



## Thomas Lester McNerney

April 13, 1929 - July 22, 2014

Thomas Lester McNerney, 85, passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on Tuesday, July 22, 2014. He was born on April 13, 1929, in Toledo, OH. He graduated from Central Catholic High School and received his Bachelor of Science degree in Geology from St. Joseph's College in Rensselaer, IN. Tom, an avid golfer, was a long-time member of Heatherdowns Country Club where he was 5 time club champion. He was a pillar of the Heatherdowns Country Club golfing community. Tom was also a member at Stone Oak Country Club and Innisbrook Resort & Golf Club, Palm Harbor, FL. He served as President of the Toledo District Golf Association for one term and volunteered his time to rate golf courses in several states along the east coast for the USGA. He was a Notre Dame Football season ticket holder for 40 years and was not shy about telling people why Notre Dame is the best football team and teaching institution in the nation (Go Irish!). Tom was extremely generous and had a great sense of humor! Often described as a character, he had a special way of turning everyday moments into infectious laughter! Tom successfully ran O'Connell Machine & Tool Company, a family business, for 32 years.

Tom was a long-time parishioner of St. Patricks of Heatherdowns, and most recently, a parishioner of Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Luke's, Palm Harbor, FL.

Tom is preceded in death by his parents, Lester and Ruth McNerney, his loving wife Phyllis Jean, and youngest son, Kevin. He is survived by his children, Tom (Nancy), Carol, Mary Pat Bartoszek, Cathleen Henning (Jody), Jim (Marianne), Kelley Johnson (Bruce), Amy Jasinski (John) and Kevin's wife Kris (Carl). Tom is a grandfather to 24 grandchildren - Tim, Michelle, Janee (Aaron), Anne (Matt), Joe (Ann), Brenna, TC, Paige, Michael, Kyle (Cindy), Colgan, Emily, Shane, Meagan, Connor, Morgan, Brendon, Kaitlin, Kate, Zak, Ben, Sam, Luke, and Kevin, and 12 great grandchildren. He is also survived by his sisters Jean (Jim) Chennges, Janet (Al) Harper, Joan (Rex) O'Connor, and Don (Marie) McNerney.

We would like to thank the folks at Rosie's for keeping our Dad well fed and creating the "McNerney Panini". We would also like to thank Anna Sexton, Shelly Morrin, and the staff at St. Clare's Common Memory Care Unit, St. Luke's Hospital and Hospice of Northwest Ohio for the special care they provided.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, July 31, 2014, from 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 South Reynolds Rd., Toledo, OH 43614. Funeral services will be held on Friday, August 1, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes, 6149 Hill Avenue, Toledo, OH 43615. Memorials may be given to the Alzheimer Association, Our Lady of Lourdes, or the American Diabetes Association.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 31. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Coyle Funeral and Cremation Services  
1770 S. Reynolds Road  
Toledo, OH 43614  
(419) 865-1295  
<https://www.coylefuneralhome.com>

## Memorial Service

AUG 1. 10:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Lourdes Church  
6149 Hill Ave  
Toledo, OH  
<http://olltoledo.com>

# Tribute Wall

SE

“ *Mary Pat, We are sorry to hear about your Dad. We remember many good times with your family when we were neighbors in Toledo. Both your Mom and Dad are missed. In God's love. Sue and Dick Evans. Huntley IL.*

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**Sue and Dick Evans** - August 04, 2014 at 03:18 PM

VP

“ *My friend is Carol McNerney. She loved her parents and was a great source of support for her dad since her Mom's death. Since Carol and I have been friends since second grade i feel her pain in loosing her dad.*

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**Veronica Pinciotti** - August 01, 2014 at 11:17 AM

CO

“ *(News article) Thomas L. McNerney, 85, a geologist and a noted amateur golfer who became general manager of a family company, died July 22, in Hospice of Northwest Ohio, Perrysburg Township. He had dementia and was injured in a recent fall, his son Jim said. Mr. McNerney, a longtime South Toledoan, lived since February at St. Clare Commons in Perrysburg. He and his late wife, Phyllis Jean, were former residents of Palm Harbor, Fla. He retired in about 1990 when the family sold O'Connell Machine & Tool Co., which was founded in 1950 by James C. O'Connell, his father-in-law. He became general manager of the firm in 1963 after Mr. O'Connell's death.*

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**Coyle** - August 01, 2014 at 10:34 AM

CO

“ Mr. McNerney worked as a geologist in Colorado and Kansas. His employers included Bechtel Corp., the construction and engineering giant. He and his wife, both Toledo natives, returned home in the mid-1950s. He started as an apprentice tool maker in his father-in-law's firm, which counted Owens-Illinois and RCA among its customers. He drew on that experience when he took charge. "He had to quickly go out and find the opportunities and sell the work and quote the jobs," his son said. "He wouldn't be able to quote the jobs unless he knew what it took to do the work. "Most evenings after dinner, with family activity swirling around him, Mr. McNerney sat at the kitchen table for hours to work out job quotations, his son said. He liked dealing with people, and the feeling was mutual. "He wasn't afraid to share his opinion, and even if you disagreed with him, you liked him for some reason," his son said. In retirement, Mr. McNerney was a volunteer golf course rater for the U.S. Golf Association. Several days a week he and a team traveled to a course, mostly in eastern states, and measured the physical features and computed degrees of difficulty. Then he and the team played the course and assessed whether the course's ratings and handicaps were appropriate, his son said.

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Coyle - August 01, 2014 at 10:33 AM

CO

“ He was about 7-years-old when his father first took him out to hit golf balls.

*"He took a liking to it," son Jim said. "And then he caddied, and then played the game."*

*His home course became Heather Downs Country Club, where he was champion multiple times in the 1960s and '70s. He also was a regular in the Toledo District Golf Association's amateur tournaments, and he served a term as the association's president.*

*Born April 13, 1929, to Ruth and Lester McNerney, he was a graduate of Central Catholic High School. He received a bachelor's degree in geology from St. Joseph's College, Rensselaer, Ind. He was a 40-year season ticket holder for University of Notre Dame football.*

*His wife died Nov. 27, 2006. Their youngest son, Kevin, died in 2004.*

*Surviving are his sons, Tom and Jim; daughters, Carol McNerney, Mary Pat Bartoszek, Cathleen Henning, Kelley Johnson, and Amy Jasinski; sisters, Jean Chennges, Janet Harper, and Joan O'Connor; brother, Don; 24 grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren.*

*Services will be at 10 a.m. today in Our Lady of Lourdes Church. Arrangements are by the Coyle Funeral Home. The family suggests tributes to the Alzheimer's Association; Our Lady of Lourdes, or the American Diabetes Association .*

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Coyle - August 01, 2014 at 10:31 AM

KD

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time.  
George and Pat Pickett and the Pickett family

kristi delph(Pickett) - July 31, 2014 at 08:04 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for  
the family of Thomas Lester McNerney.



July 30, 2014 at 02:01 PM

CV

“ 2 files added to the album VIDEO TRIBUTE



COYLE FUNERAL HOME VIDEOS - July 29, 2014 at 11:50 PM

LS

*To Carol and Family, I am so sorry to read about the loss of your  
Father. I pray that you all will remember the good memories that he left  
with each of you instead of the sorrow of his passing. My prayers will  
be with all of you during this difficult time. Linda Szymanski  
(Wannemacher)*

Linda Szymanski - July 30, 2014 at 12:44 PM

SC

“ *Mary Pat & girls, I remember your dad as such a kind man with twinkling blue eyes! Please know that's prayers are with you all in your time of sorrow. Wishing you peace & healing. Sally Messinger Carney*

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**sally carney** - July 29, 2014 at 06:12 PM

AT

“ *Dear Carol and family, I am so sorry for your loss. My father passed away a year and a half ago and I still miss him very much. The good news is that when I think of him now, it's with a smile instead of tears. You will be in my thoughts and prayers.*  
*Sincerely,*

*Anne Goodwin Tracy*

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**Anne Tracy** - July 29, 2014 at 12:58 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Thomas Lester McNerney.*



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July 28, 2014 at 07:52 AM

SB

“ *Buffy and family, so sorry for your loss. May The Lord give you all peace, strength, and comfort in the days ahead. May he wrap his arms around you with love. You have our deepest sympathy. Can't make the service as we are in Michigan City Indiana on vacation, but your in our hearts and prayers. Love, Jim & Sue Brown*



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**Sue Brown.** - July 27, 2014 at 09:41 AM