



Robert Frederick McNally

November 24, 1944 - February 2, 2019

Robert Frederick McNally, known simply as “Fred” to his many friends and loved ones, has passed peacefully at age 74, from severe congestive heart failure after a four-year battle with Alzheimer’s. He is survived by his beloved wife, Barbara R. McNally; two sons M. Keith McNally (Melissa I.) and Matthew McNally (Ginger Knight); a granddaughter, Spencer Shannon; brother-in-law Michael Rich (Anne Quigley); two nieces, Kelsey Rich and Jennifer Rich; an uncle, Ted Lieland; and his loyal Doberman companion, Romeo.

Fred was born in Philadelphia, PA on November 24, 1944 to Robert Wright McNally and Ethel Hammell McNally, both deceased. A lifelong entrepreneur, Fred began his sales career in 1966 at an independent telephone company; then Monroe Calculators from 1968-1972 before joining TAB Products in 1973 and quickly advancing to sales management in New York City. He built his own TAB franchise in Wilmington, DE, where he worked until retirement in 2011. Whether he was traveling the world or welcoming you into his home in Bethany Beach, DE, Fred found great joy being with family and friends - telling jokes, sharing stories, and just talking.

A Celebration of Fred's life will be held on February 10, 2019 from 1-4 at Iron Hill Brewery at Wilmington's Waterfront at 620 Justison St., Wilmington. Fred wished to be remembered with a party, sharing jokes & funny stores. A second celebration of his life will be held in Bethany Beach, DE where he retired, in early May or early June.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Faithful Friends, where Fred walked dogs while living in Wilmington, by visiting their website www.faithfulfriends.us.

Please sign Fred’s online guestbook located on this site.

FLORIST NOTE: PLEASE HAVE ALL FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS DELIVERED TO IRON HILL BREWERY, WILMINGTON, BY 1 PM ON FEBRUARY 10, 2019.

Comments



“ Dear Barb,
We were very sorry to hear of Fred's passing. He was such a kind and gentle soul, with a gentle sense of humour. As your Floridian neighbours in Estero, we always were happy to know you and Fred and Romeo were next to us. He will be dearly missed. Please accept our deepest sympathies. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.
Sincerely,
Katherine and Robert Belisle

Katherine Belisle - February 12 at 11:22 AM



“ Dear Barbara and Family,

I was so sorry when I got word of Fred's passing. He was a fine person and a good friend in moments of need. One of my earliest memories of Fred (at age 12) was one of those moments. There was a horrific automobile accident right at the entrance to Greenfields Village, resulting in the death of one of my friends - we were on bicycles, and his was struck very hard. I was in a panic and didn't know what to do, and just burst into the first house I came to (Manupelli's house) in an hysterical state. The first face I recognized in the house was Fred. He put his arm around my shoulder and got me calm enough to explain to Mr. Manupelli what happened, and Mr. Manupelli quickly got on his phone to call the ambulance and police. Sadly my friend was DOA, but I've always felt a special bond to Fred after that moment.
I enjoyed seeing and talking with you and Fred at the 35th reunion; sorry you couldn't make it to the 50th.

My Deepest and Warmest Sympathies to You and Your Family,

Bob Bill

Robert C. Bill - February 10 at 11:53 AM



“ Barb, Keith and Matt,
Sherry and I would like to send our condolences with the passing of Fred. For years I have wanted to reach out and let Fred know how much he meant to me as a mentor and a friend. The hurt I caused him and Barb is something I will regret always.
I do have fond memories of him, Barb, Keith and Matt that I will cherish forever. Our love and prayers are with you.
Jim & Sherry Hess

