



## J. Benjamin "Ben" McFerran

February 16, 1941 - October 1, 2016

Slingerlands-J. Benjamin "Ben" McFerran, 75, passed away peacefully on October 1, 2016, at his home with his loving family by his side. Born in Albany, NY, he was the son of the late Henry J. and Millicent Norris McFerran. Brother of Millicent (George) Zibell, Henry (Diana) McFerran (deceased) and Marbeth Shay.

Ben grew up in Albany, NY a graduate of Christian Brothers Academy in Albany, Siena College Loudonville, NY. He was employed by the Social Security Administration, and thereafter by the NYS Department of Social Services, as the Director of Human Resources and Management, retiring in 2002.

Ben was a member of Pine Bush Little League, coaching from 1972 - 1978. Later, he joined Tri-Village Little League and Bethlehem Babe Ruth, coaching from 1979-1986. He was the President of the Bethlehem Football Booster Club in 1985. Ben was an avid fan of the Yankees, Siena Basketball and his grandchildren's participation in their sports activities. He greatly admired his children for their exceptional dedication to their families.

He was the beloved husband of Judith (Judie McKiernan) McFerran, cherished father of James C. (Marianne Leung) Michael B., William J. (Kimberly) and Meghan (William) Taylor, grandfather (Pa) to Morgan, Grace, Mollie, Maggie, Riley, Jack and Katie, and his faithful dog, Sparky.

He is survived by his sisters, Millicent (George) Zibell, Marbeth Shay and his sister-in-law Diana McFerran.

Ben's family would like to acknowledge Community Hospice Home Care, for the compassionate care they provided through their RN's and Aides, and the many friends and relatives that gave him support and love during these last weeks.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Ben's family Thursday, October 6, 2016 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm in the McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany.

Funeral services Friday, October 7, 2016 at 8:15 am from the McVeigh Funeral Home, Albany thence to the Parish of Mater Christi, Albany at 9:00 am where a Funeral Mass will be celebrated.

The Rite of Committal will immediately follow the Funeral Mass at St. Agnes Cemetery, Menands, NY.

Those wishing to remember Ben in a special way may send a contribution to

St. Jude Childrens Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis,  
TN 38105.

To leave a message for the family, light a candle, obtain directions or view  
other helpful services please visit [www.McveighFuneralHome.com](http://www.McveighFuneralHome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## St. Agnes Cemetery

48 Cemetery Ave  
Menands, NY

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **6**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.  
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Albany, NY 12206  
(518) 489-0188  
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## Service

OCT **7**. 9:00 AM (ET)

Parish of Mater Christi  
40 Hopewell Street (Rev. Kenneth J. Doyle Way)  
Albany, NY 12208

# Tribute Wall



“ *McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of J. Benjamin "Ben" McFerran*



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**McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.** - October 06, 2016 at 08:18 AM



“ *J. Benjamin "Ben" McFerran*

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October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of J. Benjamin "Ben" McFerran.*



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October 06, 2016 at 08:31 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of J. Benjamin "Ben" McFerran.*



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October 06, 2016 at 08:27 AM

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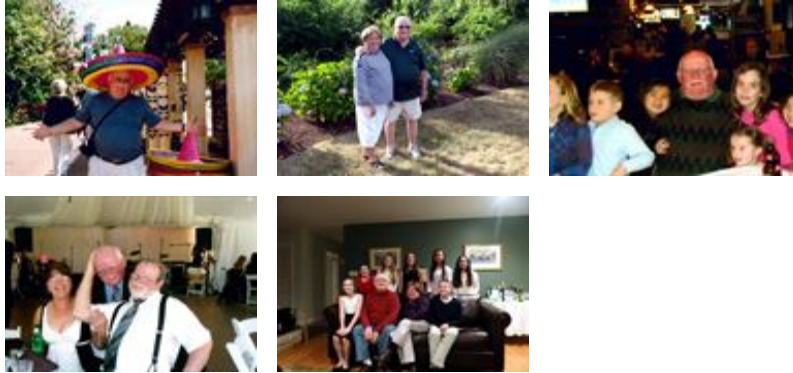
“ *My Uncle Ben had the kindest smile that spoke of his soul. Memories with Ben and all the McFerrans at Cape Cod, Venezia pool days and family holidays will always remain close to my heart. My thoughts and prayers are with you, Aunt Judie, Jim, Mike, Bill, Meg and all your families through these difficult days. Love you all-Katie*



Kate - October 05, 2016 at 09:12 PM

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“ 49 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - October 05, 2016 at 03:59 PM

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“ *To the McFerran Family: Our deepest sympathy at the loss of your father/grandfather. May he rest in the peace of God's love and may His perpetual light shine upon him.*  
*Tom & Krista Stewart and Family*



Krista Stewart - October 05, 2016 at 10:06 AM

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“ *Marbeth Shay, Ben's Younger Sister lit a candle in memory of J. Benjamin "Ben" McFerran*



**Marbeth Shay, Ben's younger sister** - October 04, 2016 at 11:51 PM

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“ *Diane lit a candle in memory of J. Benjamin "Ben" McFerran*



**Diane** - October 04, 2016 at 05:54 PM

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*I am blessed to have been his niece - I will cherish the memories we made together as a family. His gentle ways and his smile were always a welcomed sight. Much love to all the McFerrans. XOXO*

**Diane** - October 04, 2016 at 06:00 PM

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*Uncle Ben was one of the kindest people I have ever know. Always greeted with a smile, a hug and chuckle... he was as good as they get. He will be missed by so many, and will forever hold a special place in our hearts. All our love to Aunt Judie, Jimmy, Michael, Billy, Meg and families.*

**Tara Kovach** - October 05, 2016 at 06:25 AM