



Robert "Bob" McCoy

August 23, 2023

Robert "Bob" McCoy passed away peacefully on August 23, 2023, at United Methodist Communities in Collingswood, NJ, at the age of 99.

Born in York, PA, on Saint Patrick's Day 1924, he graduated from William Penn High School in York in 1942 and joined the US Army Air Corps in July of that year. He served in the 326th Ferrying Squadron 1st Transport Group as an airplane mechanic and aerial engineer in England, France, and Germany, until December 1945. After the war, he earned a BA in History with a music minor from Lebanon Valley College. While interviewing for a history teaching position in Calvert County, MD, he was asked to start a music program for the school instead.

During his seven years teaching in Maryland, Bob met his wife, Alice (nee Evans). In 1956, they moved to Alice's hometown, Moorestown, NJ, where he taught music in Moorestown Public Schools for 30 years, retiring in 1986.

Over those years, among other things, Bob also served as the music director at the Moorestown Lutheran Church, ran a bicycle repair business with his sons, served as Executive Director at the Camden School of Musical Arts, was missions chairman at First United Methodist Church, Moorestown, and taught auto mechanics at Moorestown HS night school. In his retirement, Bob and Alice enjoyed traveling with their Airstream trailer and spending time at the Jersey Shore Haven Campground, where he was an active leader and volunteer. Most will continue to remember Bob for his leadership in music. After his retirement from public school teaching, he formed the Moorestown

Community Band (AKA Bob's Bandits), in 1991, with many former students happily re-joining him in making music together. He stepped down from conducting the band in 2013, but continued to play clarinet in the ensemble until 2016.

Bob was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather. He was preceded in death by his wife of 60 years Alice; his sister, Phyllis Kimmons; and his son, Mark (Rita). He is survived by his brother, Donald McCoy; his children Beverly Michaels (Geoffrey), Paul (Jennifer), and David (Rebecca); ten grandchildren, Julia Michaels-Koenig (Scott), Annika Michaels, Carolyn Michaels, Matthew McCoy, Andrew McCoy (Thais), Rebecca Michael (Daniel), Caroline McCoy, Maryjo Oseguera (Ivis), Melanie McCoy, and Allison McCoy; and six great grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held on Thursday August 31 at 10am, at Masonville United Methodist Church, 200 Masonville Road Mount Laurel, NJ 08054. Private Interment Brigadier General Willam C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions be made to the Masonville United Methodist Church, Mt Laurel, NJ, in Bob's memory.

Cemetery Details

Brigadier General William C. Doyle veterans Memorial Cemetery

350 Providence Line Rd
Wrightstown, NJ 08562
<http://www.state.nj.us/military/veterans/doyle.html>

Previous Events

Memorial Service

AUG 31. 10:00 AM (ET)

Masonville -Rancocas United Methodist Church
200 Masonville Rd
Mt Laurel, NJ 08054

Tribute Wall



“ I miss you Happy Birthday 🍷🍷🍀

Bedlyne Chery - March 17 at 11:58 PM



“ It's your birthday Bobby ! Happy 100th birthday! 🍷 I miss you so much . Wish you were here so I could pick you up a shrimp platter from Cracker Barrel. It's your favorite and you only get it on your birthday. I think about you often Bobby. And I love you so much.



Bedlyne Chery - March 17, 2024 at 06:18 PM



“ Bob was my teacher for Music from when I started band instruments in the 4th or 5th grade until the end of 7th grade. He was a very kind man, excellent teacher, and always made you feel valued. He was my friend. I had thought of being a musician/ teacher as he was, and he mentored me throughout my school years, and even helped me work on my bike! I played for a few years with him in the Moorestown band, and remember clearly his love for God, his love for his students, and his love for music. He made an incredible impact on my life. I will miss him.
Bill McGuire

William (Bill) McGuire - October 27, 2023 at 07:51 PM



“ Robert "Bob" McCoy

October 09, 2023 at 03:30 AM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Bedlyne Chery - August 31, 2023 at 09:31 AM



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Bedlyne Chery - August 31, 2023 at 09:27 AM



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Bedlyne Chery - August 31, 2023 at 09:26 AM



“ I’m sorry I can’t make it to the memorial service today due to work but I will always love you Bobby. The kids and I will always have a special place in our hearts for you. I was your aid for 4-5 years and you showed my children and I so much love like a father/ grandfather would. I have so many memories of you and will continue to keep those good memories until I reach the age of 99. I love you Bobby. May you rest well and god bless your family. Such people beautiful people with kind souls.



Bedlyne Chery - August 31, 2023 at 09:25 AM



“ My sincere condolences to a kind soul.

Alan - August 27, 2023 at 09:13 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Bob & Alice



David McCoy - August 25, 2023 at 09:39 PM



They only had eyes for each other! So much love, always.

Nancy Kimmons - August 26, 2023 at 02:48 PM



Such a beautiful photo.

Andre Johnson - August 29, 2023 at 10:04 AM

AJ

“Peace to the McCoy family. It was always great to see Mr. McCoy at Moorestown Methodist where he always had a most wonderful and graceful manner. Mr. McCoy and Mrs. McCoy were very dear friends to my parents. Mr. McCoy taught my sisters Virginia, Pam, and Priscilla in band. Later Priscilla would infrequently play with Bob's Bandits, Mr. McCoy's band. Mr. McCoy would always ask how my sisters were whenever I saw him. He remained caring towards his former students. Am thankful for people like Mr. McCoy.

Andre Johnson - August 25, 2023 at 11:39 AM

SM

Bob was an inspiring teacher. I often think of band class because of how well he could manage a large room of 5th-8th graders and how he taught us to work together as a whole. One on one, he seemed to attend to his student's whole self and well being, even if one hadn't practiced! I think the most important lessons he imparted were humility, and humanity. Rest in peace Mr. McCoy!

Scot MacLean

Scot Maclean - August 25, 2023 at 06:35 PM

DR

Bob taught me to play clarinet when I was ten years old, and I still play today.

After Bob retired from teaching music, I took my son's bike to a local shop for repairs, having no idea that he'd be there working part time. We spoke for a while, and soon after, he called me asking if I'd be interested in joining a community band he wanted to form. He did, I did, and this band still is active today.

I am grateful that Bob helped me and so many others gain a lifelong love of music.

Dottie (Kalyn) Rodman - August 28, 2023 at 06:52 PM

PK

Whenever he saw us later in life he would say "my blessings." What a loving and generous soul.

Pamela (Johnson) Kessler

Pamela Kessler - August 29, 2023 at 08:27 AM

TK

I am grateful that "Uncle Bob" was part of my life. I joined 'Bob's Bandits in 1992. He is now leading the angelic band Tami Kessler

Tami Kessler - August 29, 2023 at 09:23 PM

BD

Bob was a joy to worship with us at South Seaville United Methodist Church, down the shore in South Seaville. He always sat up front and when the music started, being played by Beth Carter, Bible would stand up, turn and started leading us and great singing! We remember him always talking about enjoying his bike rides around his community. The last time we saw him at church was when his caregiver brought him down one time a few years ago. He always had a wonderful smile and was a good Christian.

Barb and Jerry Durham

Barbara Durham - September 13, 2023 at 09:25 PM