



George McCracken

February 12, 2006

McCracken, George R. age 77, of Mpls. Born in Glasgow, Scotland. Veteran of the Argyle and Sutherland Highlanders and the Royal Signal Corps. Survived by wife of 49 years, Theresa; children, Andrew (Cheri), John (Rhonda), Kirsty (Michael McCoy), George (Tracy), Joseph (Monique) and Peter (Jodi); many grand and great-grandchildren; nieces and nephew, and many friends. Shortly after he married Theresa, they immigrated to the U.S. via the Queen Mary and proceeded to Mpls. George has been a longtime member of the Twin Cities Scottish Club and has served as their lead ceilidh/country dance instructor for years. He has been very active in bagpipe bands in MN, and has been a bass drummer for over 30 years. He started his drumming career with the Brian Boru Band, played with the City of Mpls Pipe Band and most recently with the Macalester Pipe Band. In April of 2004, George received the first lifetime achievement award from the MN Parian Day Cooperative. George and his wife were avid campers and served as host campers for the Rice Lake State Park in Owatonna. George retired from Klienman Realty where he worked as a maintenance engineer. Prior to that, at the Park Avenue Methodist Church. Service Thursday, 11 AM at Trinity Lutheran Church of Minnehaha Falls, 5212 41st Ave S., Mpls. Visitation Wednesday, 4-8 PM at Washburn-McReavy Nokomis Park Chapel, 1838 E. Minnehaha Pkwy, Mpls, and one hour before service at church. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. Memorials preferred to MN Scottish Fair and Highland Games. Washburn-McReavy Nokomis Park Chapel 612-721-1651

Tribute Wall

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“ Susie and I always enjoyed George's fun loving, can-do spirit. He's the only dancie we've ever seen who could push and cajole, all at the same time, 3 or 4 sets of Scottish Country dancers through a dance. His smile warmed the coldest Minnesota day. We missed him when we left. We miss him more that he is gone.

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Ed & Susie Grant,

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“ *The first time I saw George and Theresa dancing, at a Ceilidh many years ago, it was poetry in motion. They were in perfect tune with each other. George was unchallenged as the person who would receive the first Lifetime Achievement Award from the Minnesota Tartan Day Cooperative. He devoted his life to making sure the heritage and traditions of his homeland would not be forgotten here in the land of lefse and ludfisk. He taught us to dance, he taught us to be proud, and he taught us to be strong. We were Scots. He was those things. He had fought so many catastrophic medical challenges that would have felled a lesser man. How could we have known there would be one he couldn't beat. There is a hole in our hearts, as there will be a hole in our community that no one will fill. You will be with us forever, dear George. We love you. Dance on.*
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“ Susie and I always enjoyed George's fun loving, can-do spirit. He's the only dancie we've ever seen who could push and cajole, all at the same time, 3 or 4 sets of Scottish Country dancers through a dance. His smile warmed the coldest Minnesota day. We missed him when we left. We miss him more that he is gone.

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“ *The first time I saw George and Theresa dancing, at a Ceilidh many years ago, it was poetry in motion. They were in perfect tune with each other. George was unchallenged as the person who would receive the first Lifetime Achievement Award from the Minnesota Tartan Day Cooperative. He devoted his life to making sure the heritage and traditions of his homeland would not be forgotten here in the land of lefse and ludfisk. He taught us to dance, he taught us to be proud, and he taught us to be strong. We were Scots. He was those things. He had fought so many catastrophic medical challenges that would have felled a lesser man. How could we have known there would be one he couldn't beat. There is a hole in our hearts, as there will be a hole in our community that no one will fill. You will be with us forever, dear George. We love you. Dance on.*
Babs

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Barbara Humphrey,

Minneapolis, Minnesota

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“ George introduced us to Scottish Country dancing and was always patient when we couldn't seem to get the latest dance he was teaching. He was one of the last "nice guys" and will be missed. Our condolences.

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Joan Bell (nee Buchanan),

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“ I haven't seen George in years, and yet I miss him already. He was a gentle man, quick with a joke, and he'd tell it with a twinkle in his eye and a lilt in his voice. I know I'll never have a cup of tea as good as that from the teapot in his kitchen. But was it really the tea? Or the company? George, you left the world in better shape than you found it, and I'm a better man for knowing you. Your legacy is secure. My heartfelt condolences to Theresa, and to my friends of long ago, Andy, John, and Kirsty, and to all of the family.

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