



## Donald Robert McKillop Sr.

June 20, 1959 - May 21, 2022

On Saturday May 21, 2022 Donald Robert McKillop Sr. and Patricia Ann McKillop tragically passed away near San Simon, Arizona as they traveled across the country to visit their son Donnie and his family.

Don was born in New Kensington, PA son of Patricia and Donald Minor McKillop. After losing his own father in an accident at the age of five, Don's mother supported Don and his two younger siblings on her own. Don helped out where he could, taking up a paper route at the age of 11. Upon graduation of Burrell Senior High School, Don joined the Lower Burrell police force. He then attended Indiana University of Pennsylvania majoring in criminology and becoming the first person in his family to graduate from college. After meeting and marrying his wife Patty, Don matriculated at William & Mary Law School fulfilling his childhood dream of becoming a lawyer. Don and Patty took the brave leap to move across the country to San Diego, CA so Don could join the Klinedinst law firm where he took over a branch of law and built the firm up serving as the COO, CFO and eventually becoming a partner. After 16 years with the firm, Don set up his own practice in which he specialized in defending contractors and construction companies. His love for litigation was matched by his love of sports, especially football, baseball, and golf.

Patty McKillop was born to James and Virginia Hanlon in New Kensington,

PA. The second to youngest of five children, Patty grew up in a loud, loving home and spent much of her childhood playing outside with her siblings and friends in her Plum neighborhood. Like her future husband Don, Patty too became the person first in her family to attend and graduate from a four-year university. Equipped with her chemical engineering degree from Penn State, Patty supported Don through law school while she worked at a bomb plant near Washington D.C. When the family relocated to San Diego, Patty became an engineer for the United States Navy. One of the few women in the field early in her career, Patty was not only a trailblazer but also rose through the ranks to become a project manager responsible for collaborating with NATO countries on military technologies and traveled the world with Don in tow. She was excited to retire in January 2022 and was looking forward to lots of time spent reading outside on her patio with her dogs.

Don and Patty's 38-year marriage was characterized by shared values of hard work, loyalty, integrity, and family. Don was the ultimate coach—his former players, his family and his friends constantly seeking his guidance and advice. Patty loved to laugh, and her kindness was only matched by her patience. Of all they accomplished in their lives, Don and Patty were most proud of their son Donnie and found so much joy watching him play football and baseball. They are survived by Donnie and his wife Kate; their grandchildren Donald III, Phoebe, Virginia, and Kate Elizabeth. Don is survived by his sister Kathi Lorent (Lee); his nephew E.J. McKillop (Alysha), niece Devan McKillop, great-niece Dakota; and his brother Gary. Patty is survived by brothers Michael and Daniel; sisters Jeanne Hamilton (Keith); Ann Yohe (John) and her nephews Jonathan (Kiersten) and Jacob Yohe.

A celebration of Don and Patty's lives will take place at the Church at Rancho Bernardo in Rancho Bernardo, CA, at 11am July 22, 2022. A celebration of life is also planned for 12pm August 19, 2022 at the Wooden Door Winery in Lower Burrell, PA. To commemorate his beloved parents, Donnie invites all

those who are able to attend these services.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JUL **22**. 11:00 AM (PT)

The Church of Rancho Bernardo  
11740 Bernado Plaza  
San Diego, CA 92128

## Celebration of Life

AUG **19**. 12:00 PM (ET)

Wooden Door Winery  
4087 Greenwood Road  
Lower Burrell, PA 15068

# Tribute Wall



“ *Donald Robert McKillop Sr.*

January 30, 2023 at 12:50 AM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald Robert McKillop Sr..*



July 21, 2022 at 06:02 PM



“ *Cass Arrieta purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Donald Robert McKillop Sr..*



**Cass Arrieta** - July 18, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Kyne Construction Family purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Donald Robert McKillop Sr..*



**Kyne Construction Family** - June 28, 2022 at 01:49 PM

CP

“ Had the pleasure of knowing Don and Patty through Pop Warner, what a pleasure it was having Don as a coach on the poway fields. The Pop Warner community sends their condolences. Thoughts and prayers to Donnie and the rest of the family, such a great loss.

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**Cathy Peterson** - June 08, 2022 at 06:58 PM

AC

“ AGC San Diego Chapter sends our sincerest and deepest condolences to the McKillop Family. Don was an active member of the AGC for decades serving on committees for the Affiliate Council, Meetings and Events, Affiliate Day Golf, and the Baseball Bash. Don also served as AGC San Diego's Legal Counsel since 1992 and was recognized twice with its prestigious President's Award in 2007 and 2019.

*Don and Patty were both regular attendees and volunteers at AGC functions and especially enjoyed the Annual Spring Conference, including this year's event in early May at La Quinta Resort. They enjoyed sharing stories from AGC past, and for the past 5 years, the joy of grandkids. Having developed many lasting friendships within the AGC, Don and Patty will be sorely missed by everyone who had the good fortune of knowing them.*



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**AGC San Diego Chapter** - May 31, 2022 at 06:59 PM

RS

*So sorry to hear about Don and his wife. Never met her but Don was my best friend from first grade all the way to his days at IUP. We walked to school together until we could drive, jogged Leechberg Road, both had paper routes in same neighborhood and did Boy Scouts and everything else together. Before I left for military, used to visit him at his Frat house on weekends. Talked to him a few years back after I retired as a police officer and had moved to TN. We caught up about our families and planned on getting together but sorry it never happened. Praying for family and friends. RIP old buddy.*

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**Ron Schroeder** - July 11, 2022 at 12:06 PM

JH

*“ Don was an incredible brother in-law. Take care of my little sister in heaven in the same loving way you took care of her on earth*

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**jeanne hamilton** - May 28, 2022 at 03:47 PM