



Robert McConnell

September 4, 2014

Mr. Robert Francis McConnell, 72, of 31 Harding Ave., Adams, died on Thursday, September 4, 2014 at Berkshire Medical Center, North Adams. He was born in North Adams on October 21, 1941, a son of the late John and Annette (Roy) McConnell. He attended schools in North Adams and graduated from Drury High School with the class of 1960.

Mr. McConnell was a Veteran of the Vietnam War having served with the United States Navy, serving on the U.S.S. Albany from September 21, 1960 until receiving his Honorable Discharge on September 4, 1964.

Mr. McConnell worked as a Police Officer for Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts and its predecessor the former North Adams State College for 27 years until retiring.

He was a communicant of St. Mary of the Assumption Church, Cheshire. He was a member of the Cruiser Sailors Association, the U. S.S. Albany Association, the Frank R. Stiles Post 125 American Legion, North Adams and the Massachusetts Police Association. He was a fine craftsman and enjoyed woodworking.

He is survived by his wife, the former Donna M. Hartwig, whom he married on October 5, 2007.

2 Daughters – Shannon Appell and her husband Erik of Cleveland OH and Shelby McConnell and her companion Bruce Decoteau of North Adams;

2 Grandchildren – Molly and Max Appell of Cleveland, OH;

1 Brother – Donald McConnell of Pennsylvania;

1 Stepson – John Whitman of Cheshire;

2 Stepdaughters – Julie Dieterich and her husband Greg of Adams and Laura Alicea of Adams;

2 Nephews – Shane and Chad McConnell.

The funeral will be on Tuesday, September 9, at 8:45AM from the PACIOREK FUNERAL HOME, 13 Hoosac St., Adams, followed by a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 10:00AM in St. Mary of the Assumption Church, Cheshire, celebrated by Rev. David R. Raymond, Pastor.

Burial will be at a later date at the convenience of the family.

Calling hours are Monday from 4:00PM to 7:00PM at the funeral home.

Memorial donations may be made to the U.S.S. Albany Association, 4 Hathaway Ave., Peabody, MA 01960-5032, the Cruiser Sailors Association, 21 Colonial Way, Rehoboth, MA 02769-1220, the Adams Ambulance Service, 185 Columbia St., Adams, MA 01220 or the North Adams Ambulance Service, 10 Harris St., North Adams, MA 01247

Tribute Wall



“ I remember Bob when I was a student at MCLA. Bob helped me out a lot. Bob will never be forgotten.

George Gogas III

George Gogas III - August 09, 2021 at 09:30 AM



“ He was always smiling and liked to make people laugh! Thoughts and prayers to all of you in this very sad time! Xo

Anne Reynolds - June 07, 2018 at 12:13 PM



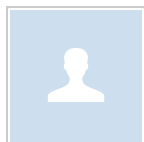
“ I am so sorry. I remember our church league days when we played for St. Francis.

Joe Cain - June 07, 2018 at 12:13 PM



“ Bob was the kind of guy you never forget. I know he will be missed by many and forgotten by few. May God be with you during your time of mourning.

FRichard Bolza - June 07, 2018 at 12:13 PM



“ Shelby, so sorry to hear about your dad, my thoughts and prayers are with you. Love, Margaret Sadlow

June 07, 2018 at 12:13 PM



“ *Don & Donna, So sorry to hear of Bob's passing, you will be in my prayers. Also Shelby & Shannon. Rlp Bob. Kathleen Trottier Hull Eileen Trottier*

June 07, 2018 at 12:13 PM



“ *So Sorry to hear of Bob's passing. He was a wonderful man. The Deane Family, Joe, Angela, Aiden, & Ethan*

Angela Gajda - June 07, 2018 at 12:13 PM



“ *He was my favorite guy in the whole world.... We had many laughs together. My deepest heartfelt thoughts prayers and sympathies go out to Donna, Judy, Shannon, Shelby, Molly, and Max. There is nothing he enjoyed more than sharing stories of his grandkids....*

Shay Kamlowski - June 07, 2018 at 12:13 PM



“ *Will miss his smile, kind words and funny stories... may the happy memories you shared, help to comfort you through this difficult time.*

Gail Burdick - June 07, 2018 at 12:13 PM



“ *Mc Connell Family I have known Bob since I was a freshman in Drury High School. We had a lot of fun together while in High school. He was a good friend and will be missed.*

Paul Horbal - June 07, 2018 at 12:13 PM

JB

“ Judy, Shannon, Shelby and family I knew him only as Uncle Bob, but his passion for his family and love of the sea were on display at every encounter. Our deepest sympathies to you all and to everyone that knew and loved him. Fair winds and following seas
Bob.LoveJill & Don

Jill Bailey - June 07, 2018 at 12:13 PM

LS

“ Have known Bob since kindergarten and although only saw him at class reunions since high school graduation, always had a special place in my heart for him. Great guy.

Linda Shapiro - June 07, 2018 at 12:13 PM

DM

“ Rest in peace, my friend. Thanks for always being there.

Doug McNeil - June 07, 2018 at 12:13 PM

JB

“ My heart is saddened to hear of the passing of a great man. Bob was one of those men you thought would live forever. I'm sure he will in the hearts of many. I know he will in mine. It was a pleasure to know him. Love and sympathy to his family.

Jacque Betti - June 07, 2018 at 12:13 PM

DS

“ Our condolences from the Smith family in NH. We have the fondest memories of Bob from the many summer vacations our families spent together laughing and waterskiing on Lake Winnepesaukee and the visits in Manchester and North Adams that went on for many years later. He remains part of the fabric of our family's life. We feel the loss as well.

Debbie Smith - June 07, 2018 at 12:13 PM

SH

“ Dear Donna--Words cannot tell you how saddened I was to hear about Bob. Such a shock, especially seeing him at the Albany Reunion a couple of weeks ago. My heart goes out to you and your family. Sending you love and hugs. Shirley Hutchins

Shirley Hutchins - June 07, 2018 at 12:13 PM

WG

“ William and I both sent our condolences you and your family and prayers are being sent to you.

William and Linda Gazar

William and Linda Gazar - June 07, 2018 at 12:13 PM

SG

“ Judy, Shannon And Shelby, my thoughts and prayers are with . I no this is such a difficult time for you. Will always remember your dad for the nice person that he was. As well as all are found memories that we had in the neighborhood, love to you all.

Susan Green - June 07, 2018 at 12:13 PM

RR

“ Dear Shannon and Shelby, My heart is saddened at the loss of your dad, he will always be remembered for his totally awesome sense of humor and mile wide smile! It was an honor to know him, Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers

Renee Royal - June 07, 2018 at 12:13 PM

TM

“ Deepest sympathies to you. Mac was my colleague and a great friend during my years at NASC. I am honored to have known him and the world is a better place to have had him for over 70 years. Peace be with you....

Todd Matthews - June 07, 2018 at 12:13 PM

CV

“ I am very sad to hear of Bob's death. He was a great guy to work with at North Adams State College and also a fellow Navy veteran.

Carl Villanueva - June 07, 2018 at 12:13 PM

JN

“ Donna, Sorry to hear of your husband's passing. May he rest in eternal peace. Be well, Sincerely, Joseph Nowak Adams

Joseph Nowak - June 07, 2018 at 12:13 PM

CB

“ Donna, I want to extend my condolences to you and the family. I remember meeting Bob at the first Albany reunion, great guy, and a dedicated member.

Cathy Brindle - June 07, 2018 at 12:13 PM



“ *Shelby may the happy memories of your times together sustain you at this time. Our sincere sympathy. Jim & Jane Betti*

June 07, 2018 at 12:13 PM



“ *Donna and family,my condolences to you all.Bob was the person who I always knew I could count on every Chistmas.Bob was the first to show up and the last to leave.In the 33 years plus Bob would be ready to do what ever needed to be done so the meal got to the tables fast.We lost a big link in are chain.I know he will be there in spirit.R.I.P.my friend.The gate is wide open for you.*

Dennis LaBonte - June 07, 2018 at 12:13 PM



“ *Shannon and Shelby,Sorry to hear of the passing of your dad. May his memory live on in your hearts and your deeds.*

James Lescarbeau - June 07, 2018 at 12:13 PM



“ *Shelby and Shannon,Sorry to hear of the passing of your dad. May his memory live on in your hearts.Shelly and Jim Darling*

Shelly Darling - June 07, 2018 at 12:13 PM