

## **FRANCIS "BUD" MCFARLAND**

June 15, 1921 – December 16, 2005)  
(State Deputy 1963 – 1966)



Francis G. "Bud" McFarland, was born in East Baltimore in St. John's Parish in the Irish Tenth Ward. The eighth child of James M. McFarland and Mary C. (McGee) McFarland, he attended St. Andrew's Parochial School and graduated in 1936.

While a student at the Baltimore Polytechnic Institute, he was a drummer and played the glockenspiel in the St. Michael's Fife, Drum and Bugle Corps. He graduated from Poly in 1940 as a member of the National Honor Society.

After a year as a layout man at the Glenn L. Martin Co. and three years as a draftsman at the Bethlehem Fairfield Shipyard, Bud entered the U.S. Navy as a Seaman First Class. After extensive training in electronics and electricity, he served as an Electrician's

Mate on the Destroyer Escort, U.S.S. Reuben James.

After World War II, he entered Loyola College. He was a member of a five man team of chess players who competed against several colleges in and out of the state. Bud graduated in 1949 with a Bachelor of Science Degree.

On February 11, 1950, He married Carmen Germaine Croke, a 1947 graduate (magna cum laude) of the College of Notre Dame of Maryland. On March 25, 2000, they celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary with a Mass at the Church of the Nativity and a reception at Columbus Gardens.

Bud entered the Knights of Columbus in Maryland Council No. 370 on October 27, 1948. He served in most of the offices becoming Grand Knight in 1959. While Grand Knight, he produced an eighteen minute film entitled "A Week-end Retreat at Manresa" (the Jesuit Retreat House on the Severn River.)

Bud served as Faithful Navigator of the 4th Degree in Archbishop Francis P. Keough Assembly, President of the Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights, Master of the 4th Degree for the First District of Maryland and was a three-term State Deputy of the Maryland State Council of the Knights of Columbus.

Bud wrote several histories of Maryland Council No. 370, the Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights and the Maryland State Council.

He served as President of the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Men, Archdiocesan Secretary of the Holy Name Society, President of St. Matthew's Parish Council, President of St. Joseph's Retreat League, President of the Mercy High School Parents' Club, and Chairman of the Archdiocesan Committee on Aging. He served as a Coporator of St. Matthew's Parish and was the first Chairman of the Social Action Committee. He served on the Advisory Boards of Stella Maris Hospice, Manresa on Severn, Ft. Howard Hospital, the Archdiocesan Pastoral Council, the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CCARA), the Archdiocesan Education Steering Committee, the Lawrence Cardinal Shehan Scholarship Fund, the Interfaith Laymen's Federation and the Fraternal Congress. He had been a Lecturer in the Adult Focus Program of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine.

Bud received such coveted awards as the Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice Medal from His Holiness Pope John Paul II, the Archdiocesan Medal of Honor from His Eminence William Cardinal Keeler, the Cardinal Gibbons Award Medal from His Eminence Lawrence Cardinal Shehan, the St. Thomas More Award from the National Council of Catholic Men, and the Medallion Circle Award from the National Union of Holy Name Societies.

He was a member of the Men's Club of the Church of the Nativity in Timonium

He was survived by his wife Carmen, two daughters, Joan M. Parr, Clare M. McFarland, three sons, John F. McFarland, Joseph M. McFarland and Robert W. McFarland, and three grandchildren.