



Kevin McRae

Bethalto | Saturday, October 31 2015

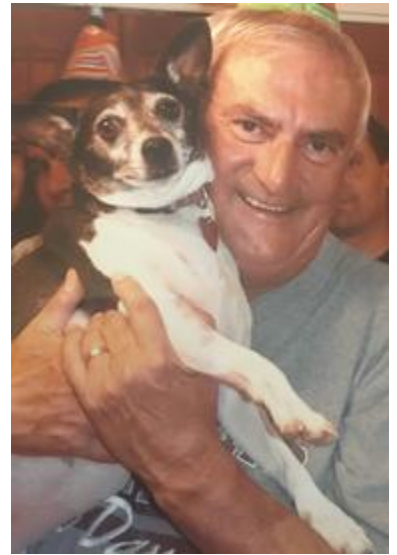
Kevin McRae died peacefully at his Bethalto home on Saturday October 31, 2015. Born July 31, 1953 to beloved parents Dale and Lois McRae, he married his devoted wife, Stacy (Vig), on November 20, 1982, and she survives.

Kevin was known to squeeze every moment out of every day. He was constantly busy with something or someone. His full schedule allowed him to touch many lives and make hundreds of lifelong friendships along the way.

Kevin worked his way through college while raising a young family and working full time. After completing his degree in accounting, and graduating with honors from SIUE, he joined the Boeing Corporation. He took great pride in the fact that he was able to train and mentor hundreds of people during his 38 year tenure there.

Kevin believed strongly in public service. Since 1993, he served as Fort Russell Township Supervisor and previously served two terms on the Bethalto School Board. He coached numerous youth baseball and basketball teams. Somehow Kevin and his wife, Stacy also found time to run a bookkeeping and tax business.

He was a proud and dedicated father and grandfather to his children and their families, Gordon McRae (Nicole) Jared McRae (Nicole), Katie McRae and Michael McRae (Samantha Arview). His grandchildren, Jack, Miranda, and Sam will miss his whisker hugs and the loving pats on the back.



He enjoyed spending summer days by the pool with his kids and grandkids and tending to his tomato plants and flowers. He was always the most encouraging playing partner during a round of golf. Kevin perfected the art of the nickname, thinking up monikers for every person and animal in his life.

Kevin's man cave included a big screen TV fit for the rabid Cardinal fan that he was, an extensive personal library including numerous books on the Civil War and his constant companions – dogs Ellie and Cele and his cat, Maggie. He was a man of faith and those who mourn his passing are comforted by the image of him in heaven playing pinochle with his parents, talking baseball with Stan the Man and having a few questions for generals Grant and Lee.

In addition to his wife, children and grandchildren, Kevin is survived by six siblings, Steve McRae (Holly), Dan McRae (Susan), Terri Downs, Tom McRae (Patti), Barb Bryant (Steve) and Jeff McRae (Tina) as well as his sister-in-law, Paula Ostrom (Ron Moulds), brother-in-law, Tom Paquette (Janice), his wife's cousin Nancy Reeder (Cliff) and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Kevin was preceded in death by his parents, an infant sister, Lori McRae, nephews Thomas Rice and Jayson Ostrom and a niece, Danna McRae, as well as his mother and father-in-law, Desmond and Pauline Vig and sister-in-law Dulcy Paquette.

Visitation will be held from 4 to 8 pm on Wednesday, November 4, 2015 at Elias, Kallal and Schaaf Funeral Home in Bethalto. Visitation will continue on Thursday, November 5 at Zion Lutheran Church in Bethalto beginning at 9:00 am until funeral services at 10:00 am with Pastor Kale Hanson and Pastor Mark Hofferber officiating.

Burial will follow at Rose Lawn Memory Gardens in Bethalto.

Memorials may be directed to Zion Lutheran Church in Bethalto, Illinois.

Online condolences and guestbook may be found at www.eliaskallalandschaaf.com