



Robert Walls McEldowney, III

July 5, 1936 - January 27, 2024

Robert (Bob) W. McEldowney III

Bob McEldowney, 87, of Cornelius, NC passed away peacefully in his home on January 27, 2024. He was the son of the late Dr. Robert W. McEldowney Jr. and Elizabeth S. McEldowney. Born in Harrisburg, PA on July 5, 1936, he is preceded in death by Gerry, his loving wife of nearly 61 years, and their daughter, Sandra Lynn Hicklen.

He attended The Hill School in Pottstown, PA where he was active in student government and served as a senior class officer. He was on the swim team and in 1954 was named All American for Spring Board Diving. After graduation, he attended Colgate University where he was a member of Sigma Nu fraternity, serving as president his senior year.

Upon graduation from Colgate with a B.A. in Economics, he attended the US Navy Officer Candidate School and was commissioned an Ensign in the US Navy, serving as an officer on board ships home based in California.

After being discharged from the Navy in April 1962, Bob went to work for a wire and cable company in Westbury, NY. In 1964, he joined The Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance

Company as an agent in Harrisburg, PA where he qualified as a member of the Million Dollar Round Table and earned his Chartered Life Underwriter (CLU) designation. In 1970, he moved to Milwaukee where he was Regional Director of Agencies for the Western Region of the US until he moved to Lancaster, PA in 1974 where he built a prospering General Agency in 12 counties of central PA. While in Lancaster, Bob was on the Board of Directors of various Life Underwriter organizations including the Estate Planning Council and Association of Life Underwriters. Active in the community, he was also on the Board of Directors of the Rotary Club, Highland Presbyterian Church, United Way, American Heart Association and Cleft Palate Clinic. In addition, he was a member of The Lancaster Country Club and Hamilton Club while pursuing interests in golf, squash and skiing.

Upon retiring in July 1996, Bob and Gerry moved to Spring Island, SC where they lived for over 20 years before their final move to Cornelius, NC.

Bob is survived by his daughter, Virginia Beth Schlabach (Chris), son, Robert W. McEldowney IV (Amy), son-in-law, William L. Hicklen, seven grandchildren, Ryan, Lauren, Lindsay, Hannah, Haley, Wally and Ellie and one great granddaughter, Hallie. He is also survived by his sister Carol M. Sylverstein and nephew Robert E. Sylverstein.

All services will be private.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to VIA Health Partners, founded as Hospice & Palliative Care Charlotte Region, www.hpccr.org 7845 Little Avenue, Charlotte, NC 28226.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home and Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the McEldowney family.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.cavin-cook.com.

Cemetery Details

Cavin-Cook FH & Crematory

494 E. Plaza Drive
Mooresville, NC 28115

Tribute Wall

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“ We were so sorry to read about Bob's passing in the Lancaster paper. It was always such a pleasure being with both of you. Sending love, prayers and blessings for all of the beautiful memories you created together. Susan & John Garofola

Susan Garofola - February 13, 2024 at 05:32 PM

AB

“ Bob and I became good friends when we both were blessed with living on Spring Island in SC. We did a lot of bike riding together, and had wonderful philosophical discussions about nothing important, but always fun!!
My wife Anne and I actually won a tournament or 2 with the McEldowneys, mostly as a result of Bob carrying us to victory. We miss them both very much, but know they are together, with loved ones, in a better place!
Our deepest sympathy to the family. McBee Butcher

Anne and McBee Butcher - February 03, 2024 at 10:04 AM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Robert Walls McEldowney, III.



January 31, 2024 at 11:44 AM

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“ *Bill and Janet RBC Wealth Management planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Walls McEldowney, III.*

Bill and Janet RBC Wealth Management - January 31, 2024 at 11:44 AM

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“ *"Golf is the closest game to the game we call life. You get bad breaks from good shots; you get good breaks from bad shots -- but you have to play the ball where it lies". Rest in peace Mac, We're fortunate to be friends with such a great man! I worked for him, played golf and fished with Mac on Spring Island. My mentor & friend, missed sadly! With love & sympathy: Emil & Betsy Lawson*



Emil Lee Lawson - January 30, 2024 at 09:47 AM