



## Robert B. McKean

April 22, 1924 - June 6, 2011

Robert B. McKean, June 6, 2011 age 87 of Redford. Preceded in death by his beloved wife, Martha. Loving father of Mark (Krystle), Brian (Pamela), Jan(Mark) Johnston, and John (Cheryl). Proud grandfather of Brantly, Mark and Colt. Dear brother of Lois Marshall. Committal Service Friday 11AM at Parkview Memorial Cemetery, Livonia. Memorial contributions may be made to Michigan Humane Society, 30300 Telegraph Road, Ste. 220, Bingham Farms MI 48025. To share memories please use the condolences link on this page.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Robert B. McKean*

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *May the hope at Isaiah 25:8 bring the McKean family much comfort, here God assures us that death will be swallowed up or removed from all the earth. This is something that we can look forward to in the near future.*

**ariel** - December 12, 2014 at 10:14 AM



“ *Uncle Bruce was my long-lost uncle and the younger brother of my mother, Frances, who died in 1957 in England. When I visited him and Aunt Martha in Detroit, he showed me his garden and his many vegetables. He also showed me his hunting gear. It was clear that he loved the outdoors. He had many stories to tell of his growing up years in the upper peninsula and he enlightened me on what my mother's childhood years must have been like. What a dear couple they were. They will be greeting each other in Heaven and he will also be reuniting with his 9 siblings and his parents who went on before. Only Aunt Lois remains. What a wonderful family they are and were. Uncle Bruce was a joy to his family and to all of us who met him.*

**Heather Day** - December 12, 2014 at 10:14 AM

KM

“ My condolences to the McKean and Johnston's families in the passing of your father. I am always reminded of your Dad when I see a Beagle, having fond memories of Captain running along your Dad's back yard fence baying and howling, what a sharp looking Beagle he was too! Your Dad's beautiful flowers in his backyard and his wonderful garden with those memorable beets. Heirloom quilts, crackle glass, Detroit Reds, and the UP, (Houghton County, Coppertown Museum and the beautiful Keweenaw Peninsula), come to mind when I think of Bruce. Its funny how you don't realize how a person has impacted you until you are touched by something that reminds you of them. I always take notice of birds in the yard and wonder what their species are. It was funny to see Bruce try to outwit the Squirrel that would raid his bird feeders, sometimes he would prevail and sometimes he wouldn't. I would have never been introduced to a rutabaga had I not sampled the famous Pasties of Michigan and learned the story of how they came about. Oh how I thank him for letting Janice share some of those wonderful pickled beets he bottled every year. I looked forward to that October package and the delights it contained. I will never forget the tour of Detroit and Belle Isle that Bruce and Martha took me on. It was so interesting and hearing about their growing up years and how they met. Martha showing me where her childhood home was. Janice, I remember your Dad telling me he was so tickled when you girls (Your Mom and you) got together and went shopping or to lunch. That was very endearing and special to him. Your folks left a wonderful legacy and I know you all will carry on. Love and Peace be with you Bruce.

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**Katy McKean** - December 12, 2014 at 10:14 AM

NL

“ Dear Jan and Mark, We love you and your family, and we thank God for your friendship over the years. We cannot imagine what you must feel, and we're standing with you from Atlanta, GA. In Christ,  
Nate & Melissa

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**Nate & Melissa Ledbetter** - December 12, 2014 at 10:14 AM

BJ

“ Dear Family: Mark, Brian, Janice and John: Bruce and Martha will always be in our minds and hearts. We love them as we love you all. We think of you as an extension of our family and you are in our hearts and prayers at all times. Our prayers and our love goes with each of you during this sad time. Bruce will be missed by all of his friends and family. To know Bruce was to love him and we will all meet again in heaven. Uncle Burt and Aunt Jean

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**Burt and Jean Johnson** - December 12, 2014 at 10:14 AM

MD

“ Know in your heart that God blessed our family like no other. Having an Uncle Bruce ..... . Knowing that he is with God... Believeing he made a difference..... Child of God [Mom always called him Robert the Bruce, then smiled a warm smile..... ] God has prepared a place for him...

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**Marion Helmer [ Blanches daughter]** - December 12, 2014 at 10:14 AM

BJ

“ Bruce was a remarkable person. His long time support for his church is to be commended. We have enjoyed his stories about his boyhood days in Calumet and his father's work in the mines. We have been inspired with his attitude about his knee problems and his willingness to make the best of it. We especially enjoyed our times with him and Martha and then with him in Paradise. He was always eager and looked forward to picking blueberries, even with a cane. He made delicious pickled beets and thankfully willing to share them with us. We are especially thankful for him sharing Jan with our family. He will truly be missed by all of us. Betty and Jim Johnston and family

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**Betty and Jim Johnston** - December 12, 2014 at 10:14 AM

TF

“ Dear McKean Family, We are so saddened to hear of the passing of your dad. Please know that we are thinking of you. Shawn, Janet, Nate & Noah

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**The Wennes Family** - December 12, 2014 at 10:14 AM

VK

“ Dear Janice, Mark, Brian and John, Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. We know it must be comforting to know your Mom and Dad are together again with the Lord. My thoughts are all happy thoughts between your Dad and I. When dating his sister, Marion, he used to tease me by calling me every name but my own because he knew it made me jealous. I in turn would tease him then and though our many years together, about his lack of deer hunting ability. Your Dad was best man for Marion and I, as well as for Joanne and I. Janice, it was great that you brought your Dad to Grand Haven for our wonderful last visit. How proud your parents were of all of all of you and your accomplishments. Dwell on all your happy thoughts of your times together. Love, Uncle Verne and Joanne

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**Verne and Joanne Kenney** - December 12, 2014 at 10:14 AM

KM

“ John you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Kelly Turner Murphy** - December 12, 2014 at 10:14 AM

JE

“ Uncle Bruce was a sweet, kind man, with a great sense of humor. We treasure our fond memories of him. We know there was rejoicing in heaven when God called him to His heavenly home. Our prayers are with you as you mourn the loss of your dear father and grandfather.

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**Jon and Sue Elsea** - December 12, 2014 at 10:14 AM

FW

“ You will be greatly missed, but I rejoice that you are now in the loving arms of your heavenly Father! Have so many great memories of all our times together. Loved your sense of humor, and all the great ice cream surprises you gave us. Loved it when you rattled off each one of your kids names, when you were talking to one of them!

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**Faye Watkins(Kenney)** - December 12, 2014 at 10:14 AM

KT

“ To our McKean cousins: Memories of huge Christmas family gatherings resurfaced at our last cousins gathering. We are so glad that we were able to celebrate that time with Uncle Bruce before the Lord called him home to be with Himself and his much-loved Martha! Our love and prayers for you, his children and grandchildren!

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**Karen and Ted Thisse** - December 12, 2014 at 10:14 AM

BB

“ Bruce will be missed by everyone in the family and friends. He was a great guy and did alot of wonderful things in his life. He will have alot of family to unite with now who passed on before him.

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**Bill & Charlotte Binder** - December 12, 2014 at 10:14 AM