



## Fred L. McCleary

March 22, 1923 - December 10, 2011

Fred L. McCleary, 88, of Miola Road, Clarion, died Saturday, December 10, 2011, at the Jefferson Manor in Brookville.

Born March 22, 1923, in Miola; he was the son of the late Edgar and Willard McLaine McCleary.

A veteran, Mr. McCleary served in the Air Force during WWII. During 1942 to 1946, he was a mechanic on the Memphis Belle.

He was married on October 12, 1942 to the former Edna R. Dolby, she survives.

Mr. McCleary enjoyed boating, hunting, playing cards, working, and gardening. He loved his dogs, J.D. and Rascal.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by three children, Fred F. McCleary and his wife, Diane, of Etters; John E. McCleary and his wife, Terri, of Marion, NC; and Deborah M. Clinger of Corsica; a son-in-law, John E. Wright of Miola; twelve grandchildren and numerous great grandchildren.

Also surviving are three sisters, Betty Milanovich of Rimersburg, Doris Mahle of Rhode Island, and Mary Carolyn Deitz of Miola; and a sister-in-law, Arlene McCleary of Brookville.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a daughter, Diane E. Wright, a son-in-law, George F. Clinger, two brothers, Thomas and Charles McCleary, a sister, Katherine Beck, and an infant grandson.

Family will receive friends from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, December 13, 2011, at the Robert V. Burns Funeral Home, 638 Wood Street,

Clarion.

Military honors will be accorded by American Legion Post #66 at 10:45 a.m. in the funeral home.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, December 14, 2011, in the funeral home with Rev. Randy Evans, Clarion-Forest VNA Chaplain, officiating.

Interment will be held in the Miola Cemetery in Clarion.

# Tribute Wall

VD

“ *Our prayers and thoughts are with you. With deepest Sympathy*

Veronica Armagost Dehner - December 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ *FRED WORKED SO HARD & LONG FOR MANY SO US ON THE ALEXANDER PLAN ON THE CLARION RIVER. HE ENRICHED OUR LIVES AND PROPERTY. WE ENJOYED WATCHING HIM DO WONDERS WITH DIRT AND STONE. WILL ALWAYS THINK OF YOU FRED WHEN I LOOK AT THE STONE WALLS. GOD BLESS YOU!*

LINDA SAY - December 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ *Fred and my father, Bob had known each other for many years. My home would not have such a nice setting were it not for the efforts of Fred over the years. After buying the out my brothers, I took great pride in having Fred do some enhancements for me 8 years ago. I was shocked but more impressed that an 80 years old would by a new backhoe. But that was his work ethic and his passion. I think our country would be in a much better place if more people had such passion for their work. I never new the boater, or the card player, or the hunter. I will always remember Fred as a hard working man who made who helped to make homes into castles.*

Duke Alexander - December 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Fred was a wonderful worker. He cleared our land in 95 and helped in many more ways as we built our home in the woods. He will be greatly miss. Dave & Cecile Bauer

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**Dave & Cecile Bauer** - December 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ John and family....my deepest sympathy on the passing of your father. The elders of Miola are diminishing. Thoughts and prayers going out to you.  
Carole

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**Carole Cyphert** - December 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ I love and miss you grandpa. You fly with the angels now.

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**Jamie Bowser** - December 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Edna & Family  
I was so sorry to hear about Fred. He was a great person. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Dick & Kate

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**Dick & Kate McCleary** - December 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. You and yours are in our prayers.

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**Blaine and Christy Hurrelbrink** - December 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM