



Charlie E. McCleary

September 6, 1920 - March 2, 2019

AUBURN – Charlie E. McCleary, 98, a lifelong resident of Poland passed away peacefully Saturday March 2nd at Bolster Heights Nursing Home with his loving family by his side. He was born in Poland September 6, 1920 the son of Roy and Edith (Lewis) McCleary. He was US Army veteran of World War II serving as a Medic and Driver on the Alaskan Highway. He married the former Priscilla Edwards on November 15, 1952.

Charlie was employed at the former Roger's Fiber Company in Poland for many years, and his remaining years at Morin Brick in Auburn until his retirement.

He enjoyed gardening especially potatoes and gladiolas. He will be remembered for giving his glads and potatoes to his friends and family. He also enjoyed helping friends, family, and neighbors for any project they needed completed

Survivors include his son Michael McCleary of Poland, one daughter, Linda Merchant and husband Dennis of Auburn. Also surviving are six grandchildren, five great grandchildren, four great great grandchildren as well as several nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his first wife Betty, his second wife Priscilla, and his daughter Carol as well as his 10 siblings.

Funeral services honoring Charlie's life will be held 5:00PM Friday March 8th at the funeral home concluding with military honors. Burial will be private at Gracelawn Memorial Park.

Family and friends are invited to visit Friday March 8th from 3-5PM at the PINETTE DILLINGHAM & LYNCH FUNERAL HOME 305 Alfred Plourde Parkway, Lewiston.

Online condolences and sharing of memories may be expressed at www.lynchbrothers.com

Memorial donations may be made in Charlie's memory to the American Cancer Society 1 Bowdoin Mill Island #300, Topsham, ME 04086.

Cemetery

Events

Gracelawn Memorial Park

980 Turner Street
Auburn, ME, 04210

MAR 8 Visitation 03:00PM - 05:00PM

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Pinette Dillingham & Lynch Funeral Home & Cremation
Services
305 Alfred Plourde Parkway PO Box 181, Lewiston, ME,
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MAR 8 Service 05:00PM - 05:45PM

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MAR 8 Military Honors 05:45PM - 06:00PM

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Comments



“ As We Look Back
By an Unknown Author
As we look back over time
We find ourselves wondering
Did we remember to thank you enough
For all you have done for us?
For all the times you were by our sides
To help and support us
To celebrate our successes
To understand our problems
And accept our defeats?
Or for teaching us by your example,
The value of hard work, good judgment,
Courage and integrity?
We wonder if we ever thanked you
For the sacrifices you made.
To let us have the very best?
And for the simple things
Like laughter, smiles and times we shared?
If we have forgotten to show our
Gratitude enough for all the things you did,
We're thanking you now.
And we are hoping you knew all along,
How much you meant to us.



linda merchant - April 02, 2019 at 01:27 PM



“ A Poem for Grandpa (Modified)

Unknown Author

Grandpa, you were just a boy,
So many years ago.
You had your loves and had your dreams,
You watched us come and go.
You watched us make the same mistakes,
That you had made before,
But that just made you hold us tight,
And love us all the more.
We haven't always thought about
The things that you have seen.
To us you've just been 'Grandpa',
No thought of who you've been.
But we remember now in love,
Your life from start to end,
And we're just glad we knew you,
As Grandpa, and as Friend.



linda merchant - April 02, 2019 at 01:23 PM



“ read by Kaitlyn and Lindsay Bush , Great-Granddaughters

linda - April 02, 2019 at 01:24 PM



“ We Had a Wonderful Grandfather
Unknown Author

We had a wonderful grandfather,
One who never really grew old;
His smile was made of sunshine,
And his heart was solid gold;
His eyes were as bright as shining stars,
And in his cheeks fair roses you see.
We had a wonderful grandfather,
And that's the way it will always be.
But take heed, because
He's still keeping an eye on all of us,
So let's make sure
He will like what he sees.



linda merchant - April 02, 2019 at 01:17 PM



“ read by Madison Bush Great- Granddaughter

linda - April 02, 2019 at 01:19 PM



“ Dad
By an Unknown Author
We'll always remember
that special smile,
that caring heart,
that warm embrace,
you always gave us.
You being there
for Mom and us
through good and bad times,
no matter what.
We'll always remember
you Dad because
they'll never be another one
to replace you in our hearts,
and the love we will always
have for you.



linda merchant - April 02, 2019 at 01:10 PM



“ 16 files added to the album Memories Album



linda merchant - April 02, 2019 at 11:15 AM



“ Charlie was a great story teller. Whenever he would come in to the Poland Town Office to do his town business I was sure to hear a good story. I shall miss his stories and his smiling face. When he lived at his home in Poland he was the oldest citizen and was entitled to the Boston Post Cane award but he wouldn't accept the title so it was given to another. Judith Akers-Poland Town Office

JUDITH A AKERS - March 07, 2019 at 05:00 PM



“ thank you for your memory, he did have many stories to tell

linda - April 02, 2019 at 01:30 PM



“ My favorite memory of Charlie is him bringing us his prized gladiolas every spring for our office. He was one of a kind and will be truly missed. Janis Goss, Morin Brick



Janis Goss - March 06, 2019 at 10:30 AM



“ Thank you for your kind words

linda - April 02, 2019 at 01:29 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Charlie E. McCleary.



March 06, 2019 at 10:27 AM



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Funeral Staff - March 05, 2019 at 11:21 AM



“ Charlie McCleary had fond memories of his time in the service when he was stationed on the Alaskan highway in WW II

linda - April 02, 2019 at 01:33 PM