



John R. "Mac" McKnight, M.D.

January 30, 1945 - September 4, 2012

John R. "Mac" McKnight, M.D. of Cadillac passed away unexpectedly Tuesday, September 4, 2012. He was 67.

He was born January 30, 1945 in Columbia, Missouri to Robert Donald and Helen Elisabeth (Jones) McKnight.

Dr. McKnight graduated from Petoskey High School and later graduated from University of Michigan Medical School. He worked at the Burns Clinic in Petoskey for several years and later at the Emergency Room at Mercy Hospital in Cadillac for over 30 years.

Mac was an avid mountain biker. He loved to read, play the banjo and enjoyed blue grass music.

On June 22, 2002 in Cadillac he married the former Terry E. Zalud and she survives him along with children, Grace and John McKnight; a sister, Betsy (Mike) Abbey of Tucson, Arizona; three nieces: Pam (Ben) Krill, Sarah (Marty) Hosch and Brenda Abbey; mother-in-law, Elaine Zalud; sister-in-law, Julie (Brian) Loughmiller all of Cadillac and nephews: Cameron Arrington and Brian Loughmiller.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Casey McKnight and a

brother, Bill McKnight.

Funeral services will be held 3:00 p.m. Sunday, September 9, 2012 at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Cadillac with Reverend Joel Hess officiating. Friends may meet the family Saturday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the Peterson Funeral Home in Cadillac. Memorial contributions may be made to Blue Lake Fine Arts Academy or to the local Cub Scouts Pack #150. An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Tribute Wall

TK

“ *As a fellow physician, I appreciated all the care he gave my mother and father during their visits to the ER. He was a credit to his profession both in his knowledge and his compassion.*

Tom Klarquist - September 17, 2012 at 09:29 AM

JS

“ *Dr. McKnight
I wanted to say thank you, you were one out of very very few that treated me as a human being, you didn't let my mental illness get in the way. You were a true doctor, if only all doctors could be like you. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family. God Bless You.*

Jamie Shepler - September 13, 2012 at 09:34 AM

M(

“ *Terry, we heard the sad news from my Mom and she couldn't believe it nor could we. Our sympathy to you and your family. God bless you all.*

Mickey & Herb Burns (Stojic) - September 09, 2012 at 06:22 PM

JD

“ *Rest in peace Mac*

Jennifer Duncan - September 09, 2012 at 04:40 PM

MC

“ *Mac was good people. His wit, wisdom & caring spirit will be remembered by all who knew him*

margaret coughlin - September 09, 2012 at 03:39 PM

GS

“ Mac was a special friend who sat with me while my son was in surgery for several hours making trips to the surgical suite to bring back information for me as to how the surgery was progressing and the many other times he was there for me and my children. Mac will now find the answers he tried for years to find why Casey died when all tests results showed nothing. Say "Hi" to Dean for me Mac. You will be missed.

Gerry Seger - September 09, 2012 at 12:11 PM

DJ

“ I enjoyed working with "Mac" and appreciated his endless dry snse of humor.

Douglas R. Jackson - September 09, 2012 at 07:29 AM

CD

“ Our love and sympathy are extended to you and all the family in your loss. We went to high school with Betsy, Bob's sister. She always had such high regard and love for her big brother. Know he will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Try to remember the fun times and smile.

Chuck and Donna Drake - September 08, 2012 at 10:08 PM

MP

“ Terry, Grace, and John, may it be of some small comfort to know that you are being held close in the thoughts and prays of friends who love you. I pray God's grace surround you to comfort you during this sudden loss of your husband and father.

Maureen Pawloski - September 08, 2012 at 08:27 PM

AB

“ *one wonderful man,
we all will have a special place for him,in our heart
He cared for everone
now he will be in the care of our great Lord
my prayers for the family*

Ann Bigger - September 08, 2012 at 05:48 AM

JM

“ *Fond memories of all encounter. Your wisdom, wit and love for life
will be remembered. Prayers for his family and friends. There is
never enough time on earth to spend with those we love.*

Juddee Maxwell - September 07, 2012 at 07:47 PM

SB

“ *Mac was a great person who was the happiest with his family. Terry,
you and Grace and John were the reason for his smiles. Thank you
for giving him so much happiness in his life.*

Sharon Brazee - September 07, 2012 at 12:50 PM

DB

“ *Hundreds of chats at the post office and the final at the recent art
fair...Mac had that smile and "
caring nature"
every time we talked...plus his dog and/or one of his children!! GOD
bless you Terry, Grace and John.*

Daniel Brooks - September 07, 2012 at 09:06 AM

JL

“ Great guy and dear friend of law enforcement. Many fond memories will prevail. God has a very fine MD on staff in the heavens. We'll all miss you Mac !!

Jerry Leavell - September 07, 2012 at 09:05 AM

DC

“ Mac will be so greatly missed! Always asking how we were or giving advice, he was a genuine true friend.

David and Diana Carpenter - September 07, 2012 at 08:35 AM

HM

“ Our community has lost a great man. May god watch over Terry, Grace, and John. You will be missed my friend.

Harold and Dodie Moores - September 06, 2012 at 10:11 PM

BE

“ One of a kind.
They broke the mold when they made Mac.
Can't believe he is gone.

Bryan Elenbaas - September 06, 2012 at 05:23 PM

JV

“ I have many fond memories of Mac as a friend and colleague from many years ago.
Prayers and thoughts for his family.

Jonnie Vanderhoef - September 06, 2012 at 04:19 PM

JB

“ *Mac was a great friend of the family. We will miss him. When we bike, we will always think of him. Phil and John Boucher*

John Boucher - September 06, 2012 at 03:31 PM

DW

“ *We will miss Mac greatly...Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family at this time. He was a great friend.*

Dean & Jeri Werner - September 05, 2012 at 08:40 PM

MR

“ *He will be missed*

Mike Russell - September 05, 2012 at 06:44 PM

JS

“ *Mac's care and concern for others was unmatched. He always went out of his way to say hello. He was an example that the rest of us should follow. He will be missed.*

Jim & RaeAnn Schuneman - September 05, 2012 at 04:43 PM