



## Charles E. McLean

October 1, 1940 - January 18, 2024

Sussex - Charles E. McLean, age 83, passed away on Thursday, January 18, 2024 after a long illness at Newton Medical Center. Born to the late Lawrence and Marion (Kemp) McLean, Charlie was born in Orange, New Jersey and lived in the Sussex-Wantage area all of his life. A 1958 graduate of Sussex High School, he attended the University of South Carolina, graduating with a BA in Education in 1962 and then received a Master of Arts in Education from Seton Hall University in 1969. Charlie began his 40 year teaching career in the Byram School District before he taught at the Sussex-Wantage School District. Spending most of his teaching career in Sussex-Wantage, he became well liked by the students and was also a basketball coach at the school. Charlie was an active parishioner at St. Monica R.C. Church, serving as a Lector and Eucharistic Minister. He enjoyed gardening around his home, playing golf, singing with the High Point Harmonizers, and best of all, he enjoyed spending summers at Myrtle Beach with his family. Charlie often visited the University of South Carolina to recall fun times he had on campus and the history about the "Horse Shoe and Honeycombs" special spots on campus. He is survived by his loving wife of 57 years, Priscilla (Prout); his sons, Michael McLean of Sussex and David McLean and his wife Evie of Walnut Creek, California; his daughter, Alison Vizzini and her husband Mark of Vernon; his sister, Martha Wagner of Neptune; and his grandchildren, Olivia, Alexa, and Luca Vizzini of Vernon, Cailynn and Charley Rose of Sussex and Finley and Malia McLean of Walnut Creek, CA. Friends may pay their

respects to the family from 5 p.m to 8 p.m on Wednesday, January 24, 2024 at the Pinkel Funeral Home, 31 Bank Street (Route 23), Sussex, New Jersey. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, January 25, 2024 at St. Monica's R.C Church, 33 Unionville Ave, Sussex. Interment will immediately follow at Fairview Cemetery. Online condolences may be offered to the family at [www.pinkelfuneralhome.com](http://www.pinkelfuneralhome.com).

If anyone would like to send flowers for the visitation or funeral, please contact Enchanted Florist at the Allegro School. The contact person is Jennifer Salmon. Please call (973)540-9368 or email at [flowershop@allegroschool.org](mailto:flowershop@allegroschool.org)

# Cemetery Details

## Fairview Cemetery

Route 284  
Wantage, NJ 07461

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **24**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Pinkel Funeral Home, Inc.  
31 Bank Street (Route 23)  
Sussex, NJ 07461  
(973) 875-3272  
alexis@pinkelfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.pinkelfuneralhome.com/>

## Mass of Christian Burial

JAN **25**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Monica R.C. Church  
33 Unionville Avenue  
Sussex, NJ 07461  
stmonica@ptd.net  
<http://www.stmonicasussex.org>

# Tribute Wall

JH

“ As a teen, he was a lifeguard at Lake Neepaulin, NJ, loved by everyone. I believe he drove a VW bug very joyfully and was always very friendly and in a good mood.

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**joanne White Hummert** - July 29, 2025 at 04:21 AM

SS

“ Shosh Samuel-Siegel

*I just learned of Charlie's passing and was flooded with memories of a cherished colleague. Your smile, warmth, and sense of humor brought light into our SMS family. Thank you!*

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**Shosh Samuel-Siegel** - March 13, 2024 at 01:00 AM

MM

“ Mr. McLean was a great teacher; tough but fair, and he could communicate complicated ideas in a way that we all understood. I remember when a kid in our class wanted a 'snow day', and Mr McLean was Vice principal (and determined which days had severe enough weather to be a snow day), and the kid poured water all over the McLean driveway. Well it iced up and he declared a snow day. I know he found out who snookered him but was kind enough to let it go. RIP Mr McLean. Also: how great to see tributes from Mrs Hosbach and Mr Kearney, also wonderful teachers! I think of those days with fondness: a teacher can truly truly truly make a difference in our lives. Regards, Maureen Murphy

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**Maureen Murphy** - February 06, 2024 at 09:45 AM

RR

“ Loving thoughts to everyone. It was nice talking to you on the phone recently Priscilla. Our families go back many years, even though I was the tail end of my family and you and my siblings were almost adults when I came to be. Your husband became my 5th grade math teacher. The small world we all live in keeps everyone near even when we think we're not.

RuthAnn Case Regavich - January 26, 2024 at 08:06 PM

DS

“ Mr. McLean was my 6th grade teacher in the early 1970's and was a great example of an amazing educator who influenced my teaching career years later. His teaching style and quirky sense of humor always made me happy to go to school and inspired confidence in this nervous 12 year old. Our relationship carried on through my high school years as I was privileged to babysit the young McLean children until I went off to college. Please accept my deepest condolences on the passing of your husband and Dad. He will be forever missed and thought of with highest regards. 💕💕💕

Dawn Slate - January 24, 2024 at 10:31 AM

AI

“ Andrew Idehen lit a candle in memory of Charles E. McLean



Andrew Idehen - January 24, 2024 at 09:16 AM

RK

“ 1 file added to the album *Charlie and Priscilla at Kearney's party*



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**Rich and Lois Kearney** - January 22, 2024 at 06:41 PM

CS

“ *Carol Siro lit a candle in memory of Charles E. McLean*



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**Carol Siro** - January 20, 2024 at 09:45 PM

AD

“ *I remember walking into Mr. McLean’s 6th grade history class on the first day of school in 1997. He welcomed us to his “room of doom” but his class couldn’t be further from doom. I still remember two of his weekly brain teasers, coincidentally they both had to do with horses. I still have the Hera statue I made for the Greek Mythology project that he assigned. Mr. McLean was a phenomenal teacher, woven into the core memories of the middle school experience for so many of his former students. My deepest condolences to his family.*

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**Ashley DiGuilio** - January 20, 2024 at 09:03 PM

JH

“ *JHosbach lit a candle in memory of Charles E. McLean*



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**JHosbach** - January 20, 2024 at 05:17 PM

JH

“ *Priscilla, Allison, Michael and David,  
Our thoughts and prayers with you all at this difficult time  
Love, Joanne and Charlie*

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**JHosbach** - January 20, 2024 at 05:15 PM

LT

“ *Thank you for the many years of friendship, guidance, and laughter.  
You've touched my heart and soul. Each day we spent working  
together is a cherished memory. RIP dear friend. Love ya, Linda*

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**linda trovillion** - January 20, 2024 at 01:11 PM

CS

“ *My friend, mentor, and colleague. Starting my career at the SMS  
and working with you was one of the best moments of my life. May  
you be blessed in the next life as I was in this one by knowing you.  
RIP, Chas.  
Chuck Sarno*

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**Chuck Sarno** - January 19, 2024 at 04:59 PM

PM

*Charlie and I go way back to when the very first little league baseball  
game was played in Sussex, we were on the Walkills. Good times  
Chas, Paul Morrison*

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**paul morrison** - January 21, 2024 at 01:13 PM

RK

*Charlie was just a really nice guy. I enjoyed both working and recreating with him. Both Lois and I were so sorry to hear of his passing and we send our heart felt wishes to Priscilla and family. Rest in peace my friend.*

*Rich Kearney*

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**Rich and Lois Kearney** - January 22, 2024 at 06:46 PM