



## Richard Owen McNamara

May 7, 1940 - December 26, 2021

Richard (Rick) Owen McNamara, age 81, of Lansdowne, PA passed away on Sunday, December 26, 2021, at Beebe Healthcare, in Lewes, DE. He was born on May 7, 1940 in Pottsville, PA, son of the late John and Verna (Sims) McNamara.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sisters and brothers in law: Jean and Frank Baldino and Diane and J.W. Lloyd; and his partner of over 35 years, Marie Ritchie. He is survived by his ex-wife, Barbara Dunn and his two daughters: Karen McNamara and partner, Rebecca Della-Rodolfa and Lori Gallagher and her husband, Brian; his two grandchildren: Megan and Ryan; and his twin brother, Robert McNamara and his wife, Rose and his many nieces and nephews.

A graduate of Drexel University, Rick made his career as a mechanical engineer, working for various companies throughout his lifetime including PECO, General Electric, and Martin Marietta. His work included quality control on the production of space shuttle parts and had a hand in designing the thermal protection tiles.

He lived most of his life in Delaware County and enjoyed spending time with his many close friends and family. He was a diehard Phillies fan, enjoyed golfing, loved music, a good time and always liked to dance. He was a terrific piano player and even in his later years, after suffering a major stroke at the age of 58 he was known to dance with the ladies at the day programs he attended and would play piano with one hand at family gatherings.

In 2010, following the death of his partner (Marie Ritchie), his daughter Karen (and Becky) took him to live in their home in Rehoboth Beach where he was active at the Cheer Center in Lewes. He enjoyed frequenting the Elks Lodge and AMVETS with his brother, Bob who he loved spending his time with in their regular visits. Being the older twin, he shared a remarkable lifelong bond with his "little brother" Bob.

Although paralyzed on one side and his speech severely impacted by his stroke, Rick had

remarkable resilience and strength. He maintained a great degree of independence for himself and maintained a positive and even playful attitude over the years. He was well known to his peers wherever he went and especially to the staff and residents at Harbor Healthcare where he resided the last 4 years. He was especially known for his strong handshakes and the reason why the ladies and staff called him the "Bone Crusher." He loved regular visits with his best girl, Gracie. A well-behaved and loving Boxer, his dog was a favorite with the residents and he was always proud to show her off during their visits.

Memorial Services will be held on Sunday, January 9, from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM at Barnaby's Restaurant located at 1901 Old West Chester Pike, Havertown PA.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Mr. McNamara's name to the American Heart Association at [www.heart.org](http://www.heart.org) .

Please visit Richard's Life Memorial Webpage and sign his online guestbook at [www.parsellfuneralhomes.com](http://www.parsellfuneralhomes.com).

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JAN 9. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (EAST)

Barnaby's Restaurant  
1901 West Chester Pike  
Havertown, PA 19083

# Tribute Wall



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Richard Owen McNamara.*



January 10 at 09:33 AM



“ *I remember Rick dancing the jitterbug at the Columbus Club, playing many rounds of golf at McCall Field and as a work mate at PECO. There are so many memories I have and a few that probably should not be published. I feel fortunate to be able to call Rick a friend and will miss him but the memories will keep him alive.*

*Your friend,  
Hank Lloyd*

**Hank Lloyd** - January 03 at 11:11 AM



*Thank you for sharing your memories and kind words with us Hank Aaaahhh, the Columbus Club dinners with music and McCall Field where Dad golfed and we hung at the playground and clubhouse getting milkshakes;-) Takes us back to a great time -- thanks.*

**Karen McNamara** - January 04 at 03:28 PM



*Great memories*

**Rose McNamara** - January 08 at 10:07 AM



“ *I knew Dick and Bob In Shaw Jr. High. They were two of my best memories as a teen. Bob, please get in touch at [axelrod@temple.edu](mailto:axelrod@temple.edu). To jog your memory, I was the fastest runner in the class. Saul Axelrod*

**Saul Axelrod** - December 31, 2021 at 10:44 AM

CC

“ I worked with rick at PECO. He was a good friend and we shared a lot of laughs. Lost touch over the years but thought of him often. Charles Charland

Charles Charland - December 31, 2021 at 08:20 AM

KM

Hello Charles, this is Karen, Rick's oldest daughter. Thank you for your sharing your kind words with us. Much appreciated.

Karen McNamara - January 03 at 10:33 AM

FB

“ That ball at Bell Ave was definitely not on the rise when it hit the fence. Bob was in left and can attest to that. Will always remember those days at Bell, Yeadon, Bartram, White Rock etc. Love you forever, Frankie

frank baldino - December 29, 2021 at 03:51 PM

WC

“ Sorry for your loss. I remember Rick fondly. Always had a smile for everyone.

Wendy Chamberlain - December 29, 2021 at 03:07 PM

KM

Thanks Wendy -- appreciate your comments.

Karen McNamara - January 03 at 10:35 AM

SN

Our Thought's & prayers are with you. I know Bobby will be lost without Rick. God Bless Sherman & Kathy Newton

Sherman Newton - January 06 at 03:55 PM

BH

So sorry for you loss. It's harder with how close Bobby and Rick were. I never met Rick but knew they had a wonderful relationship. Yes, Bobby will be lost without him.

Betsy Heslin - January 10 at 09:22 AM

ET

I knew Rick from work in the early 70's. Have many good memories and stories from having him as a friend. Lost track after he left PECO. In our work group, he struck me as the "older wise one". In my mind, he was technically and socially a living legend in the years we worked together!

Ed Troy

Ed Troy - January 13 at 12:25 PM

KM

*Hello Ed, thank you so much for sharing your memories with us -- very much appreciated!!*

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**Karen McNamara** - January 29 at 11:13 AM