

McNally & Watson Funeral & Cremation Service

James "Boogers" McNally

(August 15, 1931 - September 06, 2013)

CLINTON

James W. "Boogers" McNally, 82, died Friday, September 6, 2013 in UMass-Memorial Healthcare, University Campus, Worcester.



He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Irene M. (Matisiewski) McNally; three sons: Sean P. McNally of New York, NY, Brian J. McNally & his wife, Dawn, of Clinton, and Peter J. McNally & his wife, Beth, of Lancaster; two brothers: Paul J. McNally of Hopkinton, and John J. McNally of Westminster, CO; a sister, Ellen M. Donohue of Holyoke; five grandchildren: Meghan, Catie, Abby, Finn & Aidan; and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by two sisters, Mary E. "Bibbers" McNally, who died in 2003, and Patricia A. Santoro, who died in 2008.

Boogers was born and raised in Clinton, son of John J. and Helen M. (Devaney) McNally, and was a life-long resident. A graduate of Clinton High School, Class of 1950, and a US Marine Corps Veteran, he attended the College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, and St. Michael's College, Colchester, VT, before leaving school and returning home to Clinton, to work in the family business, The Old Timer Restaurant. He and his family have owned and operated the "OT's" since 1929.

A member of St. John the Guardian of Our Lady Parish and gifted singer, Boogers looked forward to singing "Oh, Holy Night" at Mass each Christmas, and regularly entertained restaurant patrons with a medley of his favorite songs, many of them traditional Irish pieces, especially "Danny Boy". He always carried a number of "ring" Rosaries with him, offering them up to anyone who was having a hard time, or was facing a challenge. He was a member of the Clinton Lodge of Elks, the Thursday Night Golf League, and enjoyed trips to Foxwoods and York, ME. Each November, he celebrated the "birthday" of the USMC with his fellow Marines. A true family man, his greatest joy in life was, simply, his family – his "Bride," and their

children and grandchildren.

The McNally family wishes to thank the staff at Fairlawn Rehabilitation Hospital, Worcester, for their outstanding care.

Boogers' funeral will be held on Wednesday, September 11, 2013, with a Mass at 11:00 a.m. in St. John the Evangelist Church, 80 Union St. The family respectfully requests that those attending go directly to the church. Following the Mass, burial will take place in St. John's Cemetery, Lancaster. Relatives and friends are invited to attend calling hours on Tuesday, September 10, 2013 from 3:00-7:00 p.m. in the McNally & Watson Funeral Home, 304 Church St. Please omit flowers - in lieu of, donations may be made to the Clinton Hospital Foundation, 201 Highland St., Clinton, MA 01510, or to the Michael Carter Lisnow Respite Center, 112 Main St., Hopkinton, MA 01748.