime.

He leaves us reluctantly to better watch over his family, his wife and best friend, Jane, son Daniel and his wife Patricia of Naperville, IL, two daughters, Marlene Dunn and her husband Richard of Summerville, SC and Michelle Caldero and her husband Luis of Glassboro, NJ, grandchildren, Heather Glick and husband Tim of Charleston, SC, Rick Dunn of Charleston, SC, Sarah Fung and husband Paul of Iowa Park, TX, Matthew Rogers of Vista, CA, great grandsons, Joseph and Andrew Glick of Charleston, SC and Casey Fung of Iowa Park, TX, sister, Mary Smith of Knoxville, TN and sister in law and her husband Dorothy and Donald Keifer of Stuart, FL.

If you could see me now, standing straight and tall, the pain is gone, I am whole again, healed from earthly woes. "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness which the Lord, will award me." II Timothy.

Thanks to Marlena and the staff at Agape Hospice who helped make his passing a little easier.

If you wish to honor his memory....just be kind to all God's children and the animals that look to us for their wellbeing.

To Cherish: To hold dear, to treasure, to adore, to value, to keep in loving memories.

A memorial message may be written to the family by visiting our website at www.jamesadyal.com.

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Tribute Wall



“ *Garnet L. McLean*

September 29, 2022 at 10:11 AM



“ *To the family, thank you for allowing me to take care of your loved one at such a delicate time in his life. I didn't get to know Mr. Garnet for too long, but I did enjoy the conversations we had in that short time. I will always remember one of the first things he told me....ABC. Take care of yourselves. Your Agape family is here if you need us. ~ Marlena*

May 06, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *I am so proud that you are my dad. A father is there just for the conception. But a dad is there for all the struggles, the teaching and the guiding the hard parts. You taught me so much about what it really means to be a man and lead a good life. You taught me not by telling me, but by demonstrating it in the way you lived. The courage you showed in the commitment, sacrifice, patience and love you gave selflessly to your family and those around you set the highest of standards for how to live the right kind of life. I try hard every day to live up to your example. There is a hole in my life now where we used to argue daily about politics and the state of the world. Your encyclopedic knowledge of history, your innate desire to learn and your creativity were more than a match for my academic schooling education that you always insisted be a priority for me. And for your wisdom on that, I am forever grateful. You are deeply missed. I love you very much. Dan*

Garnet McLean - April 27, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Will miss you and love you always Dad.*

Michelle - April 26, 2016 at 12:00 AM