



## Michael C. McKeown

May 27, 1935 - March 17, 2020

On Tuesday, March 17, 2020, Michael C. McKeown, age 84, of Pleasant Hills, passed away with his family by his side. Beloved husband and best friend of Sandra (Muse) Frey McKeown; father of Ashley (Melissa) McKeown and Kira (Scott) McKeown; stepfather of David (Amy), Amanda (Michael), Nathan (Monica), and Jordan (Melissa) Frey; grandfather of Iona, Benner, Ella, Juno, Lola, Cecelia, Simone, Frances, Casper, and Solomon; brother of David (Wendy) McKeown, of England, and the late Melvin McKeown; also survived by nieces and a nephew. Michael was born in London in 1935 to Charles and Gertrude (Wiltshire) McKeown. After being evacuated from London during WWII, he and his family lived in Cambridgeshire. He completed his college education in England, studying chemistry and physics. In 1969, Michael emigrated to the United States. Throughout his life Michael worked in the science/math manufacturing industry, retiring from Kurt J. Lesker in 2014. Even beyond his retirement, Michael continued to enjoy the challenge of a physics, chemistry or math problem. Although born in England, Michael considered Pittsburgh to be home. He was most proud of his family and loved the times when all gathered together for Christmas and the annual Bethany Beach vacation. Michael and Sandi loved to travel (especially with their dear friends, Von and George Simon), and Michael loved his ballroom dancing days with Sandi. He will be forever missed by all. Services are private. Arrangements by GRIFFITH FUNERAL HOME, INC., (412) 655-4600. If desired, the family requests donations in Michael's name to the Cancer Center

at AGH ([supportahn.org](http://supportahn.org)) or the Parkinson Foundation of Western Pennsylvania ([pwwpa.org](http://pwwpa.org)). Condolences may be offered for the family at [www.GriffithFH.com](http://www.GriffithFH.com)

# Tribute Wall

JF

“ 3/24/20 Sandi,  
*I am so sorry for your loss. The four of us really enjoyed going out to dance all the time. He was such a nice person. Maybe him and John are now reminiscing about the good times that we had at the Dryden Dance studio. I will keep you in my prayers.*  
*Love, Janet*

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**Janet Francis** - March 24, 2020 at 04:01 PM

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“ *I met Michael maybe a half dozen times....but even with that miniscule exposure to him, I find my eyes filled with tears as I try to type this. Michael was profoundly interesting to talk with.... Imagine my surprise to learn that, like me, he didn't enjoy talking to many people. A fellow-weirdo?..... Or did I read too much into it? George (Simon) told me that Michael enjoyed our conversations....so I choose to believe our bond was real. I miss him, even though I had so little time with him. I can't imagine the hole in the hearts of those of you who were privileged to know him well....*  
*We've lost a wonderful man..... We MUST find a way to celebrate his life. I expect he'd want that for us, instead of solemn sadness. But I leave the "how" of that to others.*  
*Dave Petrak*

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**Dave Petrak** - March 22, 2020 at 02:18 PM