



## William "Bill" Mackenzie Tompkins

August 30, 1928 - January 11, 2016

William "Bill" Mackenzie Tompkins, age 87, passed away at home, surrounded by his family on Monday January 11th, 2016.

He was born in Cleveland Ohio on August 30th, 1928, and he was a 1946 graduate of Collinwood High School. He served in the US Army, 88th division in Italy, during WW2. He completed the electronics curriculum at Lakeland Community College and was certified as an associate engineering technician. He was a 33rd degree Mason and held many Masonic offices including District Deputy Grand Master, and Master of the Mentor Masonic Lodge. Bill owned and operated Mentor Television since 1950 with his best friend and business partner, Charles Ward and later with his son Jack. He was funny, outgoing, and athletic. Bill was an active member of the Painesville Central YMCA where he was an avid swimmer.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 66 years, Shirley (Hale) Tompkins, his children, Lynn Starkey (Bob), Gail Leyh (Ralph), Joan Hominsky (Mike), Jack Tompkins (Barb) and foster sons, John Sisi and Hank Johnson. Bill had many grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews, whom he loved very very much. Bill was preceded in death by his parents Susan and Merritt Tompkins, his brother Jim Tompkins, and his sister Priscilla Hoffman.

Per the family's request, there will be no calling hours or services.

Arrangements entrusted to Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, Mentor. Offer condolences at [www.brunners.com](http://www.brunners.com)

The family encourages contributions be made in Bills name to: Hospice of the Western Reserve, 17876 St. Clair Ave., Cleveland, OH 44110.

# Tribute Wall

JE

“ Have certainly missed Bill's smiling face at the Y, the place of my memories of him. Going way back - who knows how far. But what great memories they were. Also have missed running into your family for Sat. breakfast. Am sure your family gathering will be a great celebration of his life and there will be many stories told! May all of those precious memories brighten your life without Bill.  
*Jeanne Ann and Gene Elkin*

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**Jeanne Ann and Gene Elkin** - January 19, 2016 at 03:47 PM

DM

“ Bill has been a good friend and Brother Mason. He always provided me with a warm handshake and smile whenever we met. When my family and I moved to North East Ohio, he introduced us to his business and helped us replace our needed TV set. He was a Past Most Wise Master of Ariel Chapter of Rose Croix, AASR. While I was going through this Chapter line, he was always supportive. Unfortunately, my wife and I got to observe his decline due to his Parkinson's Disease. May he now rest in eternal peace!  
*Duncan and Ginger McVean*

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**Duncan & Ginger McVean** - January 17, 2016 at 03:49 PM

CM

“ Carolina Martin lit a candle in memory of  
*William "Bill" Mackenzie Tompkins*



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**Carolina Martin** - January 17, 2016 at 09:10 AM

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“ Sorry for your loss, Bill will always have a place in my heart as a good friend and Brother Mason, he and Charly Ward would always come to Kingsville for our annual steak fry at Orion Lodge. Love to all, Ted H .Robishaw Past Master, Orion Lodge Kingsville, Ohio.

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**Ted H .Robishaw** - January 17, 2016 at 09:08 AM

CM

“ So many cherished memories! Uncle Bill was a true gentleman and his actions echoed his strength, integrity, compassion, generosity and kind personality. He embraced my Mom, my son & me at a time when we were feeling very lost and helped guide the path of our lives for the best, forever. I remember, with so many smiles, him taking my son to Florida on many of his travels, and the hilarious stories they would share when they came home. As the years went on, he continued to welcome and embrace our growing family, including Bill, our additional children and their families, Aunt Luella & Nancy. We loved working on the Family Tree together, and hearing all the awesome stories about each and every person. We treasure the car ride that Uncle Bill took us to share his own history with us. One of our favorite things to do was to go to Yoder's Restaurant together, sharing great food, yummy dessert and great times. There are so very many laughs and stories that we will always hold in our hearts as we cherish our time with Uncle Bill. We're so very thankful for the blessings that we shared. May God place His loving arms around Uncle Bill's family and carry them through this very challenging time. We're praying for much peace and countless happy memories for his family. Much Love.

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**Carolina Martin** - January 17, 2016 at 09:07 AM

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“ My prayers go out to the whole family. I am so sorry for your loss. He was a great person!

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**sue Zanzibar haehn** - January 17, 2016 at 03:35 AM

BN

“ *Our deepest sympathy to the family. So sorry for your loss. He was a great man.*

barbara nord - January 16, 2016 at 08:19 PM

VF

“ *Our deepest sympathy to the family. Our prayers are with you.  
Chris & Vicki Fisher*

VICKI FISHER - January 16, 2016 at 05:55 PM

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“ *My memory will always be his gentle smile . No words needed . It was love .*

Amy Tompkins Rhoads - January 16, 2016 at 03:23 PM

PF

“ *Remembering very fondly and with much love all the family gatherings and Christmases that myself and my husband, Rick, were included in and the fun and mischief we would all get into!!  
You will be greatly missed, "Dad"!!*

Pam Fiorucci - January 16, 2016 at 11:25 AM

BK

“ *Bob And Kathy Kennedy lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Mackenzie Tompkins*



Bob and Kathy Kennedy - January 16, 2016 at 10:49 AM