



## Robert M. McCracken

August 2, 1954 - December 26, 2015

Robert M. McCracken, 61, of St. Albans passed away Saturday, December 26, 2015 at his home.

Born August 2, 1954 in Charleston, Robert was a son of the late Paul W. and Louana Derrick McCracken. He was also preceded in death by his sister, Karen Grimm and infant sister, Kathy McCracken.

He was a lifelong resident of St. Albans, where he was a graduate of the St. Albans High School class of 1972. He graduated from Marshall University in 1976 and had worked for the State of West Virginia Division of Rehabilitation since 1978. He was a member of Highlawn Baptist Church, St. Albans, Marshall University Quarterback Club of Charleston, the Tallman Track Club of Charleston and a member of the Big Green. He was a longtime Pittsburgh Pirate Fan and Marshall Fan. He had been an avid runner since 1980; he ran over 300 local runs and 13 marathons including the Boston Marathon in 2002. He loved reading, and his favorite show was Jeopardy. He always tried to live by the Golden Rule and his greatest achievement was being a father and grandfather.

Robert loved his family and was a great husband, father and grandfather. He is survived by his wife Debbie McCracken; daughters, Kristen McCracken-Shockey (Steve) of Winfield, Allie McCracken-Gessel (Jeremy) of St. Albans;

mother-in-law, Jean Frecka of Ironton, OH; sisters-in-law, Sandy Newman of Ironton, OH and Sherri Jones of Raceland, KY; grandchildren, Brody and Braelyn and several nieces and nephews, great nieces and great nephews. He also loved his 2 grand cats and 6 grand dogs.

Funeral service will be held at 11:00 am Thursday, December 31, 2015 at Highlawn Baptist Church, 2304 Jefferson Avenue, St. Albans with Rev. Mark Stauffer officiating. Burial will follow in Cunningham Memorial Park, St. Albans.

Visitation will be from 6-8 pm Wednesday at Bartlett-Chapman Funeral Home, St. Albans.

Special thanks to Cancer Treatment Center of America in Philadelphia, Dr. Justin Bailey from Mountain State Medical Associates in Charleston, Health South in Huntington, Teays Physical Therapy and Hospice Care.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to Little Victories Animal Rescue, 3589 Wire Branch Road, Ona, WV 25545 or "V" Foundation, 106 Tower Court, Gary, NC 27513. You may also share memories or condolences with the family at [www.chapmanfuneralhomes.com](http://www.chapmanfuneralhomes.com)

Bartlett-Chapman Funeral Home, family-owned and located at 409 Sixth Avenue, St. Albans is honored to serve the McCracken family.

# Cemetery Details

## Cunningham Memorial Park

815 Cunningham Lane  
Saint Albans, WV 25177

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **30**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Bartlett-Chapman Funeral Home  
409 Sixth Avenue  
St. Albans, WV 25177  
(304) 727-4325  
[info@chapmanfuneralhomes.com](mailto:info@chapmanfuneralhomes.com)  
<http://www.chapmanfuneralhomes.com>

## Funeral Service

DEC **31**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Highlawn Baptist Church  
2304 Jefferson Avenue  
St. Albans, WV

# Tribute Wall



“ Robert M. McCracken

October 06, 2023 at 08:41 AM



“ I worked with Rob. He was my supervisor for 7 years. He was a kind-hearted person. Never a harsh word from the man. I never ever heard him say a bad word about anyone either. I know this is late, but I only heard about his death. I know he spoke a lot of his family and he was so proud of his children. And cherished his wife. A lot of people are missing him and his friendship and his presence. I hope that the blessing of the lord has helped you get through this most devastating time. My heart aches and goes out to your family.....all of you.

God Bless you Rob.....RIP

Donna Dillon - February 21, 2016 at 11:58 AM



“ Went to Marshall with Rob, he was a great family man, he will be missed, prayers to Debbie and the family. Rickey Meade

rickey meade - January 03, 2016 at 06:19 PM



“ Growing up together, Rob was the quiet one of the McCracken crew. Always observant and kind, willing to lend an ear to listen or shoulder on which to lean. Feel sure he fought a valiant fight; he is at peace now being a guardian angel. Prayers for all who will miss him greatly; may the memories sustain in this difficult time.

Jo Thompson Strong - December 31, 2015 at 11:26 AM

DD

“ *Sorry for your loss, Robin was a true gentleman.  
Dave Dennison*

**Dave Dennison** - December 31, 2015 at 10:28 AM

AB

“ *Love and prayers to all of you. Rob was an amazing man, we thought a lot of him. he will be greatly missed! Love, The Byus Family*



**Amanda Byus** - December 30, 2015 at 04:25 PM

Allie Gessel

“ *2 files added to the album New Album Name*



**Allie Gessel** - December 30, 2015 at 10:33 AM

Debby Dickens

“ *Debby Dickens lit a candle in memory of Robert M. McCracken*



**Debby Dickens** - December 29, 2015 at 05:48 PM

Debby Dickens

*Debbie and family, so sorry for your loss.*

**Debby Dickens** - December 29, 2015 at 05:49 PM

KN

“ *Kyla Nelson lit a candle in memory of Robert M. McCracken*



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**Kyla Nelson** - December 29, 2015 at 05:13 PM

AC

“ *April Chambers lit a candle in memory of Robert M. McCracken*



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**April Chambers** - December 29, 2015 at 01:24 PM

BI

“ *Billie sent a virtual gift in memory of Robert M. McCracken*



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**Billie** - December 29, 2015 at 11:31 AM

CT

“ I worked with Rob for over 20 years at DRS. He was one of the kindest, gentle natured, big hearted folks I've ever known. Always available to help, never made you feel like you were a problem. We both shared a love for baseball and Jeopardy. I always have a Jeopardy calendar and would email him any sports questions. In all those years, he only missed 1!RIP my sweet friend, and to his family whom he cherished, take comfort in knowing how many folks with disabilities lives he touched and brightened by the dignity with which he treated us. Peace to you all. Cindy Tucker

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**Cindy Tucker** - December 29, 2015 at 09:48 AM



“ Tina Withrow lit a candle in memory of Robert M. McCracken



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**Tina Withrow** - December 29, 2015 at 09:47 AM

PG

“ Penny Gates lit a candle in memory of Robert M. McCracken



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**Penny Gates** - December 29, 2015 at 07:00 AM



“ Rob and I had many, many conversations about sports and God and other things but he always made a point to talk about his love for his family in them. He just loved his family so much and almost all of his good memories that we talked about centered around you. What an amazing man! I am so incredible blessed to have known him and I know without a doubt that I am going to see him again some day when I leave this Earth.



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**Eric Illikainen** - December 29, 2015 at 06:31 AM



“ Nicholas Davis lit a candle in memory of Robert M. McCracken



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**Nicholas Davis** - December 29, 2015 at 01:24 AM

SN

“ Rob was a great brother in law he loved his family and was so kind to all. He will be missed greatly. Prayers for my sister and nieces because this will be a very hard time for them I pray that God will give us all strength and comfort .

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**Sandy Newman** - December 28, 2015 at 10:20 PM

BK

“ Rob was such a sweet gentle man. A truly good person. He was always concerned more about others than himself. I am so grateful that Carl, Kyle and I got to visit with him in November. I will cherish that last visit.

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**Billie Kwiatkowski** - December 28, 2015 at 09:26 PM

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“ *One of the most kind people I knew. I am so sorry.*

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**Susanne Taylor** - December 28, 2015 at 08:22 PM

 Debbie  
Hutson

“ *Debbie Hutson lit a candle in memory of  
Robert M. McCracken*



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**Debbie Hutson** - December 28, 2015 at 06:50 PM

BB

“ *Brandon Barker lit a candle in memory of  
Robert M. McCracken*



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**brandon barker** - December 28, 2015 at 06:41 PM

LR

“ *Lisa Racer lit a candle in memory of Robert  
M. McCracken*



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**Lisa Racer** - December 28, 2015 at 06:27 PM

AH

“ *Angelique Halstead lit a candle in memory of Robert M. McCracken*



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**Angelique Halstead** - December 28, 2015 at 06:25 PM



“ *Christina Lucas lit a candle in memory of Robert M. McCracken*



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**Christina Lucas** - December 28, 2015 at 06:24 PM

DW

“ *Debbie Wright lit a candle in memory of Robert M. McCracken*



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**Debbie Wright** - December 28, 2015 at 01:22 PM

RD

“ *Ronaka Davis lit a candle in memory of Robert M. McCracken*



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**Ronaka Davis** - December 28, 2015 at 10:40 AM

GB

“ *Glenda Boze lit a candle in memory of Robert M. McCracken*



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**Glenda Boze** - December 28, 2015 at 07:37 AM

GB

“ *My heart goes out to all the family. Rob was a special person, one of a kind.*

*Glenda Boze*

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**Glenda Boze** - December 28, 2015 at 07:36 AM

RC

*Rob was a good friend,we went to St.Albans High Class of 1972 together,big heart and super guy. Heaven gained an angel.*

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**Roger chambers** - December 28, 2015 at 02:05 PM

PS

*Rob was a wonderful person and it was a joy to know him.*

*Paula Sparkman*

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**Paula Sparkman** - December 28, 2015 at 09:07 PM