

ED MCNULTY, VETERAN, INVENTOR AND CLUB MEMBER



Janice and Ed McNulty celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary in 2011.

Edward L. McNulty, husband of Janice, a fellow club member, and resident of Midland, Virginia, passed away on Sunday, October 11, following a brief illness.

Ed accomplished a great deal in his 82 years. He was a Marine for 10 years before marrying Janice 54 years ago. He worked for IBM for 25 years, and later for the Kastle Greens Golf Course in Midland. As a Mason, Ed was a member of Dougherty Lodge #591, Free & Accepted Masons (F&AM), in Georgia and a member of the York Rite bodies. Ed loved living on his Fauquier County farm, his family and his hobbies. He was not only a Model A owner, but a pilot, an inventor, and a railroad engineer.

When moving to Virginia in 1971, Ed bought a farm in Southern Fauquier County and resided there until his death. This was a life-long dream and he was quite happy living "on the farm" for 44 years.

Ed's wife Janice was a member of the Fairfax High School class of 1956, and a classmate of Benny Leonard. During Ed's earlier years, his family had owned a 1930 Model A. Years later, his interest was sparked while talking to Benny at one of their high school class reunions. He looked for several months, including checking out what was available at Hershey one year with Benny. After quite a bit of searching, he wound up buying Stan Johnson's 1930 Deluxe Coupe.

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He worked on that car for over a year adding new parts here and there and giving it a partial paint job. Once it met his criteria for being "ready for the road" – which meant he could drive it - he drove it. But he kept from going out into modern traffic. He wanted to participate in the first MARC national tour that the GWC hosted in 2009 in Charlottesville, but he didn't feel his car was ready. So he bought a roll-back truck and restored it with the express purpose of being prepared to rescue Model As during the tour.

Another hobby was flying. Ed had gotten his pilot's license in the Marines and was actively flying light airplanes during the time he lived in Maryland. After moving to their farm, he and Janice bought a Cessna 180, which on several occasions they landed on their own private runway. He stopped flying in 1986, after having a heart attack, and became a railcar owner, riding the rails with the North American Rail Car Operators Association (NARCOA) in his own Fairmont Speeder. He later became an Engineer on the Walkersville Railroad Excursion Line in Walkersville, Maryland.

Ed was blessed with an active and creative mind and an eager willingness to help solve problems. While at IBM, he was credited with several computer-associated inventions. His two most recent inventions, granted in 1991 and 2004, were more associated with his retired interests. His 1991 invention (USPTO Patent No. #4,989,768, granted February 5, 1991) was for a "Removable Side Rack and Attachments for Pickup Truck Vehicles and the Like." This invention allowed an individual to load large sheets of material on the side of a pickup while leaving the bed available to carry other materials. His 2004 patent (USPTO Patent No. 6,808,127, granted October 26, 2004) was for a "Sprinkler Head Assembly for Underground Sprinkler System". This invention introduced a fully adjustable and self-draining sprinkler head for buried sprinkler systems—a huge advantage for large sprinkler systems, allowing them to be easily adjusted or removed, and preventing them from having to be drained to prevent freezing.

A memorial service was held on Monday, October 19th at the Midland United Methodist Church, 5435 Midland Road, Midland, Virginia. 22728. Friends joined the family for a reception and Celebration of his Life immediately following the memorial service.

Donations can be made in Ed's name to the Fauquier Community Action Committee Head Start Program, 430 E. Shirley Ave, Building C, Warrenton, Virginia 20186, or the American Cancer Society. Interment will be at a National Cemetery at a later date.

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With input from
Janice McNulty and Benny Leonard

