



Robert Miles McHale

February 16, 1931 - January 6, 2023

Robert Miles McHale, 91, of Woodstock passed away at his home on Friday, January 6, 2023. A Funeral Mass will be held at 11:00 am on Saturday, January 14, 2023, at St. John Bosco Roman Catholic Church in Woodstock. Robert's grandson, Father Patrick Mullan, will officiate and Father Augustine Tran will concelebrate. The family will receive visitors from 6:00-8:00 pm on Friday, January 13, 2023, at Dellinger Funeral Homes in Woodstock, with a Rosary beginning at 7:30 pm. Robert was born on February 16, 1931, in Hazleton, PA and was the son of the late Austin and Mary (Conahan) McHale. He served in the US Army and was a federal employee for 37 years in various positions within the Department of Defense. He was a member of the American Legion, Moose International, Knights of Columbus, and The Third Order Dominicans. Robert was a lifelong and faithful servant in the Catholic Church. He is survived by his wife, Valeria (Skuzacek) McHale; 2 sons, Robert (Carol) McHale, Brookeville, MD, and Matthew (Jennifer) McHale, Haymarket, VA; 2 daughters, Gretchen McHale, Woodstock, VA, and Marilyn Mullan, Rockville, MD; 17 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren, and two beloved sisters, Mary Mulligan, and Catherine Bommer. He was preceded in death by a brother, Austin P. McHale, and a sister, Sister Helen Louise McHale, R.S.M. Cemetery Details Sunset View Memorial Gardens 2677 Fravel Road Woodstock, VA 22664 Previous Events Visitation JAN 13. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)Dellinger Funeral Home 159 N. Main St Woodstock, VA 22664 dfhome@shentel.net <https://www.dellingerfuneralhome.com> Service

JAN 14. 11:00 AM (ET) St. John Bosco Roman Catholic Church 315 N. Main
St. Woodstock, VA 22664 <http://www.stjohnboscowoodstock.org/>

Tribute Wall

KS

“ *Kathleen and Dave Stahl purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Robert Miles McHale.*

Kathleen and Dave Stahl - January 13, 2023 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Robert Miles McHale.*

Gracious Lavender Basket - January 13, 2023 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert Miles McHale.*

Divine Peace Bouquet - January 13, 2023 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ Dad's house where he grew up, 39 South Cedar Hazleton PA, had a long basement and my brother and I would play in that dark and open space away from the adults when we visited Grandma and Aunt Helen. We were surprised to discover an old fashion wagon my Dad and his brother, my late Uncle Mac, used when they were young to carry newspapers. Made of hardwood on a solid metal chassis, the wheels were solid steel with thick rubber and the handle heavy to the touch hinged to the front wheels for smooth turning. Matthew and I took turns cruising up and down the basement, avoiding obstacles and trying to skid to a stop without crashing, imagining our dad and uncle doing the very same thing. A few years pasted before we got our own paper route and in need of a wagon to pull them in around the neighborhood. Grandma gave Dad his old wagon and it appeared in our basement for complete reconstruction. With attention to durability and strength, Dad build a wooden box with one full side open and mounted it to the wagon so we could stack our papers and keep them under cover from rain while transporting them to our customers. Six plus years on the streets, that wagon never broke down on us and carried tens of thousands of newspapers in two cities, for four boys, spanning forty or so years of service.

Robert M McHale - January 12, 2023 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ I don't think it was by walking on water, but I bet it seemed like he did! 😊

Robert McHale - January 12, 2023 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ Hours of time at Lake Anna tubing with Mr McHale at the helm of the boat. Then being rescued by him the one time Marilyn and I took the kids out by ourselves. He ran down the lake hill realizing we were in trouble but I can't remember how he got to us and we got the boat in.

Pattie Sullivan - January 12, 2023 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Robert Miles McHale.

Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum - January 12, 2023 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ In 1959 we purchased our first home in Vienna, VA., totally unaware that our next-door neighbors, Bob and Val McHale, were a most loveable family with whom we would become lifelong friends. Over the following 7 years we were blessed to share the ups and downs of our lives together on a regular, sometimes daily, basis. Our children became playpen pals who grew playing in each other's homes. We really felt the loss when they moved to a larger home in DC. Bob Mchale entered eternal life on the First Friday of January, but he will live on in our hearts and memories as a devout Catholic, loving husband, dedicated father who cherished and deeply loved his family, a gentle, honorable man and a loyal. dependable, loveable friend with a wee bit of Irish impishness and great sense of humor. That house in Vienna has been demolished and replaced. Thanks be to God, our friendship endured. RIP dear friend. Our heartfelt condolences and prayers are with Val and all of the McHale family. May you be blessed with the peace that only God can give at this difficult time. Peggy and Dick Albrecht

Margaret N. Albrecht - January 11, 2023 at 12:00 AM

RA

“ *As the proud grandparents of an Eagle Scout, we love this.*

Richard Albrecht - January 11, 2023 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ *Love, Peggy & Dick Albrecht purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of Robert Miles McHale.*

Love, Peggy & Dick Albrecht - January 11, 2023 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert Miles McHale.*

Beautiful in Blue - January 10, 2023 at 12:00 AM

EB

“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Robert Miles McHale.*

Emerald Garden Basket - January 10, 2023 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ *Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Robert Miles McHale.*

Rose Remembrance - January 10, 2023 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ Summer of '14. Heritage Boy Scout Reservation PA, Camp Liberty, on the shores of Lake Courage. Matthew and his two sons, Daniel and Bryan, had traveled from Florida to join our troop and my sons Robert, Louis, Joseph, and Michael for a week encampment. Dad wasn't about to miss this chance to celebrate and attend his final Boy Scout Camp with his grandsons! After arriving, the Scoutmaster emeritus that he was inspected the troop's patrol camp sites with a keen eye, then hiked to every program area in camp all the while relishing the attention and conversations with everyone he would meet along the way. He and Mom had meticulously prepped, seasoned, and foiled 45 baking potatoes to cook at camp and brought all the fixings, as a treat for everyone. That evening on his chair, Dad sat proudly in all his 'Boy Scouting glory' by the campfire while Scouts tended to the huge bed of coals cooking the evening's meal with potatoes. He beamed as he told stories, listened to other's stories, and kept his grandsons close to him as the evening progressed. When the campfire had faded, but before lights out, Dad led the Rosary with his sons, grandsons, adult leaders, and beloved Boy Scouts all gathered around the fire ring, before finally crawling into his tent to sleep.

Robert McHale - January 10, 2023 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Robert Miles McHale.

Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum - January 09, 2023 at 12:00 AM

OF

“ *Our sincere sympathy, The HST Family* purchased the *Magnificent Life Spray* for the family of Robert Miles McHale.

Our sincere sympathy, The HST Family - January 09, 2023 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Robert Miles McHale.*

Magnificent Life Spray - January 09, 2023 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ *Gretchen Mchale purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Robert Miles McHale.*

Gretchen Mchale - January 09, 2023 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert Miles McHale.*

Beautiful in Blue - January 09, 2023 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ *Aunt DeeDee, Susie & Dave, Bobby purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Robert Miles McHale.*

Aunt DeeDee, Susie & Dave, Bobby - January 08, 2023 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ *"Do as I say, not as I do!" was Dad's axiom when a lapse in his judgement or a mistake was witnessed by us children. Usually said in frustration, I never understood the real meaning of the phrase until Mom revealed its true wisdom. Dad's want us to see his own mistakes as lessons and reminders of what sins and faults to avoid in our lives, sometimes easier said than done.*

Robert McHale - January 08, 2023 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ The large step ladder up against our neighbor's rusted, tin roofed garage with Dad on the tippy top, reaching out with a broom to sweep our ball off. Just out of reach, he hoists himself on the edge of the derelict roof only to hear it groan and crack with his weight. Always resourceful, he motions to my younger brother Matthew, and with one swift motion lifts him up to himself onto the ladder to himself. While looking back over his shoulder towards the house, he encourages Matthew to gently and swiftly scamper on all fours and sweep the ball to the ground. Successful, he proudly returns to Dad's embrace who kisses him saying, "well done, tiger." As he alights from the ladder he sets Matthew down and huddles up both of us. With a grin and his standard blue eye twinkle he tells us, "and not a word to your mother!"

Robert McHale - January 08, 2023 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ Eleanor Skluzacek purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Robert Miles McHale.

Eleanor Skluzacek - January 08, 2023 at 12:00 AM

DB

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TT

“ *The HST Costume Team purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Robert Miles McHale.*

The HST Costume Team - January 08, 2023 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ *Summer of ~82, Camp Bowman, Goshen Scout Reservation VA: Dad and Mr. Gullo sitting in front of their leader's tent, with a lake view, sipping iced tea, scoutmastering 38 Boy Scouts without ever leaving the comfort of their lounge chairs~except for meals. 😎*

Robert McHale - January 07, 2023 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Robert Miles McHale.*

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RM

“ *Dad teaching my brother and I how to rub the end of an old, used candle on the runners of our Flexible Flyer sled to obtain maximum speed down Ft. Reno Hill. Oh, how we flew down the snow!*

Robert McHale - January 07, 2023 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ *Detailing the family Gran Torino station wagon took all Saturday afternoon. I had it so shiny for my first solo date, you could eat off the fender. Going to Mass the next morning Dad commented, "I'd venture to say your date didn't even notice how well you cleaned up the car, but your mother and I sure did. Well done, tiger. It is a great job."*

Robert McHale - January 07, 2023 at 12:00 AM