



## Robert L. McKenna

November 30, 2015

### Obituary of Robert McKenna

Robert Lawrence McKenna passed away on Monday, November 30, 2015. "Bob" was a Brooklyn guy at heart (Sheepshead Bay specifically), even though he thoroughly enjoyed his last decade or so living in Clearwater and The Villages, Florida. The son of a New York City police officer, Bob was a long-time Metropolitan Life employee retiring as a senior executive. Following retirement he filled in spare hours as a bar tender and working for HR Block filing taxes.

Bob loved the outdoors, travel, sports in general, golf in particular, driving in the car for long car rides and visiting family and friends ....He was a ham-radio operator back in the day, he served his country as part of the Air Force reserves, played darts in pubs, loved tinkering with consumer electronics, built his family a "heath-kit" television from scratch way back in 1975 and enjoyed seeing the American Southwest, especially places like New Mexico and Arizona. He even ventured up north for trekking in Alaska and jumped across the globe to Africa for enjoy some adventurous safaris and scuba diving. He loved watching the Premier League (especially the Arsenal Gunners) on TV. He coached all his kids at one point or another on their youth soccer teams...

He was a Catholic deeply grounded in faith and strong morals (he inherited this from his father, who he described "as a man of the utmost integrity"). He attended St. Augustine's High School, graduated from Baruch College in New York City. Some may say that faith is what gave him his much-needed edge in his Pickleball game - a sport he loved to participate in to stay healthy and socialize.

He'll be remembered for his kindness and compassion to others, his wisdom, his Brooklyn "regional dialect", his sense of humor and for one of his favorite aphorisms, "Good luck, bad luck, who knows"...he was a philosopher (in his own mind), a loyal son, a dedicated father, loving husband, uncle, cousin and friend. We'll miss him terribly but we will draw comfort from the fact that he'll be joining many of his loved ones in heaven.

Bob is survived by his wife Linda, his siblings, Patricia McKenna, NY, Janet Olson, KY, Tom McKenna, FL, Marianne (Jim) Sherry, FL, and Liz (Kurt Gruber) McKenna, MD, his children Diane (Jerry) Ayres, NY, James (Veronica) McKenna, MD, Lori (Joe) Chirco, NY, Mike (Michelle) McKenna VA, his step children, Cindy Rozzi and Kristy LePage, his grandchildren, and many cousins and loving friends.

A Memorial Service will be held on Wednesday, December 9, 2015, 10 a.m. at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Wildwood. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Cornerstone Hospice, 601 Casa Bella, The Villages, FL 32162.

Online condolences may be left at [www.beyersfuneralhome.com](http://www.beyersfuneralhome.com) arrangements entrusted to Beyers Funeral Home and Crematory, Lady Lake, FL

# Tribute Wall

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“ WE ARE SORRY FOR YOUR GREAT LOSS. WE HAVE GOOD MEMORIES OF YOUR DAD WHEN HE AND HIS FAMILY LIVED IN MASSAPEQUA, L.I. AND WE FEEL YOUR LOSS. WE ARE SURE HE IS HAPPY NOW IN HE ARMS OF OUR LORD AND GOD IN HEAVEN, A BETTER PLACE.

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**MR.MRS VINCENT CASTELLO** - December 06, 2015 at 12:00 AM

WF

“ Condolences to the McKenna family. May Jehovah the "God of Comfort" bring you comfort and peace at this difficult time (2 Corinthians 1:3 & 4). Your family are in our prayers.

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**Williams Family** - December 06, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ We feel blessed to have known Bob for some 40 years and to have become very close to Bob and Linda these last seven years. He was a good friend, pickleball tournament partner, and travel buddy. We will truly miss him.

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**Don & Cathy Krauss** - December 04, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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**Tracy, Pat, Maya, Tessa** - December 04, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ So very sorry to hear your dad has passed away Jim. It was really nice to read about him and discover what a full and rich life he has led and what a wonderful person he was. It's easy to see some of the ways he influenced you in your own life - soccer, travel and well liked by all. Sounds like you! My heartfelt condolences to you, Veronica and little Maya and to all his/your relatives. Your dad will live on in your hearts and in the stories about him you'll enjoy telling Maya! Love, Tracy

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**Tracy, Pat, Maya, Tessa** - December 04, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ My good friend, in the short time we met and got to know each other, I felt we developed a very strong friendship. We seem to have many similar ways and likes, especially when it came to celebrating holidays or just celebrating. On Cinco de Mayo we were Mexicans and on St Pat's day I became O'bertuzzi, (You were already Irish), and whenever we got together we always enjoyed a couple. My friend, thank you for being my friend and for all the good times we shared, I will miss you. Linda, Bob's children, grandchildren and family, my deepest condolences. He was special in my life and he was a good man.

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**Guy** - December 04, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ *So sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers*

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