



Nelson "Nels" MacCallum

December 15, 1929 - February 1, 2017

Penfield/Rochester: February 1, 2017. Nelson passed away peacefully attended by family and friends at Rochester General Hospital. He was predeceased by mother, Mary (Nelson); father, Lachlan MacCallum; brother, John; son, Kyle. Nels is survived by loving wife, Audrey (Shockow) MacCallum; daughter, Laurie MacCallum Rayner (David); four grandsons, Corey Lawrence, Kaelan Rayner, Cameron MacCallum, Brenton Rayner; granddaughter, Mary Margaret (Maggie) MacCallum; several nieces and nephews.

Nelson grew up in Hastings-on-Hudson, NY where he was inducted into the Hastings High School Athletics Hall of Fame for baseball. With a BA degree (English) from Colgate University ('51), he was also an inductee to their athletics hall of fame. He was a Phi Delta Theta member and remained a devoted and active alumni. Nelson was a standout ballplayer at both Hastings and Colgate and, upon graduation, he signed a professional contract with the Detroit Tigers.

His baseball career was short-lived having to serve in Korea (1952-1953) as Sgt. First Class with three Bronze Service Stars. When he hung up his cleats, he enjoyed golf and tennis at Penfield Country Club and Midtown Tennis Club. Nelson never missed a sporting event played by his children or grandchildren.

After the war, he entered the insurance industry, first in NYC, and later moving to his adopted town of Rochester. He worked for the R.S Paviour & Son Agency, which later became Sedgwick. Throughout his career, he was considered a gentleman, valued colleague, and community leader having served on committees at the U of R, as President of Rochester General Hospital Foundation, and on the boards of the Hemophilia Foundation and Rochester YMCA.

Friends may call at the funeral chapel (2305 Monroe Ave.) Friday, February 17 from 1-2 PM with a Memorial Service to follow at 2 PM. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions be made to Rochester General Hospital Foundation, Attention: Katie Bresnan, 100 Kings Highway South, Suite 2300, Rochester 14617.

Events

FEB 17 **Visitation** 01:00PM - 02:00PM

Anthony Funeral Chapel, Brighton
2305 Monroe Ave., Rochester, NY, US, 14618

FEB 17 **Memorial Service** 02:00PM - 03:00PM

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Comments



“ My parents, Bob and Marilyn Courtney, are schoolmates of Nels from Hastings-on-Hudson High School, and they just heard from another schoolmate, Sue Lindemann Staropoli, of his passing. Dad was on the football team with Nels as quarterback when they had an undefeated season in 1949. They remember what a positive and admirable person he was as well as an excellent athlete. My Dad recalls saying to Nels that he should be able to play quarterback at college, to which Nels replied "I'm not going to college to play football, I'm going to get an education." Leaving school one Friday afternoon, my Dad grumbled about having to write a 500 word essay over the weekend, and Nels said he had already finished his in study hall :)
I would like to extend heartfelt condolences on their behalf. We are very sorry to hear of his passing and hope that happy memories can help you get through this difficult time. My parents are certainly looking back with fondness at their high school days with Nels.

Holly O'Connor - March 02 at 12:37 PM



“ Nelson was one of the first people I got to know when I came to medical school in Rochester in 1960. I needed insurance on my microscope and he took care of me. Over the years, we kept on touch and I got to know his wonderful family. If the whole world were as decent and caring as Nelson MacCallum, it would be a much better place. Larry Nazarian

Lawrence Nazarian - February 17 at 11:44 AM



“ Audrey, we are so saddened on reading of Nels' passing. Irene first met him on Pelican Beach. She was walking Ginger and Duncan had him in tow. We shared Goldens, Seabrook, tennis in Rochester, and golf. Wonderful person. Sorry we are not in Rochester to share the memories in person.

George and Irene Haskins - February 16 at 07:19 AM



“ My heart is saddened to hear of Nel's passing. I worked in the insurance industry many years ago and Nels was one of the "professionals" whom I had the pleasure of working with. He was a gentlemen's gentleman and so highly respected in the insurance industry. My sincere and heartfelt condolences go out to his family....
Paul Sugar

Paul Sugar - February 16 at 06:11 AM