



Mr. Ernest Walter McKinnon of Streamwood

February 11, 1930 - March 15, 2019

Ernest Walter McKinnon, 89, of Streamwood formerly of Lockport, Illinois.

Loving husband of the late Joyce McKinnon; beloved father of Diane (Peter Bischoff) McKinnon, Michael (Camille Ellsworth) McKinnon, Jennifer Harkin, Tina (Jeffrey) Schultz and the late Joyce Shelfo; cherished grandfather of 10 and great grandfather of many; devoted brother of Gregory McKinnon, the late Vernon McKinnon and the late Gordon McKinnon; dear uncle of many nieces and nephews.

Dad was a graduate of Farragut High School, on the west side of Chicago. During his junior and senior years he was involved in cross country running competitions. He remained physically active throughout his entire life, swimming and cycling were two of his favourite activities.

Dad spent two years in the army, where as a highly skilled mechanic he worked on and maintained the Army's military equipment.

Dad also love the outdoors, nature and gardening. He would spend many hours in the backyard of his beloved Lockport home where he created an arbor of fruit trees, planted lush fern gardens and tended his vegetable garden, he sure did love his tomato plants. Throughout most of his life he was very involved in the Illinois High School Association as a swimming and diving official, receiving an award at the end of his tenure for dedication and service. This was one of his many legacy's. He also volunteered as a scuba diving

instructor at the Downers Grove, YMCA. He was passionate about scuba diving and would take his two oldest children Mike and Diane on many scuba diving adventures.

Dad was loved by all who came to know him. His gentle, kind and very loving spirit will be sadly missed.

Family and Friends will meet Saturday, March 23, 2019 from 12 Noon until time of military funeral service 3:00 P.M. at Morizzo Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 2550 West Hassell Road, (Northeast corner at Barrington Road), Hoffman Estates, Illinois 60169 for memorial visitation.

Donations in his memory can be made to the Rheumatoid Arthritis Association (https://www.arthritis.org/giving/donate.php?utm_source=arthritis-org&utm_medium=donate-button&utm_campaign=organic) or the Lung Association (<https://www.lung.org/>). This Life Tributes page has been created to make it easy for Family and Friends to share memories, photos and videos. For further information about this funeral; please contact the Morizzo Funeral Directors at 847.752.6444. Arrangements entrusted to Morizzo Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 2550 West Hassell Road, (Northeast corner at Barrington Road), Hoffman Estates, Illinois 60169.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 23. 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Ernest Walter McKinnon of Streamwood*

November 04, 2022 at 06:54 PM



“ *Offering our deepest condolences during this difficult time.*



Those of us at Morizzo Funeral Home - March 24, 2019 at 12:19 PM



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Munson, Kolk, Carr, Glos, Murray, Pawlek, Volanti, & Bri, purchased the Joyful Memory for the family of Mr. Ernest Walter McKinnon of Streamwood.

Munson, Kolk, Carr, Glos, Murray, Pawlek, Volanti, & Bri, - March 22, 2019 at 02:24 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Mr. Ernest Walter McKinnon of Streamwood.*



March 21, 2019 at 05:58 PM

TK

“ 1 file added to the album *Life Tributes*



Terry Kovarik - March 21, 2019 at 04:33 PM

FH

“ Diane, we did not know your father but I think he would have been somebody that we would have like be friend with. We share many interests with him specially his love for being active and gardening. My sympathies to your mother, siblings and to you. Let's hope we will see you soon in Fredericton.
Francine and Bill

Francine Holland - March 19, 2019 at 05:47 PM

DI

*Francine, y
Thank you so much for thinking about me and my family. Yes certainly would have enjoyed my dad. You and Bill would lots in common with dad for sure. He was kind, gentle and a very loving dad. He will be deeply missed by all of us.*

diane - March 19, 2019 at 08:56 PM



“ *America the Beautiful* was purchased for the family of Mr. Ernest Walter McKinnon of Streamwood.



March 19, 2019 at 04:18 PM



“ 149 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Morizzo Funeral Home & Cremation Services - March 19, 2019 at 02:21 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray* was purchased for the family of Mr. Ernest Walter McKinnon of Streamwood.



March 19, 2019 at 02:21 PM



“ *I considered Ernie a mentor. He was always helpful during swimming meets, especially when I was "rookie". Love the picture of him as I will always remember that smile. May he rest in peace and light perpetual shine upon him.*

Linda Barber

Linda Barber - March 19, 2019 at 11:38 AM

DK

“ *Diane and Michael, saddened by the news of your fathers passing. I remember growing up next door and he was always in the yard and running swim meets at the Downers Grove Pool. His smile and laugh and the sparkle in his eyes will be missed. Thinking of all who loved Ernie.*

Diane Bennett (Kostelny) - March 19, 2019 at 09:06 AM

DM

Thank you Diane for your very kind words. We are so deeply saddened. XO

diane mckinnon - March 19, 2019 at 12:56 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Ernest Walter McKinnon of Streamwood.*



March 18, 2019 at 05:41 PM



“ *With Distinction was purchased for the family of Mr. Ernest Walter McKinnon of Streamwood.*



March 18, 2019 at 05:28 PM

MK

“ *Diane and Michael;*

We were so sorry to learn of the passing of your father. We wanted you to know that you both are in our thoughts and prayers. May the memories you have of him help you during this difficult time. Again our deepest sympathies to both of you.

Mark & Kathy Kostelny

Mark Kostelny - March 18, 2019 at 05:24 PM

DM

Thank you Mark, It is very kind of you to think of dad, Mike and I after all these years. We will certainly miss him.

diane mckinnon - March 19, 2019 at 12:58 PM

TF

“ *The Kovarik Family purchased the Reflections of Glory Wreath for the family of Mr. Ernest Walter McKinnon of Streamwood.*



The Kovarik Family - March 18, 2019 at 04:13 PM

SH

“ *Staff & Partners at Elliott McCrea Hill purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Ernest Walter McKinnon of Streamwood.*



Staff & Partners at Elliott McCrea Hill - March 18, 2019 at 01:58 PM

LH

*“ I'll never forget his warm, sunny smile and sweet nature. He was kind and genuine. I hope beautiful memories fill your hearts in the days to come.
Much love from Linnea*

Linnea Hedborn - March 18, 2019 at 12:29 PM

DM

We had so much fun with dad in the day.. I think we kept him young. Remember T20 camp site in Wisconsin with dad and Joyce. I think we were 17 years old. What a fun weekend. Love you.

diane mckinnon - March 19, 2019 at 12:59 PM



“ Sunny Memories was purchased for the family of Mr. Ernest Walter McKinnon of Streamwood.



March 18, 2019 at 12:27 PM

MP

“ We would like to offer our most sincere condolences to you, Diane and your family during this difficult time.

From your friends and colleagues at the New Brunswick Association of Nursing Homes.

Michelle Pellerin - March 18, 2019 at 12:19 PM

DM

Michelle, Please extend my gratitude and thanks to everyone at the Association for the very kind donation on dad's behalf. We are all sadden he was our warm and fuzzy. xo

diane mckinnon - March 19, 2019 at 01:22 PM

LN

“ *Diane -so sorry to hear of your loss. My condolences to you and all your family.*

Laurie Glenn Norris

Laurie Glenn Norris - March 18, 2019 at 12:04 PM

DM

Thank you Laurie, You are so very kind.

diane mckinnon - March 19, 2019 at 01:24 PM

JE

“ *Jim and Anna Ellsworth purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Mr. Ernest Walter McKinnon of Streamwood.*



Jim and Anna Ellsworth - March 18, 2019 at 10:21 AM