



Sam Stewart McKeel

August 28, 1926 - May 7, 2024

Sam Stewart McKeel of Waverly Heights, Gladwyne, PA died on Tuesday, May 7th, 2024. Beloved husband of the late Margrett McKeel and devoted father of Douglas McKeel (Janice), Karen Calby (the late Douglas), and Stuart McKeel (Allison); also survived by 7 grandchildren: Courtney, Andrew, Christopher, Elizabeth, Lauren, Dalton and Connor; and great grandchildren Haylen, Ellyson, Miller and Sutton.

Sam McKeel was born in Wilson, North Carolina on August 28, 1926 to Tryphenia and Henry Connor McKeel. He enlisted in the United States Navy at the age of sixteen and served in the Pacific Theatre in World War II. He returned home to finish high school, received his degree from the University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill, and then attended Columbia University, receiving his Master's Degree in journalism. Sam then embarked on a fulfilling and long career in journalism and management.

His Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, June 8th, at 1pm in the sanctuary of Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church, 625 Montgomery Avenue, Bryn Mawr, PA with a reception to follow.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in his memory to: Margaret F. McKeel Educational Endowment Fund, dedicated to Nursing Scholarships, c/o Waverly Heights, 1400 Waverly Road, Gladwyne, PA 19035, or Bryn Mawr

Presbyterian Church, 625 Montgomery Avenue, Bryn Mawr, PA 19010.

FULL OBITUARY:

<https://www.inquirer.com/obituaries/sam-mckeel-obituary-inquirer-daily-news-publisher-20240513.html>

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN 8. 1:00 PM (ET)

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church
625 Montgomery Avenue
Bryn Mawr, PA

Tribute Wall

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“ I have fond memories of the kindness Sam and Maragarett showed me by allowing me to regard them as my family and their home as my home during my years at Bryn Mawr College in the mid 70's. Doug, Karen and Stuart remain in my prayers as you mourn your father's loss and celebrate his ongoing life.

alycemck01@gmail.com - June 14, 2024 at 01:53 PM

GF

“ It was an honor and a privilege to work with Sam in the always-exciting 1970s and 1980s at Philadelphia Newspapers Inc. He was always supportive of the Inquirer news staff.
Gene Foreman

Gene Foreman - June 07, 2024 at 03:34 PM

JV

“ I remember well being introduced to the McKeel family. My father had just joined the Philadelphia Inquirer, and it was evident how much Sam was going to be a part of my father's career and personal circle in the mid 1970's. I can still recall his distinct voice!
Condolences to Doug, Karen, Stuart and families.

Janet Vermeil (Campbell)

Janet Vermeil - May 31, 2024 at 09:27 AM

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“ Sam was a great friend, wonderful boss and a true leader as well as inspiring mentor. I wished that we had talked more this past year.
Bob DeLaney

Meyers DeLaney - May 12, 2024 at 09:06 PM

JT

“ *Sam was a dear and caring friend, my most important mentor and the best boss I ever had.
I'll miss him greatly!*

Jerry Tilis

Jerry Tilis - May 12, 2024 at 07:03 AM