



George William McManus

May 13, 1931 - September 18, 2015

George William McManus, known as Ted, life time resident of the Traverse City area, died Friday morning, September 18, at Munson Hospice House in Traverse City with his family by his side. Born May 13, 1931 in Traverse City he was the son of George R. McManus and Isabell M. (Duran) McManus. George is survived by his best friend of the past 37 years and wife of the past 22 years, Jane (Stephens) McManus; two sons, David McManus and Tim (Linda) McManus; one grandson, Kyle (Jenn) McManus; one sister, Patricia Glauch; and his extended family and many good friends. Preceding him in death were his parents; one daughter, Debra; two brothers, Lyman (Dorothy) McManus; and Charles (Olive) McManus; four sisters, Marie Waller (David); Marchita (John) Herman; Lucille (Frederick) Herman; and Lois (Robert) Donham; and brother-in-law, George Glauch, (they were like brothers when ice fishing). He served two years in the Armed Forces Reserve. He also worked at the Grand Traverse County Road Commission for two years. He retired from Cherryland Electric in Grawn after 38 years. He was a founder and life time member of the Northwest Michigan Draft Horse & Mule Association. He was a life time member of the Northwestern Michigan Fair and attended every year with his horses until the past couple of years was unable to stay at the fair due to ill health. He even has a horse barn named after him at the current fairgrounds. He loved driving his horses and was seen driving them at many functions and community events. He loved telling his experiences with horses with his friends. He never met a stranger– always

had time for everybody and was willing to lend a hand, he especially enjoyed haying time. Cremation has taken place. There is no service planned at this time. In lieu of flowers, contributions should be made to The Northwest Michigan Draft Horse & Mule Association or the Traverse city Hospice House. Arrangements are entrusted to Kalkaska Funeral Home and Cremation Service.

Tribute Wall

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“ Just found out that you passed Ted. I'm so sorry but am thankful for our many laughs at Yankee Boy. I always enjoyed seeing you every morning and hearing all of you coffee drinkers giving each other hell. You'll always be remembered. Until we meet again R.I.P Ted xoxoxo

Maude McNamara - August 14, 2017 at 09:49 PM



“ Ted saw something special in my daughter Karina. She really enjoyed all the different times she spent with him. She loved hanging around him at the Fair. She called him grandpa. He shared his love of horses with her and he is the one that gave her the love of driving horses and other animals. Ted will be greatly missed.



Suzan Svec - September 21, 2015 at 12:21 PM

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“ Ted always made my daughter, Ann and I feel welcome whenever we came out to Pine Meadows for agility with Jane. He had the warmest smile, and kindest voice. Thanks for sharing him with us, Jane. Our prayers and heartfelt wishes are with you. He will live on in all those he touched.

Sharon Sterrett - September 20, 2015 at 09:48 AM

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“ Sure am going to miss you coming in to dog practice and hearing you say " come see me before you leave " :) And sitting in the breeze way chatting and helping move horses so I could do sheep lessons.... and the list goes on...

carrie chase - September 19, 2015 at 01:15 PM

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“ Carrie Chase lit a candle in memory of George William McManus



carrie chase - September 19, 2015 at 01:12 PM


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“ Ted was the coolest guy. I remember during the time I was renting the white house at Woodman and was home alone, I often used my gas grill to make burgers and chicken. On the occasions Jane was out and about, Ted would disappear into the house for a minute and would come over with a burger patty (or any grillable thing) and ask me to throw one on for him too. We would shoot the breeze, have a bite to eat around the grill and off he'd go back to perpetual motion on the farm. I will always remember those times and will miss him.

My deepest sympathy to you for your loss of a really great man.

Quincie Wend - September 18, 2015 at 06:51 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of George William McManus.*



September 18, 2015 at 06:32 PM



“ *I will truly miss seeing Ted's happy face and friendly easy going ways. He was always busy doing a chore or four but had time for a chat whenever you came. Always quick to help others he is going to be so missed. Rest in peace Ted.*

Beckie Gauld - September 18, 2015 at 05:21 PM



I remember Ted coming to the Fife Lake American Legion on Thursday's for easy meals. He did not care for meals made with cheese. While my father was living he would eat at the easy meals also. Ted would set across from my father & wait on him hand & foot. What a compassionate nice man!!!

Eileen Dobson - October 18, 2015 at 08:57 PM