

ROBERT JAMES McBRIDE

January 21, 1936 - December 17, 2024

Bob passed away at his Penn Hills home, December 17, 2024 with his dog, T by his side. He was 88.

Against all odds Bob managed to be born on January 21, 1936 in Wilkesburg, PA to his beloved mother, Mildred (née Daniels) and father, Paul Hodges McBride. It was believed that Mildred couldn't have more children but Bob's arrival disproved that notion.

He was the youngest of three boys: Jack, Bill and Bob—now all deceased. The McBride family owned and operated the Edgewood Cleaning Co. in Swissvale, PA from the early 1900s until the 1990s. Most of the McBride grandchildren worked at the shop at one time or another. It was a unique way to get to know the eccentric family members and see them as business people. Customers would come into the shop and whisper: "I want to speak with the nice one," and that was Bob. (Sorry Billy and Jack!) It was true, Bob was so easy to talk to, he was often smiling and in good humor.

He proudly served in the US Army in the late 1950s and early 60s. He received excellent care in later years from services provided by the VA.

His surviving family include ex-wife Dolly McBride, Penn Hills; and their three children: Susan McBride (Michael Murphy, Rose Murphy) Asheville, NC; Robert Michael McBride (Nick, Jacob, Maya) Fort Worth, TX; Christine McBride (Amedea and partner Justin, Eugenia, Giulio Baldoni) Verona, PA. He leaves behind friends and neighbors who will miss his dry wit and kindness. T the dog has found a new home with one of Bob's caregivers, Susan from Comfort Keepers with thanks from our family.

When he was not working, Bob loved to be on or near water sailing his many boats. Well-read, well-traveled, he loved the great outdoors, ran many 5Ks and a marathon before his knees went. He loved old movies and especially the ending to: It's a Wonderful Life.

For old acquaintance be forgot
And never brought to mind
Should old acquaintance be forgot
For the sake of auld lang syne?

A celebration of Bob's life is planned for summer 2025 at Conneaut Lake, PA..

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