



Hugh Sandford McKee

June 5, 2023

Hugh Sandford McKee, 87, long time resident of Englewood, NJ, passed away on June 5, 2023, after prolonged illness.

Hugh is survived by Judith (Judy) McKee, his wife of 64 remarkable years, whom he met at his twenty-first birthday party, and by his three daughters: Sandra Kurth and her husband Alan of Tenafly, NJ, Jenna Mahoney and her husband Chuck of Highlands Ranch, CO, and Carolyn McKee and her husband Carlton Greene of Alexandria, VA. Hugh will be sadly missed by his eight grandchildren: Andrew, Alex, and William Kurth; Connor, Cameron, and Lindsay Mahoney; and Ailsa and Freya Greene, and by his great-granddaughter, Sutton Kurth. He is also survived by his brother Frank McKee and his wife Patricia of Belfast, Northern Ireland. Hugh was predeceased by his son, Paul McKee, and his brother, John McKee.

Hugh left Belfast, Northern Ireland in his early 20's to make a new life in America. A true entrepreneur, he was the founder and president of Flaxcraft, Inc., and Bast Fibers LLC, both textile import firms. As well as being a devoted husband and father, he was an active member of the community, serving as President of the Board of Trustees at the Elisabeth Morrow School and also serving as a Board member of the Three Schools Foundation. Additionally, he served consecutive terms on the Board of Governors of the Englewood Field Club as Treasurer, President and Advisor over a six-year period. He was an

active parent volunteer at the Hotchkiss School in Lakeville, CT. Hugh was an avid and accomplished rugby player in his youth and a dedicated gardener throughout his life.

A Memorial Service will be held on Friday, September, 15, 2023 at 11:30 am at the Presbyterian Church at Tenafly Chapel, 55 Magnolia Avenue, Tenafly, NJ All are invited to attend a reception immediately following the service. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Hugh's name to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. <https://secure.nationalmssociety.org>

Previous Events

Memorial Service

SEP **15**. 11:30 AM (ET)

Presbyterian Chapel at Tenafly
55 Magnolia Ave.
Tenafly, NJ 07670

Tribute Wall

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“ I am so sorry to have just learned of Mr. McKee's passing. What a lovely man and true gentleman he was. My favorite memory is of his donating rolls of beautiful linen to Paul and Chris who, as children, were building an airplane in our garage and needed the fabric as cover. I'm am not sure that the linen aided in the flight viability but it certainly was beautiful. (The wing, as far as they got, lived at 325 Walnut Street until very recently.). My deepest condolences to the whole family. Melinda Macdonald Twomey

Melinda Twomey - July 27, 2023 at 03:04 PM

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“ I just heard today the sad news about Hugh's passing. My deepest condolences to the family. I worked with Hugh on many projects in the textile industry over the course of 30 years. He was an expert on linen. Whenever I got stuck on a project with linen, I'd call Hugh. He knew everybody in the industry and was universally loved, respected, and generous with information. He was fun to be around and a first rank, old fashioned, gentleman. I will miss him.
Jane Laug

Jane Laug - June 27, 2023 at 07:40 AM