



Howard E. McLaughlin

October 28, 1931 - May 31, 2020

Died May 31, 2020 Peacefully at home with his family.

Howard E. McLaughlin, 88, of Dacula, Georgia, (formerly of Englewood, Florida and Stanhope, NJ) passed away peacefully at home on May 31, 2020. He was born to Vera and Martin McLaughlin on Oct. 28, 1931 in Pottsville, PA. Howard graduated from Pottsville Catholic High School and received a B.S. in Economics from Kings College, a Master's Degree from Seton Hall University, and a Doctorate from Rutgers University. Prior to graduating from college, Howard was a paratrooper in the 82nd Air Born stationed in Fort Bragg. Howard spent his life devoted to his family and to his students. He spent 32 years teaching English, Social Studies and various elementary grades at Roxbury and Jefferson Township Public Schools in New Jersey. He spent the last 20 years of his teaching career as the English Department Chairman Supervisor at Jefferson Twp.. High School.

Howard's second vocation began in the early 1960's working as a New Jersey Park Ranger during the summer months and weekends at Hopatcong State Park. He enjoyed working outdoors.

Howard was married for 62 years to Audrey (Zehner) McLaughlin who survives him; children Ellen and Richard Walsh of Saylorsburg, PA, Beth and Keith Beccia of Boonton Township, NJ, Martin and Donna McLaughlin of Dacula, GA, and Mary Jo and Norman Roth of Scotrun, PA, and Dieter Runkle who was like a second son; grandchildren Clint, Meghan, Austin, Kelsey,

Daniel, Garrett , Ally , Kyle , Tyler, and Gabrielle; great grandchildren Brayden, Bryce and Guinevere Jordy; and his beloved dog Tammy.

Howard was known for his love of books, jokes, and story-telling. He loved to recant the story of his family's connection to the Molly McGuires. He was extremely proud of his Irish ancestry and, therefore, loved everything Irish! His love of literature and poetry made him an avid reader. He was able to recite his favorite poems and various lines of literature up until his final days. He firmly believed that a good education was invaluable.

Funeral to be held at a future date in St. Patrick's Church in Pottsville, PA.

Tribute Wall



“ *Howard E. McLaughlin*

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