



Gerald McPhillips

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Gerald “Mac” McPhillips died peacefully on January 20, 2024, in Culpeper, VA. He was the youngest of five sons (C. Francis, William, John, Brian) and one daughter (Joan) born to Cornelius Francis and Margaret Kelly McPhillips, all of whom predeceased him. He was born in Orange, New Jersey on March 8, 1937.

Following graduation from high school he joined the U.S. Army, trained at Fort Devens in Massachusetts, and was assigned to the U.S. Army Security Agency, ultimately spending two years on the Kenai Peninsula in Alaska working in signals intelligence. He met his wife of 61 years, Mary Regina Carle, during the presidential campaign of John F. Kennedy.

While working for ITT in the early 1960s in Nutley, NJ, he became interested in computers, took some computer courses and spent the rest of his working life in the information technology field. His work took him and his family to Pennsylvania, Maryland and finally to Culpeper, Virginia where he was employed by S.W.I.F.T. until his retirement in 1998.

After retirement, he was an active volunteer in the community, including helping coach computer skills at the library and collecting donations for the food pantry. He was a long-time parishioner at Precious Blood Catholic Church serving in the choir and as a cantor for many years.

Mac is survived by his wife, Mary; four children, Margaret Sharp (Cliff), Kathleen Kraehenbuehl (David), Michael McPhillips (Melissa), and Francis McPhillips (Janel). He is also survived by nine grandchildren, Declan and Collin Sharp, Mary Agnes Kraehenbuehl, Jeremy, Madison, Justin (Michael) and Erin, Dylan, Aiden (Francis) McPhillips.

The family will receive friends from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 25, 2024 at Found and Sons Funeral Chapel, 850 Sperryville Pike, Culpeper, VA.



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A funeral mass will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, January 26, 2024 at Precious Blood Catholic Church, 114 E Edmondson St, Culpeper, VA with Father Kevin Walsh officiating.

Interment will follow at Culpeper National Cemetery, 501 E. Chandler Street, Culpeper.

In lieu of flowers please consider contributing to the Dementia Friends Initiative, Aging Together, P. O. Box 367, Culpeper, VA 22701.

An online guestbook and tribute wall are available at www.foundandsons.com




Found and Sons Funeral Chapel of Culpeper is serving the family.

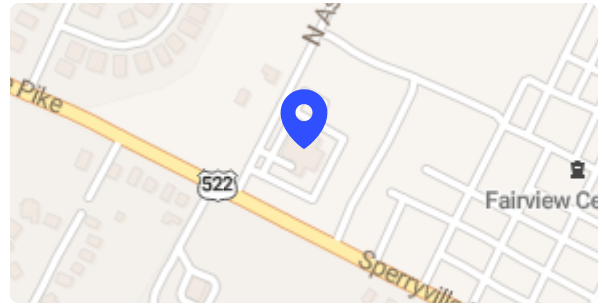


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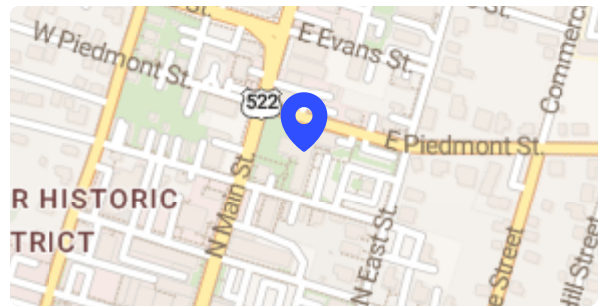
Visitation

-  **Thursday**, January 25, 2024
-  5:00 PM - 7:00 PM ET
-  **Found and Sons Funeral Chapels & Cremation Service**
850 Sperryville Pike, Culpeper VA 22701






Funeral Service

-  **Friday**, January 26, 2024
-  10:00 AM ET
-  **Precious Blood Catholic Church**
114 E. Edmonson St, Culpeper VA 22701



Burial

-  **Friday**, January 26, 2024
-  11:00 AM ET
-  **Culpeper National Cemetery (New)**
501 East Chandler Street, Culpeper VA 22701



Cemetery Details

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Joe Zinn posted:

Kathy and I only just now almost a year later found out about Mac's return to his creator. And it is a discovery that brings sadness because Mac was always immensely vibrant in so much sharing. Kathy and I attended many of Mac's sessions on the scriptures and the lessons therein. His knowledge on these works surely surpassed that of the supposed experts. Mac was always kind and generous and had an amazing wit. It was often great fun to share time with him. Thank you, Mac. He will be greatly missed and our prayers go out to all his loved ones. Love from Joe and Kathy Zinn

January 14 at 1:08 PM



Susan Keller posted:

I just learned of your loss and I am so sorry. Mac was a great volunteer for the library and spent many hours in the computer room bringing our patrons into the computer world. His dedication was so appreciated during his volunteer time. Personally Mac and I had some rousing and interesting conversations, and shared many a laugh. I remember his laugh it was truly from the heart. Again, please except my sincerest sympathies. Susan Keller, former director.

June 15 at 3:56 AM



Anonymous sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the McPhillips family.



January 26 at 9:01 AM



Savannah Mill Lead Team planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Gerald.



January 26 at 9:01 AM



Donna posted:

Mary and Family, Please accept our condolences on behalf of the St. Thomas Aquinas Lay Dominican chapter in Charlottesville, Virginia. Mac helped our chapter when it was forming and was an active member as long as he could make the drive to our meetings. He and Mary made the retreats together when he was a member of Immaculate Conception chapter in Washington, DC. He and his beautiful voice will be missed. May the angels take Mac to paradise.

January 25 at 4:49 PM



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Cheryl And James Carter sent a Florist Choice Bouquet to the McPhillips family.

January 25 at 8:45 AM



Cheryl And James Carter planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Gerald.

January 25 at 8:45 AM



Savannah Mill, International Paper sent a Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet to the McPhillips family.

January 24 at 3:48 PM



Savannah Mill, International Paper planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Gerald.

January 24 at 3:48 PM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the McPhillips family.

January 24 at 12:19 PM



From Chass sent a Beautiful in Blue to the McPhillips family.

January 24 at 11:39 AM





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Lisa Ann Peacock posted:

Mary and Family, I am thinking back to the many Saturday night services my family and I attended where you both served as cantors. Thank you both for making those times very special. Mr. McPhillips was a fine person, and he will be missed in this community. Our thoughts and prayers are with you as you celebrate his life and legacy. Lisa Peacock

January 24 at 10:37 AM



Anonymous sent a Love's Journey to the McPhillips family.



January 24 at 9:54 AM



Anonymous sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the McPhillips family.



January 23 at 9:17 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Gerald by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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