



Mr. James D. McCracken

April 8, 1931 - September 8, 2014

James Desmond McCracken, 83, of Kindred Assisted Living, Laurel Lake, Lee, MA died Monday, Sept 8th, 2014, after a long illness at Berkshire Medical Center.

He was born in Edinburgh, Scotland on April 8, 1931, the elder son of the late Rev. Dr. Robert James McCracken and Maud Ibbotson McCracken.

Graduating from Horace Mann Prep School, Bronx, NY in 1949; Princeton University, Princeton NJ in 1953, and achieving a Master's Degree in Language from Middlebury College, Middlebury, VT, he went on to complete two years of military service in 1955.

"Des" (as he liked to be called) then joined the faculty of Darrow School, New Lebanon, NY as head of the French Department. For many years he served as housemaster, a dedicated educator, and popular hockey coach. He touched the lives of innumerable students, teachers and administrators and before retiring in 1996 he served as school librarian.

He leaves behind a brother, R. Norman McCracken and his wife Eleanor McCracken of Orleans, MA and two beloved nephews.

Bruce H. McCracken, with his wife, Julia McCracken and their three children; James, Andrew, and Emily of Topsham, Me. and Scott Desmond McCracken of Harwich Port, MA.

Funeral Notice:

A private family service and burial will be held for Mr. James D. McCracken at Hope Cemetery, Worcester, MA at a later date. Memorial donations in memory

of Des may be made to Darrow School, New Lebanon, NY, care of the Dwyer Funeral Home, 776 North St., Pittsfield MA 01201. DONATIONS CANNOT BE MADE ONLINE, but may be made through the Dwyer Funeral Home.