



## Robert Ernst McLear Jr.

May 30, 1936 - February 5, 2023

RICHMOND, Ind. – Robert Ernst McLear Jr., age 86, of Richmond, Indiana, died Sunday, February 5, 2023, at Reid Health.

Born May 30, 1936, in Indianapolis, Indiana, to Robert E. and Harriett Rossetter McLear Sr., Bob was a life long resident of Richmond. He worked for the Richmond Fire Department for 20 years, owned and operated Renovation Shoe Shop, and worked for Friends Fellowship Community. Bob was an avid golfer. He recorded two holes-in-one and shot his age several times. He loved his family dearly and enjoyed spending time with them. Bob attended many of his grandchildren's sporting events and was their biggest fan. He was a lifelong member of the Richmond Evening Optimist Club, #1408 Fire Fighters Union, and Liberty Golf Club.

Survivors include his daughters, Sally (James) Baumer of Centerville, Indiana, and Kathy (Chip) Gray of Indianapolis, Indiana; son, Robert (Michelle) McLear III of Batavia, Illinois; daughter-in-law, Judy McLear of Evansville, Indiana; stepson, Jeff (Susan) Cappa of Richmond; ten grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; sisters-in-law, Sharron McLear of Sugar Grove, Illinois and Alice (Leon) Kozlowski of Munster, Indiana; nieces; nephews; and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his son, Michael McLear, who died on

September 4, 2016; first wife, Maxine McLear, who died January 24, 2009; second wife, Joyce McLear, who died November 26, 2020; parents; sister, Suzanne Armstrong; and brothers, George "Bud" and Richard McLear.

Visitation for Robert Ernst McLear Jr. will be from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. Saturday, February 11, 2023, at Doan & Mills Funeral Home, 790 National Road West, Richmond. Liturgy of Christian Burial will follow at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, February 11, 2023, at Holy Family Catholic Church with Fr. Sengole T. Gnanaraj officiating. Burial will be in St. Mary Catholic Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to: Centerville-Abington Dollars for Scholars, 507 Willow Grove Road, Centerville, IN 47330.

Condolences may be sent to the family via the guest book at [www.doanmillsfuneralhome.com](http://www.doanmillsfuneralhome.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 11. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Doan & Mills Funeral Home  
790 National Rd W  
Richmond, IN 47374  
(765) 966-0596

## Liturgy of Christian Burial

FEB 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

Holy Family Catholic Church  
815 West Main Street  
Richmond, IN 47374

## Burial

FEB 11. 12:30 PM (ET)

St. Mary Catholic Cemetery  
2317 Boston Pike  
Richmond, IN 47374

# Tribute Wall



“ *Our deepest sympathy to the family. Bob and Maxine were some of the first friends of my in laws when they moved to Richmond. I admired his dedication to Maxine and Joyce through the years. Always fun to talk to and catch up with when we saw him. Our thoughts will be with you in the days ahead.*  
*Gary and Nancy Whitney*

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nancy whitney - February 11, 2023 at 01:43 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert Ernst McLear Jr..*



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February 10, 2023 at 08:19 AM

DH

“ I was so sad to hear of Bob’s passing. Bob was my very first patient when we moved to Richmond in 1987.

I first met Bob and Maxine when we were in Richmond to buy our house. My wife and children and I were in the Big Boy restaurant on Chester Blvd. Our daughter Jackie, was 2 years old, and she threw her chicken leg bone on Bob’s plate. I gingerly walked over to their table, introduced myself, and picked up the bone.

Bob laughed, and asked me what brought us to Richmond? When I told him I would be a new Dr. in Richmond. He asked if he could be my first new patient.

True to his word he was my first patient at 9am, October 1987.

He was a wonderful man and I enjoyed our friendship so very much. When I retired from private practice he was one of my last patients I saw in the office.

Our sincere sympathy on the loss of your Dad and Grandfather.  
Dr. Alan B. Hartman

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**Dr. Alan B. Hartman** - February 09, 2023 at 03:51 PM

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“ We are thinking of everyone in the McLear family and sending caring thoughts your way, to support you through your loss of your beloved father and grandfather.

----Terri and Tom McCalla

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**Terri and Tom McCalla** - February 07, 2023 at 09:00 PM

DB

“ We were sad to hear of Bob’s passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family during this difficult time.

Don and Sandy Black

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**Don Black** - February 07, 2023 at 01:32 PM

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“ *My deepest sympathy to Bob’s family. God had a plan for him and I to meet and I enjoyed taking care of him while he lived with me. We enjoyed many happy hours together. My dearest Bob, you will always be in my heart and thoughts. I miss you very much. Love,  
Rose*

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**Rose Robbins** - February 07, 2023 at 08:36 AM

BM

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.*

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**Bob Clark & the Staff of Doan & Mills** - February 06, 2023 at 06:11 PM