



Max McMullen

July 26, 1922 - November 26, 2011

Max McMullen, 89, Bismarck, passed on November 26, 2011, at Medcenter One Hospital, Bismarck, ND. Services will be held at 10:00 am Thursday, December 1, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Washington St and Divide Ave, Bismarck, with Rev. Craig Schweitzer officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Memorial Gardens, Bismarck. Visitation will be held from 5:00 pm until 8:00 pm Wednesday, November 30, at Parkway Funeral Service, 2330 Tyler Parkway, Bismarck, where a Masonic service will begin at 7:00 pm. Visitation will continue one hour prior to the service at the church. Max was born at Werner, ND, on July 26, 1922, the son of Theo and Maud Woodward McMullen. In 1941, he applied for Radio Officers School at Gathups Island Merchant Marine and was accepted in early 1942. Upon graduation, he sailed on the merchant ship, James Ellwood Jones, until February 1946. On October 25, 1943, he married Esther Holden at Painted Woods Lutheran Church, Baldwin, ND. Upon completion of service in the Merchant Marine, he joined Sears Roebuck as service manager when the Bismarck store opened in September of that year. In 1953, he was promoted to field service manager and traveled 3 ½ states until 1962 when he was transferred to Minneapolis, MN, where he became district service manager for the zone operation. In 1971, he became service manager for the entire Minneapolis/St. Paul service area. After retiring in 1985, Max and Esther returned to Bismarck. They enjoyed family and friends, Shrine activities, their lake home on Brush Lake, and traveling the United States, making sure to visit each state capital. Max

was a charter member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and a Charter member of El Zagal Dusters as well as a being a 50 year member of the Masons and Shriners. Max is survived by his wife, Esther, Bismarck and their children, Dr. Max Janet, Gig Harbor, WA, and Lynnette Mike Kennedy, Bismarck; his grandchildren, Mark Ruby Kennedy, St. Cloud, MN, Meghan Travis Will, Bismarck and Kristina Greg Morgan, San Francisco, CA; and three great-grandchildren, Braden, Tristan and Holden, all of Bismarck. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, James.

Tribute Wall

SB

“Lynn, Ester and family, we were so sorry to hear of Max's passing. Many great Shrine memories will be had of Max & Ester. Our halloween parties and many other adventures with a great guy. One more mechanic in Heaven to work on all those clunkers! Love you all. Shirley & Rose

Shirley Bard - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MA

“It was an absolute privilege growing up with Max and Esther as lake neighbors. They were the epitome of a truly happy couple. Max's gravely voice and warm smile will be missed!

Megan Clayson Abbott - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

FG

“Megan Lynn and the family, We feel so sad for the family we heard so many fantastic stories of Max and Esther. Time will help heal the heart but he will always be missed. We are thinking of all of you hugs to you. Love from Francy and Jim Gleason

Francy & Jim Gleason - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AK

“Esther and family, So sorry for your loss. We have fond memories of Max from our Leo Birthday club, the dance group and our card games with Bert and Iris. God bless you. Allen and Kerstin Koss

A and K Koss - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CW

“Max & Esther, kind, loving, fun, and beautiful parents, grandparents and especially wonderful great-grandparents to our grandsons, Braden, Tristan and Holden. The boys love Max and Esther - we all do. The night before Thanksgiving, we were all together for Braden's 10th birthday. Thanksgiving day - Max and Esther came with arm-loads of food - prepared to perfection. This last Thanksgiving holiday is bittersweet...our memories of Max will be cherished. We were truly blessed when they became a part of our family. We will dearly miss Max. Our sympathy and love to Esther and her family.

Carlyle & Linda Will - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MF

“We are so sad to read about Max's passing. Max was one of the finest people we have met. We enjoyed having him as a neighbor in Knoll Wood Condos, & a friend at Good Shepherd Lutheran. He will be missed by friends and family. Our thoughts and Prayers are with his wife, Esther and his family. Much love, Marlys & Bob Fleck

Marlys & Bob Fleck - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MC

“We have been fortunate to have had Max and Esther as neighbors at Brush Lake. He has been a wealth of knowledge on just about anything you need to know if you own a lake cabin. His friendship has been dear to us, and he will be greatly missed! Max and Esther have led the way for how to "stay young" through the passing years. May God bless your family.

Michelle and KC Clayson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM