



William Edward McEnerney Jr

April 7, 1928 - May 2, 2025

William Edward McEnerney Jr, age 97, passed peacefully on May 2, 2025 with his family at his side at home in Delaware, OH. He was born on April 7, 1928 in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn, NY to William Edward Sr and Loretta (Gallagher) McEnerney. He graduated from Brooklyn Prep High School and enlisted in the Marine Corps at age 17. He was awarded a Purple Heart for his service during the Korean War and was one of the last survivors who had participated in the Chosin Reservoir Campaign in North Korea.

He studied Civil Engineering at Manhattan College in New York City, and later transferred to Marquette University in Milwaukee, graduating from Marquette in 1952 with a B.S.C.E.

After college, he was hired by Turner Construction Co. and worked for them for 40+ years in six different states, retiring in 1993 as Operations Manager of the Columbus, OH office. After that retirement he formed his own construction consulting firm, working primarily on hospital construction throughout the eastern and southeastern U.S.

He married the love of his life, Virginia (Simmons) at St Francis of Assisi Church in Staunton, VA on July 16, 1955. They were a perfect match of city

boy and country girl, and were married for 64 years.

He enjoyed watching movies with his longtime friends, jigsaw puzzles, a Thursday afternoon cocktail, walking at Mingo Park, and Saturday Vigil Mass at St Mary in Delaware.

He is predeceased by his beloved wife of 64 years, Virginia; his parents William Edward Sr and Loretta McEnerney; and his sister Loretta (Sister William Loretta of the Sisters of Charity, Halifax, Nova Scotia) and his son-in-law Jeff Beitel.

He is survived by his three children Patricia Lyons, Edward, and Diane Beitel; his stepdaughter Jean (Frank) D'Aquino; his five grandchildren: Jeremy Lyons, Andrea (Chris) Hughes, Shannon Beitel, Brittany (Ben) Corbitt, and Stephanie (Max) Carroll; his step granddaughter Christine D'Aquino; and six great-grandchildren.

“HE DID THE BEST HE COULD.

NOT ALWAYS GOOD ENOUGH.

GOD BLESS YOU.”

Bill McEnerney, April 25, 2025

Thank you to the Delaware County Veterans Services Office, Honor Flight

Columbus, and Karen Kish.

Thank you also to our devoted caregivers and friends, Kristine Dybzinski and Athena Abrams.

Calling hours will be Thursday, May 8th from 5:00pm - 7:00pm at Rutherford-Corbin Funeral Home, 515 High Street; Worthington, OH 43085

A Mass of Christian Burial will be Celebrated at 10:30 am on Friday, May 9th at St. Mary Catholic Church, 82 East William Street, Delaware, Ohio 43015.

A private interment for the family follows immediately at St Mary Cemetery, 426 South Sandusky Street, Delaware, OH 43015.

Cemetery Details

St. Mary Cemetery

Delaware, OH 43015

Previous Events

Calling Hours

MAY 8. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Rutherford-Corbin Funeral Home
515 High Street
Worthington, OH 43085
(614) 885-4006
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<https://www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com/>

Mass of Christian Burial

MAY 9. 10:30 AM (ET)

St Mary Catholic Church
82 E. William St.
Delaware, OH 43015

Tribute Wall

RH

“ *This Is Randy and Lynne Holly. Bill worked with Randy for several years after Turner. We thought the world of both him and Virginia. They were the finest people ever. Sorry to hear of his passing and our sincerest condolences to you all.*

Randy Holly - May 12, 2025 at 06:48 PM



“ *May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time,
May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,

May your memories of William Edward McEnerney, give you peace, comfort and strength...*

Rest now in the arms of our Lord your mission on earth is complete. I thank you for your service to our Country and my Freedom. You will not be forgotten...

*My thoughts
and prayers to the family of*

US Marine Veteran, William Edward McEnerney, is “A True American Hero” God Bless†

† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13 †

Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum - May 07, 2025 at 05:20 AM

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“ Sherry and Stan, Yoakam’s and Seiffert’s planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Edward McEnerney Jr.

Sherry and Stan, Yoakam’s and Seiffert’s - May 06, 2025 at 09:54 PM

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“ Sherry and Stan, Yoakam’s and Seiffert’s purchased the *Your Light Shines* for the family of William Edward McEnerney Jr.



Sherry and Stan, Yoakam’s and Seiffert’s - May 06, 2025 at 09:54 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Edward McEnerney Jr.



May 06, 2025 at 11:44 AM