



Donald J. McLean "Woody"

March 28, 1939 - May 17, 2025

Donald J. ("Woody") McLean, 86, of Gladwyne, passed away peacefully on May 17th, 2025.

Born on March 28, 1939, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Woody was the beloved son of the late Henry J. McLean and Helen Hare McLean.

A proud graduate of Monsignor Bonner High School, Woody dedicated 38 years of service to the community of Gladwyne as a trusted postman, referring to the residents on his route affectionately as "his clients." Following his retirement from the postal service, Woody continued to serve the community as a property caretaker on a local estate for another 15 years.

A true jack of all trades, Woody lent his talents to countless neighbors and friends over the years. From carpentry and landscaping to housesitting and more, he was always ready to lend a helping hand.

Woody was also deeply committed to public service. He proudly served as a volunteer firefighter with the Union Fire Association for over 30 years and was a dedicated member of its board of directors for two decades. In recent years, he found joy in volunteering for Main Line Meals on Wheels, delivering meals and companionship to the elderly.

Woody is survived by his devoted wife of 57 years, Sue (née Adams), and his loving children: Alyson (Peter Lobl), Tara Elizabeth, Tracie (Frank Schiavo), and James (“Chip”), as well as his daughter-in-law, Melissa and step-grandchildren Kyle, Cody, and Alex. He will be lovingly remembered by many nieces, nephews, neighbors, and friends.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Woody’s name may be made to The Gladwyne Fire Company, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, or a charity of your choice.

A celebration of Woody’s life will be held on Saturday, June 21st at noon in the Parish Hall at St. Christopher’s Church in Gladwyne. Casual dress is encouraged—please bring your stories and memories to share.

Previous Events

Life Celebration

JUN 21. 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Christopher's Episcopal Church
226 Righters Mill Road
Gladwyne, PA 19035

Tribute Wall



“ *I have wonderful memories of Uncle Don. Great smile, great laugh. He was always so kind.*
Celeste O'Connor Clancy

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“ *Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Donald J. McLean "Woody".*



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“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Donald J. McLean "Woody".*

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