



William "Bill" McNeely

August 13, 2012

McNeely, William John "Bill" of Eden Prairie, MN, passed away August 10, 2012 into the arms of the Lord and said a loving goodbye to his three beloved children who were at his side. Bill will be dearly missed and remembered by countless people he touched and influenced during his life. Family, friends, business associates and his many employees will remember Bill's kindness and generosity, loyalty, quick and self-deprecating Irish wit, keen sense of business intuition, and most especially his deep and enduring love for his 3 children (Stacey McNeely, Stefie Orth, and William "Bill Jr" McNeely), son-in-law (Steve Orth), and his 7 beautiful grandchildren (Makenna Borg, Logan Borg, Payton Borg, Keegan Orth, Gavin Orth, Billy and Aria McNeely). Bill is also survived by his 2 loving and close sisters of whom he was so proud (Gretchen Badalich and Helen Taylor) and 6 nieces & nephews (Kevin, Kim, Kellie, John, Ann and Paul). Bill's heartfelt love of God, family, friends and America stemmed from his humble upbringing on a farm in Montrose, MN which shaped his life. He revered what the farm had instilled in him - the foundation for successful future business endeavors. Work ethic, determination, risk-taking, and eternal optimistic spirit for a better day tomorrow belief, and especially his recognized honesty and integrity, were not only admired by his family and friends, but also business colleagues. Small basement office beginnings in Bloomington, MN, commenced Exotic Rubber and Plastics of MN, which now, 36 years later, is nationally recognized as Acrylic Design Associates, a leader within retail store fixture and retail design

and display manufacturing. Bill's business philosophy then and now was to offer products and services unlike any other in the industry, and offer only the highest quality and service to the client with unmatched integrity. Bill's high-risk, but skillful approach to business (usually against the advice of his peers) proved successful and today contemporary. People who knew and loved Bill can attest to his special gift of making people feel good about themselves when he was in their presence - the room always brightened when Bill walked in! He loved to sincerely learn of others' lives and families whom he met along his journey in life, but tended to dismiss his own attributes and successes. This was a trait and a reason he was so sincerely charming... Bill's desire to help people through animals was felt in the community and many humane societies throughout the nation felt his generosity and heartfelt love for animals in need. For both families and children with Autism, Bill's fondness and love of specially trained assistance dogs through "Can-Do-Canines" positively changed the lives of numerous children and their families associated with Autism. Thank you Dad, Bill, and dear friend, for all the fond memories we will treasure forever and for a heart and soul that can never be replaced. We will never forget you or your many acts of kindness. We will not forget your special warm laugh, your strong and commanding voice and your smiling Irish blue eyes. You'll be loved going forward as strongly as you were in the past. May you rest in the eternal peace you so rightfully deserve our dear friend. Memorials to Can-Do-Canines, 9440 Science Center Drive, New Hope, MN 55428. Interment: St. Hubert Catholic Cemetery. Mass of Christian Burial: Tuesday, August 14, 2012 at 11 a.m. with visitation one hour prior at St. Hubert Catholic Community, 8201 Main St. Chanhassen, MN. Visitation: Monday, August 13, 2012 from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. at: www.Washburn-McReavy.com Eden Prairie Chapel 952-975-0400 7625 Mitchell Road (1 blk N. of Hwy 5)

Tribute Wall

AG

“ I was reading the obituary of my friend Bill McNeeley, and after posting a memory, I saw Mr. McNeely's Pic. After that I knew immediately that this was Bill's father, Bill, sr.. Bill, Jr. Always spoke so highly of his father, and indeed, he had a wonderful life. I would imagine to have a dad like that may have been a tough act to follow. But Bill, jr. Did it in spades. All the children and adults he taught to swim. And so much more. This father and son may have had their own paths, but both lived their lives with character and strength and helped so many. Now they are together in heaven still loving their families. Sincerely, April Gribble Vero Beach.

April Gribble - March 09, 2025 at 01:23 PM



“ Dear MCneely family You don't know me but friends of your father told me about his passing. My heartfelt sympathy to your family. My name is Sharon Levitsky and my diabetes assistance dog is Murray whom I believe was sponsored by Mr. MCneely. I just want your family to know how much I appreciate having Murray and how incredible he is and how he has helped me. I have your father to thank for that. I am sorry I never had the opportunity to meet him and thank him personally, but I am so grateful to him for being such an altruistic person and a supporter of Can-do Canines. The friends of his and mine who told me about him are Babe and Sarah Shragg. Please know that his generous nature is so appreciated. I extend my sympathy to you and hope and pray that you are finding the strength to face your loss. Most sincerely, Sharon Levitsky

August 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BJ

“ Rejoice in the knowledge Bill has a seat in heaven! I have not had contact with Bill for many years and was saddened to see his obituary. In the 60's Bill and I worked together and enjoyed good times together. I always remember our trip to Puerto Rico and the experiences we shared. We faded out of each others life but the time we had together was memorable. His sparkle will continue to give pleasure to our memories. Bless you all.

~

Bill & Jan Jordan,

Ham Lake, Minnesota

Contact Me

Bill & Jan Jordan - August 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TM

Bill, I remember you fellows and all our good times working together 👍



Tom McMahon

tom mcmahon - September 21, 2018 at 07:10 AM

JS

“ *Stef, Your father is with God eternally. Our prayers are with your family. God bless, John, Lynn and Tommy Scott*

~

john scott,

eden prairie, Minnesota

john scott - August 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. We'll miss Bill at Golden Valley Country Club.*

~

Laurie Kasper-Adams

August 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RK

“ *Bill jr We are so sorry for your families loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

~

Rich and Theresa Kellington,

Bismarck, North Dakota

Contact Me

Rich and Theresa Kellington - August 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Psalm 139*

August 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *McNeely Family, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Bill was a quiet but very generous supporter of Can Do Canines for many years. His generosity has saved lives and added to the quality of life for many others. Bill is a great example for the rest of us to follow.*

~

Mike Branch,

Lino Lakes, Minnesota

Mike Branch - August 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ *McNeely family-Our deepest sympathy to you all. I had the privilege of meeting Bill when his generosity brought Monte, Austin's autism assist dog, into our lives. His generosity changed Austin's life and we are forever great full*

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Kim Motzko,

Circle pines, Minnesota

Contact Me

Kim Motzko - August 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BE

“ *Bill, We am very sorry to hear the passing of your father. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.*

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Broc and Amy Ebli,

Shakopee, Minnesota

Broc and Amy Ebli - August 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *To the McNeely Family, We are sorry for your loss. Bill was a wonderful person and will be missed. Your family is in our prayers. Peace to you. With Love David and Linda Marino*

August 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Sorry to hear about Bill hope everybody is doing ok. He was a good man.

~

Jim Williams,

White bear alke, Minnesota

Jim Williams - August 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *McNeely Family, I am so sorry for your loss. I knew Bill through his generosity to Can Do Canines. My brother received a service dog, Denver, through Can Do Canines several year ago. Denver changed my brother's life, and my own, in a profound way, and we have Bill to thank. He was truly a great man.*

~

Jamie Finn,

Roseville, Minnesota

Jamie Finn - August 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ *Bill, So sorry to hear about Bill. What a great guy. I remember the good times with him well.*

~

Mike Nolan,

Crested Butte, Colorado

Contact Me

Mike Nolan - August 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ To the family of Bill McNeely, I was a class mate of your father and learned what a wonderful person he was developing into becoming, and He truly did just that. Fond memories are with all of his class mates I,m sure In Christ Alta LaVine Stroyan Illinois

August 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Bill Jr., Steph and Stacy, please accept our condolences for the loss of your father. I had the true honor to know Bill through Can Do Canines and the difference he made in the lives of the families he helped through his support. He will me missed a great deal by everyone!

~

Janet Cobus,

St. Michael, Minnesota

Janet Cobus - August 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ To the McNeely family: Words cannot express how sorry we are for your loss. I've known Bill for 15 years while helping to care for his beloved Shelties as a technician at Heritage Animal Hospital. He never failed to bring a smile to my face, or make me laugh. My husband, Steve, flew him several times through Executive Aviation, and enjoyed his humor and wit. He was a great man, will be truly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during your time of sorrow. God bless.

~

Christy & Steve Boho,

Crystal, Minnesota

Contact Me

Christy & Steve Boho - August 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SJ

“ *Your family is in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. I am so sorry for your loss.* ”

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Sarah Johnson,

Eden Prairie, Minnesota

Sarah Johnson - August 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Bill Jr, Steffie and Stacy, Sorry to hear the news about your lost. I always enjoyed getting with Bill for a cocktail when I was in town, he was a good man and will be missed.*

~

David Turner

August 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ *Billy, Stacey, and Stefie, We are truly sorry for your loss. Your Father was a great man who had a zest for life and was extremely kind to many. He will be missed but memories of his life will be recounted many times. Our thoughts and prayers to all,*

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Tom & Laurel Raymond and girls,

Deephaven, Minnesota

Tom & Laurel Raymond and girls - August 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *My greatest sympathies to all the family. You are in my prayers Jeremy Churchill Kleve & JC Mechanical LLC*

August 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MF

“*Bill, Stacey & Stephanie, "A golden Heart stopped beating, hard working hands at rest, God broke our hearts to prove to us, He only takes the Best." With our deepest sympathy.*

~

Mohammad & June Farhan,

Coon Rapids, Minnesota

Mohammad & June Farhan - August 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *McNeely's, Our sincere condolences go out to your family. Bill was an amazing person that I have known for over 20 years. He was always a fair and humble business man who instilled these traits in his work colleagues as well. Let's not forget the knack he had in putting together a great St. Patrick's Day! Some great memories on these adventures! May he rest in peace. Mark and Olga Johnson*

Contact Me

August 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ *Stephanie, Stacey & Bill, Jr. ~My heartfelt condolences to you & the rest of your family. Bill was always so nice when he called our office to speak with Emmett. He always made a point to ask after my family & me. Such a kind, gentle man. I will miss speaking to him.*

~

Chris Pierson,

Burnsville, Minnesota

Chris Pierson - August 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ *Bill was one of the nicest guys I have ever done business with. I worked with him as a supplier and as a client. His word was his bond and I will always remember him. My sincere condolences to the family and all of those that he treated so well.*

~

Marcel Gyswyt,

G Force Fulfillment Services

Contact Me

Marcel Gyswyt - August 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BT

“ *Biilyl am so sorry to hear about the loss of your father, he was a great man. I am thankful I had the privilege to get to know him.*

~

Brad & Kris Thompson,

Deephaven, Minnesota

Brad & Kris Thompson - August 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Stefie, I am so sorry to hear about the passing of your dad. Much love to your family. Molly Lee*

August 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ *We are sending love and prayers to each one of you. Love, The Barnes Family*

~

Robb and Mary Jo Barnes,

Broken Arrow, Oklahoma

Robb and Mary Jo Barnes - August 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TJ

“ *Bill Jr, Steph, Stacy, Your father had the best sense of humor and was truly a great businessman. I certainly owe many thanks to him and all of you for supporting my start up and success in business. We will all miss him. Peace to all. - Tim & Greta Johnson*

~

Tim Johnson,

Duluth, Minnesota

Contact Me

Tim Johnson - August 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ *Bj, Stacey, Stefie, and McNeely family-I am so very sorry to hear of your loss. I always enjoyed seeing your father and loved hearing the funning stories BJ shared about him. (My favorites being the pool, the chewed car from the dogs, and the train rides-which always made me laugh.) Please know I am thinking of you all during this difficult time and hoping you find comfort in your dads memories and legacy he has left behind. Love to you all...*

~

Traci Singher,

Minnetonka, Minnesota

Traci Singher - August 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AD

“ *Stephie, Bill and Stacey, I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your Dad. I so enjoyed your dad's great sense of humor and his big smile... You and all of your families are in our prayers. God Bless.*

~

Amy Davidson-Hardin,

Wichita, Kansas

Contact Me

Amy Davidson-Hardin - August 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ *To the entire McNeely Clan: Our deepest sympathy to you all. May Bill rest in heavenly peace. Words can not express how much we will miss him. Karl and Mary Ellen Perry*

~

Karl Perry,

Rogers, Minnesota

Karl Perry - August 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Hey Billy, Stacey and Steph. I'm really sorry about the loss of your father. He was such a generous and giving man. I'll never forget the times I was able to spend with him. Whether it was on a fishing trip to Canada, visiting the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville, or going up to visit an old friend in Beltrami, I always enjoyed my time with him. He was a great guy, and was lucky to have been surrounded by three wonderful children.

~

Tom Morehouse

August 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ Stacy and Family, I am truly so very sorry to hear of your Dads passing. My heart aches for you. I will keep you in my thoughts , heart and prayers.

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Amy haas,

andover, Minnesota

Amy haas - August 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ August 12, 2012 Gretchen & Bill Jrl can't tell you how sorry I am at your loss. you are both in my thoughts and prayers, and May the wind be at your back. Much love, Nancy McCue Saint Paul, MN

August 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ *Stacey, I want you to know you are in my thoughts and prayers at this most difficult time. Your Faith in the Lord will get you and your family through Blessings*

~

Jan Alexander,

Roseville,, Minnesota

Jan Alexander - August 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ *Stacey, Bill and family, we were so sorry to hear of your dad's passing. Such a cool guy! He will be missed by many.*

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Steve and Roxanne Longman,

Eden Prairie, Minnesota

Steve and Roxanne Longman - August 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Bill, Stephe, and Stacy My deepest condolences to you to you on the passing of your father. I first met Bill when I was purchasing for Lakeside Ltd back in the 1980's and continued to Do business with him and his company when I was with Gage MarketingI have always considered him as a friend as well as a business associate. There was never a more honorable man We will all miss him.Donald Nibbe Moorhead Mn*

August 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ Stacy, Stefie, B.J., So sorry to hear about the loss of your dad. I still remember fun times at your house when we were little. What a legacy he has left for you! Thoughts and prayers with you all. Dena Roberts (Sedlock)

~

Roberts Family,

Lansing, Michigan

Roberts Family - August 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ *Stefie and family, thinking about you guys and praying for you all to have strength during this difficult time. Your dad was a one in a million kind of guy and he will live on through all of you. I feel lucky to have met him and have heard such wonderful stories of his generosity and his great love for his family and friends. I look forward to hearing many more stories of this wonderful man! Loving thoughts and prayers!! T*

~

Teresa Coleman,

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Contact Me

Teresa Coleman - August 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

WI

“ My deepest regards to Stefie, Stacey, Bill Jr. and the Clan McNeely. I first met Bill Sr. at Kincaid's, across the Lake from their old house. We had many fine chats and formed a friendship that had lasted all these years. We discovered a common bond of one Studebaker truck, one he owned on the farm in Montrose. A truck he picked Joan Growe up in for a date, many years ago. Bill was like a second father figure to me, always wanted to know what was going on in my life. Now, having lost my own father in March, I feel for the family as they have lost theirs as well. I feel the loss as well and give my warmest regards, for Bill was a treasure. He will no doubt live on in many hearts, memories and minds. We were blessed to have Bill in our lives, in whatever capacity. Take that thought forward, and cherish the ones we have left to hold. You are his namesake, so make a difference today, for Bill. Sans Souci my friend...Studebakerly, Walter E Nachtigall III

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Walter E. Nachtigall III,

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Walter E. Nachtigall III - August 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Bill will be sorely missed by all of us who knew him and our sympathy to his family. Bob Eggerichs & Judy*

August 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Stacey, Stefie and Bill There was no better man in the world! I will treasure our friendship, his caring way and love for you kids; always ready to show me the lastest pictures of his grandchildren. He is one of a kind! My love, thoughts and prayers are with you.*

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Lyn Tott,

Excelsior, Minnesota

Lyn Tott - August 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ Bill was funny, flinty, colorful and wise. He lived the American Dream on his own terms; exactly the way he did everything else. Our hearts ache for his kids and can't imagine the void left by a man who loved his family so enormously. Still, it's hard to mourn for Bill himself. He knew God, he was adored and he truly, truly Lived. We are blessed to have known him, cry over his loss and can't help but grin at his memory. Bill remains in the hearts of everyone who knew him. What a wonderful legacy.

~

Anne & Jeff Macke,

Bedford, New York

Contact Me

Anne & Jeff Macke - August 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ *Bill, Stefie, & Stacy, The world has lost a wonderful man! He will always be remembered as an honorable business associate but most of all as a humble, loyal and very treasured friend. He will be sorely missed!* Tom Van Beusekom & Susan Rae

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Tom Van Beusekom,

Plymouth, Minnesota

Contact Me

Tom Van Beusekom - August 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Bill Jr, Stefie, Stacey and Family* Our most heartfelt condolences over the loss of your father/grandfather. Bill Sr. was unique in his kindness and generosity. Our family feels blessed to have known him. I will personally miss his great smile and that he could always cheer up my day. Memories of a life well-lived never dies. Bill Sr. will continue to embrace and inspire us all. May your families find comfort in your loving memories. Love Bill, Denise, Jason, Jeremy and Carissa Lanthier

August 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Uncle Bill* You showed us all how important "Family" is in our lives and I Thankyou for this. You are now reunited with Guamy and Grandpa in a better place.

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kevin wiedman,

Birmingham, Alabama

kevin wiedman - August 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EL

“ *My heart is with your family during this difficult time...*

~

Eme Lennick,

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Contact Me

Eme Lennick - August 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KO

“ Steffie, Bill and Stacy It's hard to know how to begin to express sympathy and words of comfort. I can only say that because you're all important to me, your sorrow touches me deeply...and I want you to know that I care much more than I could ever find words to tell you. With my deepest sympathy. When I spoke with your dad on the phone in july, he was excited to come visit and see my new house. Now he has the greatest view of it from heaven. There is a song by barry m. that says were still here its just that were out of sight. Your dad will always be remembered and live in our hearts and memory.

~

kim orth,

st. cloud, Minnesota

kim orth - August 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ Sorry to here about the Bill's passing. My thought and prayers are with your family.

~

John Dammann,

Clearwater, Minnesota

Contact Me

John Dammann - August 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ *Stacy,Stephie,B.J.,I am so sorry for your loss. Your father was one of the greatest men ever! I will always be greatful to him for giving me a chance in business! You are all in my prayers and my heart! Love you! Sherri knight and family*

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Sherri Knight,

Mpls, Minnesota

Sherri Knight - August 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ *No greater friend has crossed our paths
Countless memories to
reminicse in the future. So many good and hilarius times to
remember. God bless.*

~

Mel and Nancy Luloff,

Cook, Minnesota

Contact Me

Mel and Nancy Luloff - August 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Bill Jr and Family we were so sorry to hear about your Dad, what a great guy!!! We were lucky enough to get to talk to him when he was first In the hospital and his spirit was still there, even laughed and joked. You are In our hearts and prayers as he Is. Bob Eggerichs Sr and Judy*

August 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *To Bill Jr, Stephanie, StacyYour dad loved you so much, I can't begin to tell you proud he was of each of you. This started over thirty years ago, when I was a banker at the First National Bank of Edina.He was a great friend to me, when I needed him most. Your family will be in my prayers tonight, and each night going forward. Paul Wenino*

August 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM