



## Dr. Chester Joseph McNash

February 6, 1927 - October 25, 2013

Dr. Chester J. "CJ" McNash, 86, died at his residence in Roswell, Ga., on Friday (Oct. 25, 2013).

He was born Feb. 6, 1927, in Kankakee, to Charles and Esther Klenzak McNash. He attended St. Stanislaus School and Kankakee High School. He served as Seaman First Class in the U.S. Navy during World War II and was stationed in the South Pacific in Guam. After the war, he worked as a printer before deciding to become a chiropractor.

He graduated from Logan Basic College of Chiropractic in 1954, and returned to Kankakee to open his office where he treated patients for the next 50 years. He was well known for his gentle touch and caring concern.

Chester was quite the outdoorsman. He loved to fish and was a great golfer with five holes-in-one. He would gather and can wild mushrooms. He loved animals and fed the birds and squirrels daily. The squirrels received walnuts that Chester himself had gathered and cleaned. He was also an accomplished numismatic.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Pat Garrelts McNash.

Chester is survived by his daughter, Vicki (Dan) Bakstad, of Johns Creek, Ga.;

two granddaughters, Allison (Brendan) McGowan, of Woodstock, and Jennifer Bakstad, of Duluth, Ga.; two nieces, Lona McNash (Jim) Mills, of Snellville, Ga., and Sandra McNash, of Toronto, Ontario, Canada; a cousin, Shirley Murawski, of Bradley; seven brothers-in-law, Virgil (Dorothy) Garrelts, Lester (Janice) Garrelts, Leroy (Sherri) Garrelts, Leon (Barb) Garrelts, LaVern Garrelts, Wendell Garrelts, and Larry Garrelts; two sisters-in-law, Beverly Ponton and Phyllis Gardner; and several nieces, nephews, grand-nieces and grand-nephews.

There will be a private service for the family at Mount Calvary Cemetery in Kankakee, where he will be laid to rest. Memorial contributions are welcome at Wounded Warriors Project, 230 W. Monroe St., Suite 200, Chicago, IL 60606. Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home, west Kankakee, is in charge of arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## **Mount Calvary Cemetery**

2000 E. Court St.  
Kankakee, IL 60901

# Tribute Wall

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“ We at Grumish chiropractic Office wish to send our condolences to the extended McNash family. We are grateful for all the people that we have heard about over the years that Dr. Chester helped with chiropractic care. May God bless and comfort your family in this time of his passing.

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