



Thomas Martin McKenna

November 25, 1943 - June 8, 2023

Thomas Martin McKenna, 79, of Festus died June 8, 2023, at Mercy Jefferson. Mr. McKenna was a well-loved educator at a variety of grade schools and, after his retirement, served as a volunteer at Mercy Jefferson Hospital. He was an avid reader, lover of trains, and enjoyed time spent with family and his wife of 56 years.

Born November 25, 1943, in St. Louis, he was the son of the late Charles and Caroline (Talleur) McKenna.

He is survived by Mimi (Holtgrewe) McKenna of Festus; three daughters: Betsy (Gary) Stefan, Amy McKenna-Jones, and Meg Gundlach; one sister Carol Braun; five grandchildren: Kate (Matt) Nahlik, Emily Stefan, Maddie Gundlach, Luke Gundlach, and Caroline Jones; two great-grandchildren: Lucy and Nora Nahlik; and many other family and friends.

He was preceded in death by both parents; two siblings: Mary and Charlie; and two sons-in-laws Tom Jones and Cliff Gundlach.

Visitation-Friday June 16, 2023, from 4 to 7pm at Robert D. Brown Funeral Home, Hillsboro, Missouri.

Funeral Service-7pm in the funeral home chapel.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in honor of Tom to St. Jude's Children's Research

Tribute Wall



“ *Chapel Hill Mortuary, Funeral Homes & Cemeteries created a Tribute Video in memory of Thomas Martin McKenna*



Chapel Hill Mortuary - June 08, 2023 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ *Mimi, Betsy, Amy and Meg*

I am so sorry for your loss. I extend my deepest sympathy and will keep you all in my thoughts and prayers

May Tom Rest In Peace

Best

Aloysius and Artemis Pomphrey Reiter

Aloysius Reiter - June 16, 2023 at 09:58 PM

FB

“ over the years since 2004 I had the luxury of having the best spiritual advisor and director. Tom was an earthly angel who loved his volunteer work at the Regional Medical Center that I ha the luxury of visiting with him. The hospital chapel has remained special for many reasons. Tom bore his own health issues o he was not immune from understanding pain and suffering and understood the suffering of those he came in touch with. Tom's new home in the heavenly realm will offer all of the best contact to intercede for us. He always shared such loving sentiments about his wife and family members. For those of us that received his daily inspirations will miss them and the nourishment they provided. Bill crof

Fr. Bill - June 16, 2023 at 05:28 AM

AR

“ My deepest sympathy to Tom's family. I would encounter Mr. McKenna when I was a coworker at Mercy Hospital Jefferson, and he was an extremely kind and compassionate man to all he encountered. May he rest in peace and may God's loving grace be with each of you.

Amy Schwent MSN, RNC - June 15, 2023 at 03:01 PM

DB

“ I was in total shock when I read Tom had passed. My prayers to the family. He was definitely one of the nicest people I knew. A true gentleman in every since of the word. I know he is now resting in the arms of Jesus, our Savior. Tom you will be missed by many who knew you.

Darla Boyer - June 14, 2023 at 03:32 AM

KS

“ We were shocked when I read the message from Amy telling us of Tom's passing. I will put Mimi and family in our prayers. Amy, we love you and miss you. We will be there Friday.

Kathie Kleinschrodt (Amys sister-in-law) - June 13, 2023 at 07:13 PM

CH

“ We send you prayers for peace and courage. Mr. McKenna was the most intelligent, sage, and considerate man that I have ever known. He was a lifelong friend, mentor, counselor, and teacher. He gave so much of himself and his time to help others. He had such a presence, calmness, unwavering faith, fierce intellect, and continued presence in my life, that I'd never considered there would be a day when he was gone.

I will miss my friend, teacher, and advisor; his wit and wisdom in conversation, his daily messages, facts and sage advice so much. I cannot imagine the void left by his passing in the family. He loved you all so much and was so interested and proud of each and every one of you.

Tom was a true polymath who never thought he was superior to others, or that he had outgrown God, instead his studies drew him closer to our Lord. He is now learning from our Allknowing Father. Imagine the mysteries he has solved, the questions that have been answered, and what new and wonderous things he is building in Heaven.

God Bless you all, and rest in peace Mr. McKenna.

Christopher - June 13, 2023 at 03:33 PM

FC

“ I am so very sorry for your loss. Bishop Tom was a kind and gentle man - the kind of person I aspire to be.
May he rest in peace in the loving arms of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Fr. Joe Schooler, O.C. Carm. - June 12, 2023 at 11:59 PM

MJ

“ Mary, Terry, Janet and John has purchased Loving Embrace for Thomas McKenna



Mary, Terry, Janet and John - June 12, 2023 at 05:17 PM

KH

“ Karen Mark Kris Michele Hannah has purchased Blooming Sympathy Garden for Thomas McKenna



Karen Mark Kris Michele Hannah - June 12, 2023 at 02:01 AM

MT

“ I've known Tom since he was a teen. He was part of our extended family being the brother of Carol Braun, my uncle's wife. I am so very sorry that I could not attend the visitation. Tom has always been a compassionate and thoughtful person, even in his youth. His light continues to shine in Heaven. He will be missed here.

Mary E Thoenen - June 11, 2023 at 11:28 PM

ME

“ Sooo Sorry to hear. Wish I had known him better. May he Rest in Peace

Love

Michelle Talleur Edwards

Michelle Talleur Edwards - June 11, 2023 at 10:40 PM

MW

“ Tom was such a good man. He was a large influence on our joining Family of Christ Lutheran. He was always so welcoming and inquisitive. We always enjoyed his added input when he read scripture. We will miss him. God love and comfort you all. ❤️

Mark and Barb Waltz - June 11, 2023 at 02:54 PM

LR

“ So so sorry for your loss! You are such a special family! You are all in my prayers!!

Lore Robart - June 11, 2023 at 01:56 PM

CJ

“ Meg Maddie Luke and family so sorry to hear about your dad and grandpa. Your family is in our prayers.

Connie and Kevin Jung - June 11, 2023 at 01:59 AM