



Billy James McKnight

March 8, 1925 - March 8, 2015

Billy James McKnight , 89, of Oak Hill, WV died on Sunday, March 08, 2015 at CAMC - Memorial Division in Charleston, WV.

Born August 08, 1925 at Coal Grove, OH he was the son of the late William and Hazel Holliday McKnight.

After graduating from Logan High School, Bill joined the U.S. Air Force, Aviation Cadets in 1943. After his military service he played professional baseball for the New York Yankees farm system.

Mr. McKnight was the retired co-owner of the Fayette Tribune, Montgomery Herald and Meadow River Post newspapers.

Always an avid outdoorsman and golfer, he held many records at White Oak Country Club and was club champion both at White Oak and in Florida where he and Margaret retired.

He was a member of the Oak Hill United Methodist Church, a Mason, a Kentucky Colonel, past member of the Oak Hill Civitan and enjoyed being a member of the Plateau Club.

Bill was married to his high school sweetheart Margaret Glazier McKnight for 56 1/2 years. She preceded him in death. on August 21, 2005.

He leaves behind his loving and devoted daughter Susan Woods and husband, John of Oak Hill; sister, Dorothy Steele of Knoxville, TN; brothers-in-law, Donald Glazier of South Charleston and Jack Glazier of Rochester, NY and Naples, FL; and a special cousin, Judge James O. Holliday of Hurricane.

Also surviving are nieces, Becky, Pam, Pat and Kim all of Knoxville, TN and Kim and Pam of Charleston and his special angel, Rosie Corley of Oak Hill.

In keeping with his wishes Mr. McKnight was cremated. A memorial service will be on Wednesday, March 11, 2015 at 11:00 A.M. at the Oak Hill United Methodist Church in Oak Hill. with Dr. Charles Miller, Dr. Sharon Miller and Rev. Roy Gene Crist officiating Friends may call one hour prior to the service on Wednesday at the church. His cremains will be interred at High Lawn Memorial Park in Oak Hill.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorial contributions be made to the Fayette Plateau Ministerial Association Food Pantry, 250 East Main Street, Oak Hill WV 25901

Online condolences may be sent at www.tyreefuneralhome.com

Arrangements by Tyree Funeral Home, Oak Hill, WV

Cemetery

High Lawn Memorial Park
1435 East Main Street
Oak Hill, WV, 25901

Events

MAR 11 Visitation 10:00AM - 11:00AM
Oak Hill United Methodist Church
250 East Main Street, Oak Hill, WV, US

MAR 11 Service 11:00AM
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Comments



“ Your father was one of a kind. Such a great man.
Robin Aide Preston

Robin Aide Preston - March 24 at 06:33 PM



“ Sorry for your loss Susan and John. Bill McKnight was a very positive influence in my younger years. He provided a means to earn some spending money: during the summer as one of his caddies @ WOCC and during the summer AND winter as a helper in delivering the The Montgomery Herald on Wednesday evenings to the paper boys up & down the Upper Kanawha Valley. I recall he allowed the paper boys to keep all their collections as Christmas Gifts during the month of December. There was a drive-in restaurant in Gauley Bridge similar to Garcia's custard stand in Oak Hill where he would stop & order a green pepper/tomato sauce concoction to be picked up on our way back from delivering papers up river, our last stop for the evening. It was served in a ~12 oz Styrofoam cup/fork. So Delicious. Billy J. was a winner and people love a winner.

Jerry Davis - March 11 at 10:47 AM



“ Susan and John,

My sincere condolences on your loss. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Denise Kerby

Denise Kerby - March 10 at 05:39 PM



“ You would have to look long and hard to find a better man than Mr. McKnight. Susan and John, I am so sorry for your loss.

Merry Hanning - March 10 at 02:20 PM



“ Susan: So sorry for your loss you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Janie Bowling - March 10 at 01:36 PM



“ Susan: so very sorry to hear of Mr. McKnight's death. I will never forget how good he was to Mom and me when we worked for the newspaper. He and your Mom were very special to Mom and me. You are in my prayers and thoughts.

Rosella Carte Trail - March 10 at 11:12 AM



“ Susan remember your dad so well when I worked for him at the Tribune. He was always sure the job got done right. Also remember how good he was to mom as she worked for him many years. Sorry for your loss.

Betty Carte Bailes

Betty Bailes - March 10 at 08:46 AM



“ So sorry for your loss, Susan. You and John are in my prayers.

Becky Clark

Rebecca Clark - March 11 at 09:39 AM



“ Susan and John, you are in my Thoughts and Prayers.

Dixie Kincaid - March 11 at 09:40 AM



“ Susan and John, I am so sorry for your loss. I remember your dad as a very kind and sweet man. I got to know him and your mom when I worked at Lochghelly Post Office. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Ellen Eads

Ellen Eads - March 17 at 03:11 PM