



## Timothy McClenny

July 4, 1948 - January 29, 2021

Timothy (Tim) Davis McClenny, age 72, of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, passed away early Friday afternoon, January 29, 2021, at McLaren Hospital, Petoskey, Michigan, surrounded by his family. On Wednesday he had just learned he had beaten colon cancer, when he suffered a heart attack on Thursday morning.

Tim was born in Franklin, Virginia, on July 4, 1948, to M.D. (Mac) and Charlotte (Galm) McClenny. From a young age Tim enjoyed sports of all kinds. He had early successes in Little League baseball and basketball. At North Central High School in Indianapolis, Indiana, he excelled and lettered in both Cross Country and Track. He was 6th Place in the Indiana Cross Country All State Finals in his senior year. His NCHS running records are yet to be topped!

After high school graduation, Tim attended Miami University (Ohio) where he lettered in Cross Country and Track. While his degree was a B.S. Secondary Education majoring in Social Studies, he was a member of the Air Force ROTC as he planned for a career as a pilot in the United States Air Force. Also at Miami, he met and married the love of his life, Karen Grable. Their "Miami Merger" would last over 50 years. After graduation from Miami and pinning on his 2nd Lieutenant bars in 1971, Tim, Karen, and daughter, Connie, began their Air Force Adventure when Tim was stationed at Vance AFB, in

Enid, Oklahoma for pilot training.

During his 20 year career in the Air Force, Tim flew B-52s while stationed at Barksdale AFB, Bossier City, Louisiana, with TDYs to Guam AFB where he flew combat missions over Viet Nam. During this time son, Peter, was added to the family. His next assignment was at Columbus AFB, Columbus, Mississippi, where he flew T-37s as an Instructor Pilot and also served as head of Student Academic Services.

Tim's next assignment was to RAF Greenham Common, Newbury, Berkshire, England, where he served as Airfield Manager at this Joint Command Ground Launched Cruise Missile Base. While based in England, Tim and family thoroughly enjoyed off-duty traveling across the UK, Europe, and Israel. His final assignment was to K. I. Sawyer AFB in Marquette County, Michigan where he served as Airfield Manager.

Retirement from the Air Force provided Tim with the time to participate in his favorite sports - riding his road bicycle and cross country skiing. In 2020 he rode over 1,700 mile on his bicycles. He also started McClenny Sportscards where he not only sold sports cards at local hockey tournaments, put on card shows, but also sponsored individual players and even a team. Throughout his life, Tim treasured his family, especially appreciating his grandsons. Being from Indianapolis, he naturally followed Indy Car and Formula One racing, attending many races with his family both in the United States and England. The COVID isolation has given Tim and Karen time to enjoy reading and being together, or as they said, "It's just you and me, Babe."

Tim is survived by his wife, Karen; his daughter Constance (Aaron) Prodan and grandson Bryan Hill of Noblesville, Indiana; his son Peter (Wendy) McClenny and grandson Camren McClenny of Sault Ste. Marie. He is also survived by his sister, Sharon McClenny Thomas of Indianapolis, his brother-

in-law David (Lyn) Grable of Lebanon, Ohio; his sister-in-law Nancy (Terry) Etter and mother-in-law, Lenora Thomin, from Hamilton, Ohio, as well as many cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Tim was preceded in death by his parents and his father-in-law, H.M. (Pete) Grable of Hamilton, Ohio.

On Wednesday, February 3, 2021, viewing will be held at CS Mulder Funeral from 2:00-5:00 P.M. followed by a brief service at 5:00 P.M. A public burial of cremains will be held later this spring at Riverside Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be left to:

Air Force ROTC Detachment 640  
50 Millett Hall  
Oxford, OH 45056

SAHS Cross Country Team  
c/o Athletic Department  
904 Marquette Avenue  
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

Soo Finnish Nordic Ski Club  
[http://soofinnishnordic.com/?page\\_id=3326](http://soofinnishnordic.com/?page_id=3326)  
or mailing address  
P.O. Box 22062  
Sault Ste. Marie, ON P6B 6H4

# Tribute Wall

DR

“ *Tim and I became running buddies our freshman year at Miami. Tim took me to the Indy 500 and I still remember the experience. Many happy memories of Tim and his generosity. Sorry to hear of his passing.*

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**Dave Reid** - June 18, 2021 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ *I am so sad to hear of Tim's passing. I rode bikes with him on Sault Cycling Club rides (Ontario) in 2019. I really enjoyed riding with him, his optimism and his wonderful stories from a long life well-lived. It was a real treasure getting to know him and I am saddened to have lost a riding buddy and great all around person. My summer rides won't be the same with him gone. My deepest sympathies go to his family who knew him best; he always spoke highly of you and with love in his voice.*

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**Shawn Pfister** - February 04, 2021 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ *Karen and Family, I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your husband. Sending prayers and my condolences to all.*

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**Beverly Harwood** - February 02, 2021 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ *I was so looking forward to meeting Tim. We had connected through the sports stories Karen shared with each of us. My deepest sympathy to you, Karen, and to the family. My wish is that you find a calm and peace in your journey of grief. Much love and Blessings.*



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**Jan Taylor** - February 01, 2021 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ Prayers of comfort and love to the entire family. I was sad to hear of Tim's passing. Know that I am thinking and praying for you.



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**Jan jones** - February 01, 2021 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ Dear McClenny Family,

*I am so sorry for this tragic loss in your family!*

*Linda Blanchard*

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**Linda Blanchard** - February 01, 2021 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ Dear Connie & Family, seeing Tim's picture makes this all real. I can't imagine your pain with this sudden passing of this wonderful, strong man. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers. I am here for you if you need anything. So sorry to have to miss the funeral but I will be there in spirit. Love you all.

*Lori*

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**Lori Prodan** - February 01, 2021 at 12:00 AM