



## Harold Joseph McClain

April 13, 1934 - November 17, 2023

Harold Joseph McClain, 89 of New Martinsville, WV passed away Friday, November 17, 2023, at Wheeling Hospital, Wheeling, WV with family by his side.

He was born to Fred and Marie (Hurla) McClain on April 13, 1934, in Kansas City, Kansas. In 1952, he graduated from Bishop Ward High School, Kansas City, Kansas. Harold enlisted in the United States Coast Guard and served during the Korean conflict. He was a 1961 graduate of the University of Detroit with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering. In 1986, he earned his MBA from Wheeling Jesuit College. Harold retired from the Ormet Corporation in 1996 after working there for 26 years.

Harold was an avid reader, a life-long learner, and spent his life in the service of others. Most people will remember him for his many stories. At St. Vincent DePaul Catholic Church, Harold served as a Eucharistic Minister, CCD Teacher, and member of the Holy Name Society. He was a dedicated volunteer with the Boy Scouts of America receiving multiple awards including the Silver Beaver award in 2002. Additionally, he received the Bronze Pelican for supporting scouting in the Catholic Church. For 26 years, Harold served on the Ohio Valley Community Federal Credit Union's Board of Directors and was a former member of the New Martinsville Parks and Recreation Board of Directors, Junior Achievement Leader, Jaycees, Loyal Order of the Moose, Elk's, and American Legion Post #28. Through the years, he enjoyed woodworking, golfing, camping, and hunting.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Fred and Marie; son Bryan; siblings, Sr. Mary Joanilla, OSF (Helen Josephine), Herb, Fred, John, and infant sister, Rita Marie.

Harold was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather and is survived by his wife of 65 years, Joan; his children, Joseph (Janet), Douglas (Susan) Richard (Sue), Rebecca, and daughter-in-law Trish; his grandchildren, Meghan (Sergio) Garcia, Brittany Sanders, Emily McClain, Marissa McClain, Catherine McClain, Summer Timbs (Caleb Schilling), Colin McClain, John Bittner and Steve Kiggins, as well as 3 great grandchildren; his siblings, Margaret Baker, Bob (Virginia), and Mike (Dorothy) and sisters-in-law Helen Skradski and Billie McClain, several nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends for memorial visitation, on Sunday November 26 from 3pm to 6pm at Grisell Funeral Home & Crematory, 751 Third Street, New Martinsville where Rosary Devotions will be recited at 6 pm.

A celebration of life and memorial mass will be held Monday, November 27, 2023, at 11:00 am, at St. Vincent DePaul Catholic Church, New Martinsville, WV, Msgr Kevin Quirk, officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to St. Vincent DePaul Catholic Church or the BSA Ohio River Valley Council.

Sympathy expressions at [grisellfuneralhomes.com](http://grisellfuneralhomes.com).

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

NOV **26**. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Grisell Funeral Home - New Martinsville  
751 Third Street  
New Martinsville, WV 26155  
(304) 455-1800  
<https://www.grisellfuneralhomes.com/>

## Rosary Devotions

NOV **26**. 6:00 PM (ET)

Grisell Funeral Home - New Martinsville  
751 Third Street  
New Martinsville, WV 26155  
(304) 455-1800  
<https://www.grisellfuneralhomes.com/>

## Memorial Celebration

NOV **27**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church  
21 Rosary Road  
New Martinsville, WV 26155

# Tribute Wall

JS

“ *My deepest condolences to Joan and all the McClain family. I pray that the memory of Harold's warmth and enthusiasm for life will comfort you in your loss. Jean Schaeffer*

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**Jean Schaeffer** - November 26, 2023 at 05:18 PM

CP

“ *Harold was my Scoutmaster and a close family friend. How he persevered through the recovery from his accident was an inspiration to all of us, but not a surprise. Along with my own father, he was the best man I ever knew. So happy he is home with Jesus.*

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**Chris Pfohl** - November 25, 2023 at 10:34 AM

KL

“ *Our sincerest condolences to Joan & the family. It was a joy and pleasure to travel with the McClains on Uniglobe trips! Who will ever forget our beloved honorary Maori "Chief Harold" and his fearsome 'Haka' in Rotorua on the Aus-NZ trip in 2015! R.I.P., Harold - and "KiaOra"!  
- Judy & Kimber Lawhead*

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**K. Lawhead** - November 25, 2023 at 10:15 AM

TP

“ *Dearest Joan and family, so sorry to hear of Harold's passing, he was a great example of what of goodness we all aspire to. Please find solace in a life well lived.*

*Tim Pfohl and family*

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**Tim Pfohl** - November 24, 2023 at 05:44 PM

LB

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you Joan and your entire family. Harold will always be warmly remembered by our family for his friendship with our father and mother, his service to St. Vincent de Paul and the Boy Scouts. Peace and Love to you all. Lisa Pfohl Bedson

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**Lisa Pfohl Bedso** - November 24, 2023 at 04:31 PM

KR

“ Joan, we were so very sorry to hear of Harold's passing. You & Harold are one of my favorite couples & I always looked forward to seeing you & talking with you both when you came into the office. Prayers for you and your family. With love, Kristy Menendez (HearUSA)

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**Kristy** - November 23, 2023 at 07:44 PM



“ Carolyn and Fred Knoop. Joan and family, we are saddened by your loss. we have many great memories of Harold, his jokes and his bridge play. We understand that he will be greatly missed by everyone that knew him, worked with him, and in other endeavors. We send our love.

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**Fred Knoop** - November 23, 2023 at 12:06 PM

TD

“ Tom & Jane Deadrick planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Harold Joseph McClain.

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**Tom & Jane Deadrick** - November 22, 2023 at 09:16 PM

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“ Tom & Jane Deadrick purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Harold Joseph McClain.



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Tom & Jane Deadrick - November 22, 2023 at 09:16 PM

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“ So so sorry! We have surely lost an amazing friend! We are so grateful we got to make so many great memories with you both, especially our most recent time together. Sorry we can't be with you, but be assured our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. All our love sent your way.💕💕

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Tom & Jane Deadrick - November 22, 2023 at 09:07 PM

RM

“ Harold was a credit union warrior and a friend to all of us. OVCFCU has greatly benefited over the past many years from the volunteer service that Harold provided as a board member. His service and wisdom imparted upon all of us will remain in our hearts forever. We send our condolences to Joan and the entire family.



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Robyn McGuire - November 21, 2023 at 02:58 PM



“ *May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time,  
May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,*

*May your memories of Harold Joseph McCain, give you peace, comfort and strength...*

*Rest now in the arms of our Lord your mission on earth is complete. I thank you for your service to our Country and my Freedom. You will not be forgotten.*

*My thoughts  
and prayers to the family of ....*

*US Coast Guard Veteran, Harold Joseph McCain, is “A True American Hero” God Bless†*

*† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13 †*

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**Cheryl Skinner Tri-State Military Museum** - November 21, 2023 at 10:24 AM

ME

“ *3 files added to the tribute wall*



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**Meghan** - November 20, 2023 at 10:59 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Harold Joseph McClain.*



November 20, 2023 at 08:43 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Harold Joseph McClain.*



November 20, 2023 at 01:38 PM



“ *31 files added to the album Harold Joseph McClain*



**Susan McClain** - November 20, 2023 at 12:53 PM



*I am so sorry for your loss. Harold was a good man and more importantly a good friend. He was the reason I got involved in cub scouts when Matt joined. He made it enjoyable for the kids a big reason we had such a great turnout. He will be missed. Prayers to all.*

**Bill Swartling** - November 20, 2023 at 01:05 PM



“ *Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Harold Joseph McClain.*



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November 20, 2023 at 11:13 AM



“ *He was a very helpful for us with fish fries and building the new Consession stand in the Church park and the Grotto at church just to name a few. Gone too fast. May he rest in peace. Amen*

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**Bill Estep** - November 20, 2023 at 11:02 AM