



## William J. "Bill" McNeive

September 3, 2007

William J. McNeive (Bill), 75, died peacefully at home Thursday morning surrounded by family. Born in Emmett, Kans., to John A. and Kathryn Murry McNeive, the family moved to Topeka where Bill attended Holy Name Grade School, Hayden High School and Washburn University. He joined the ROTC and earned his Bachelor's degree in Business Administration in 1955. That summer he married Sarah Thacher and the couple moved to Great Falls, Mont., where he served in the U.S. Air Force. They returned to Topeka, found a home in the Potwin neighborhood and remained life-long residents. Bill was employed by Fleming Foods, then by Famous Brands prior to purchasing his own company Cla-Mar, Inc. in 1977. He remained in the wholesale floor covering business until he retired in 2006 at which time he gave the company to his employees through an ESOP program. As a young businessman, Bill joined the Topeka Country Club, the John P. Welsh Investment Club, and Topeka's 20/30 Club. He was an active alumnus of his Alpha Delta fraternity. Bill was a life-long member of Holy Name Church (Mater Dei). Bill is survived by his family: Kate McNeive of Scottsdale, Ariz.; Jane and David Albright of Kansas City, Mo., and their daughter Joy; three sisters-in-law -- Nancy McNeive of Freeport, Ill., Becky (and Darrel) Lowell of Savannah, Ga., Lucy (and Vik) Jackson of Scottsdale, Ariz. He was preceded in death by his wife Sarah in 2004, his siblings Rosemary Mahoney, Dorothy Kuhlengel, Eileen Collins, Virginia McDonough, Jack McNeive and Bob McNeive; in the final weeks of his life, he was faithfully cared for at home with the assistance of

their children. Bill will lie in state Monday after 4 p.m. at Mater Dei Holy Name Church. A rosary will be prayed at 6:30 p.m.; family will receive friends from 7-8 p.m. Mass of Resurrection will be held Tuesday at 9 a.m., also at Mater Dei Holy Name, followed by interment at Mount Calvary Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the William J. McNeive and Robert J. Bernica Endowed Fund c/o the Washburn Endowment Association, 1729 SW MacVicar, Topeka, KS 66604. Or to the Cotton-O'Neil Cancer Center of Stormont Veil Hospital, 1414 S.W. Eighth Ave., Topeka, KS 66606 where Bill had received outstanding treatment since 1992; he often said that Dr. Stanley Vogel and the oncology staff gave him the last ten years of his life. Funeral arrangements are being handled through the Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home.

# Tribute Wall



“ *William J. "Bill" McNeive*

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January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Kate and Jane: I know this is very late, but I was just notified of the passing of your father through my mother, Diane Thomason. As you might know, your father was my God Father and although I haven't seen any of you in about 40 years, I am very saddened by this news.*

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**Graham Kimbrough** - December 17, 2007 at 10:40 AM



“ *To The Bill McNeive Family:*

*Wanted to express my sympathy to all of you on the loss of Bill. Words can say very little at a time like this, but knowing people are thinking of you maybe helps.*

*I know you all had wonderful times together. He was such a nice person.*

*My husband and I have been out of town, and I didn't know until today, that Bill passed away.*

*Just wanted you to know I was thinking of you.*

*Sincerely,*

*Jackie Campbell Petersen*

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**Jackie Campbell Petersen** - September 21, 2007 at 08:46 AM

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“ Dear Jane and Kate,  
I am so sorry for the loss of your Dad. Bill was  
a very nice person and a gentleman.  
My thoughts and prayers are with you.

*Lilian Lineback*

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**Lilian Lineback** - September 03, 2007 at 05:05 PM

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“ Dear Kate and Jane & the entire McNeive Family,

*Please accept our sincere condolences for your loss. Bill was a wonderful and true gentleman. Your Mother, Sarah was the epitome of a lady and both of them were blessings to Topeka and its citizens. Brad and I very much enjoyed their company and our working relationships. If there is anything that any of you need, we are only a phone call away. You and your Dad are in caring hands with the Kevin Brennan Family.*

*Warmest Regards,  
Brad & Donna Davenport*

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**Donna Madl Davenport** - September 02, 2007 at 08:55 AM

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“ I'm very sorry in the passing of my hunting buddy Bill. He will be missed

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**John Fisher** - September 01, 2007 at 04:58 PM