



Joseph Wyatt McKenzie Jr.

May 7, 1928 - July 6, 2018

Joseph Wyatt McKenzie, Jr., 90, passed away on Friday, July 6, 2018 at the James H. Quillen VAMC. He was born on May 7, 1928 in Bristol, Virginia, a son of the late Joseph Wyatt McKenzie, Sr. and Nina Eversole McKenzie.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife of sixty-three years, Peggy Lynn Breeding McKenzie who passed away on September 28, 2015; three brothers, William, Robert, and James McKenzie; and one sister, Joyce Counts.

Joseph was a veteran of the United States Navy having served in the Pacific during World War II. He was a graduate of the University of South Florida where he received his Bachelor's Degree in English. He managed the production of the student Oracle Newspaper at the University of South Florida. He worked as a letterpress era printer and newspaperman most of his life. He was a member of the International Typographical Union and was active in the Democratic Party.

He is survived by two daughters, Rue McKenzie, and Lee McKenzie, both of Blountville, Tennessee; one grandson, Richard McKenzie; and one great granddaughter, Rina McKenzie, both of Tampa, Florida; one sister, Anne Ritota, of Asheville, NC; one brother, Richard McKenzie, of Asheville, NC; and several nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

A Memorial Service will be held at a later date.

Arrangements especially for Mr. McKenzie and his family have been made through Oakley-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory.

Comments



“ My condolences. Joe was a mentor and invaluable teacher/motivator/leader to all of us who came through the USF Oracle. We could not have converted the weekly Oracle into a national award-winning student daily newspaper without him and his assistance. I considered him a close friend during those years. He and Leo Stalnaker launched many young journalists into sterling careers.

Bob Fiallo - July 08, 2018 at 03:06 PM



“ Hi Rue~
I was sorry to see your father's obit in the paper. He and your mom were always so kind to me, even though I was an oblivious and ungrateful teen. My best to you and your family.
Laura (Jaeger) Vickers

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