



# Owen McCorkle

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Owen McCorkle, 78, of Grayslake, IL formerly of Decatur passed away on Friday, January 25, 2013 in Condell Hospital from complications due to Parkinson's.

Owen was born May 3, 1934 in his home near Olney, Illinois to Frank and Nellie McCorkle. He attended school in Bellflower, Illinois. He had a strong focus on education and completed his BS and MS in education from Illinois State University and a Specialist in Education from Eastern Illinois University. Owen was a guidance counselor at Macon High School until his retirement and also taught drivers education. He was very involved in the Decatur American Legion Post 105 where he held many offices and help start and administer the American Legion Scholarship Fund. He served as a medic in the Army and loved to tell every one of his adventures while stationed near Chicago. He also was involved with the Veterans Group at Carillon North in Grayslake. Owen was member and president of the Illinois Guidance Counselor Association for multiple years and was Democrat Precinct Captain. He was a Die Hard Cubs Fan and loved going to Wrigley Field. He also loved to travel and traveled with friends and family to most of the US and many foreign countries including Ireland, Austria and Italy. He was very involved in his kids and grandkids lives attending plays, music concerts and multiple sporting events when he was near. He loved the annual All Grayslake Band-o-Rama where all of the town's bands and especially the marching bands played and zoo camp at Brookfield Zoo! He was also very patient to help with homework. He was very proud of all of the accomplishments of all of his grandkids.

Owen is survived by his loving wife Barbara (Robinson) McCorkle; daughters Robin Aoki (Bruce) of Grayslake, Illinois, Karen O'Rourke (Bill) of Bartlett, Illinois; grandchildren Ryan, Allison & Kathleen Aoki, Paige and Will O'Rourke and many other loving family members and friends.



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Owen was preceded in death by his parents and siblings.

Services to celebrate the life of Owen Ray McCorkle will be 2:00 PM Saturday, February 2, 2013 in the Star of Hope Chapel, in Graceland Cemetery with military rites by the Macon County Honor Guard and conclude with 'Flight Home' Visitation will be 2 hour before the service at Star of Hope. Memorials may be directed to the American Legion Scholarship Fund c/o American Legion Post 105. 1535 Legion Drive, Decatur, Il 62521.

The family of Owen Ray McCorkle is being served by Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home, 2091 N. Oakland Avenue, Decatur, IL. View the on line obituary and send condolences to the family at [www.gracelandfairlawn.com](http://www.gracelandfairlawn.com).



## Tribute Wall

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PM

**Pam Marty** posted:

What a great man Owen was. Everyone liked and loved Owen. He took me under his wing when I first started teaching at Macon. He always had a soft spot for the kids. My deepest sympathy for you and your family at this time. Sincerely, Pam Marty

February 5 at 8:20 AM

DB

**Dawn Williams Black** posted:

Mr. McCorkle was an amazing man! I am so very sorry to hear of his passing! He was my High School Drivers Ed Teacher at Macon back in the early 90's. He was such a sweet man and always made you feel comfortable (cause it's easy to be nervous when learning to drive) but he made you feel like you couldn't mess up and there was nothing to it! God Bless and prayers to his family, he will always be in our hearts!!

February 3 at 5:01 PM

LC

**Lavonne Chaney** posted:

Dear Barb and Family, I had the privilege of working with Owen while we were both at Macon...he in the high school and I in the junior high. I often sought his help with students and always found him with a great deal of compassion and good old common sense. He was so proud of his family and often talked about you all. I was so saddened to read of his passing. He would not have liked being ill....illness would keep him from doing the things he loved. I send my deepest sympathy to you all. Sincerely, LaVonne Chaney

February 3 at 6:36 AM

RW

**Ron Ware** posted:

Barb I am so sorry about Owen's passing. Judy and I really enjoyed spending time with you and Owen, especially all those good meals and New Year's Eve celebrations. I'll always remember that you both took time to come to my retirement meeting – you were the only non-Allstater present. Wishing you all the happiness in the world to replace these sad times. Ron Ware 304 S Depray Blue Mound

February 3 at 6:15 AM



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TM

**Tonya (Juhl) Mears** posted:

I'm wondering if Owen had a sister whom taught at Mundelein's Lincoln School? If so, she taught us kids up North in the 60's about her brother in the war and we sent a care pkg to him since She got us involved! Our 4th grade became alive! New tv reports on the war were a first for us kids and to know our teacher's brother's was in this was overwhelming! Miss McKorkle was mine & most kids fav teacher & I see siblings of Owen's have passed.. I had the privaledge of talking to her privately in letters and she sent me a letter in a Viet Nam Envelope discussing her brother. I find this all so coincidental, if in fact, they were siblings! Especially since in the late 60's I moved to Decatur -a stone's throw from Macon, never knowing her beloved brother was so close to where I live! Just reading Grayslake/Chicago/teaching,war...made me recall her pride. Could someone please contact Tonya @ imokhereiam@aol.com to tell me if this is the soldier? My sincere condolences to you regardless...The name jumped out to me and it meant so much, I had to write and take a chance. God bless and be with all of you. He sounds like He lead a full life that helped sooo many. Awesome. Job well done. Please, please please contact me. Thank You.

February 3 at 4:10 AM

DM

**Dee Sumpter Mulligan** posted:

Barb, This is Dee Mulligan used to be Sumpter. I taught with you 100 years ago at Centennial I believe. So sorry for your loss. I have often wondered about you. We went out west for awhile by now live back in Decatur at HPCV. Wish I could have made the service today. Owen was very special and sounds like he did a lot of good for others. I have always remembered you. Deepest sympathy to you, Dee

February 2 at 8:01 AM

CB

**Cheryl Boss** posted:

Barb,Fred and I would like to express our sympathy for the passing of Owen.Fred and Cheryl Boss (retired secretary from Brush College)

February 1 at 5:02 AM

CB

**Cheryl Boss** posted:

Barb,Fred and I would like to express our sympathy for the loss of Owen.Cheryl Boss (Retired Secretary Brush College School)

February 1 at 4:52 AM



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DF

**David M. Freyling** posted:

Lit a candle in memory of Owen McCorkle

January 30 at 4:30 AM

DH

**Dee Ann Hopper** posted:

Barbara and family, Mom just called me to tell me of Owen's passing. Tears are in my eyes and a lump is in my throat. I love the picture you have posted. Owen was such a kind and gentle guy and very loved by our family. I know you will miss him greatly. May you find comfort in each other and in your faith that he is in a much better place and you will see him again. I'm happy that he and Dad are going to be "together again". Dad needed some company out there! I love it that there is music playing all the time. Dad loved music, I hope you all find comfort in the music too. I'm sorry that I can't make it down from Wisconsin. My husband is having an MRI later this week. We don't know when it will be. We may be facing Parkinson's! Love to you all. Owen will be missed! Wish I could see everyone. Dee Ann

January 29 at 5:47 AM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Owen by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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