

# Realtor's business, leisure centered on Maumee River

G. Parks "Bud" McNaull, whose business and leisure centered on the Maumee River — as a real estate agent of waterfront property, an island owner, and a sailor — died yesterday in St. Luke's Hospital from complications of a stroke he suffered last week. He was 80.

He underwent treatments for a heart condition the last two months, his wife, Agnes "Aggie" McNaull said, but he continued to work. Indeed, he was on the telephone with a client when he was stricken.



McNaull

Mr. McNaull was a real estate agent nearly 24 years, first with the Danberry Co. and, for more than a decade, with Loss Realty Group. His slogan, printed on his card, was, "Up the lazy river."

"He was the local expert [in] residential riverfront property," Jim Loss, broker-owner of Loss Realty Group, said.

Cliff Loss, founder of the firm, recruited Mr. McNaull for real estate sales.

"He was always involved in sailing and river activities," the elder Mr. Loss said. "He built a house in [Rossford's] Eagle Point Colony on the river. He knew all those houses up and down the river, particularly on the Eagle Point Colony side. Bud knew everybody in Toledo."

Mr. McNaull, who lived most recently in Perrysburg, was con-

scientious and tenacious on the job, the elder Mr. Loss said.

"When he got a deal, he zealously guarded his clients' interests, yet he was a win-win sort of guy," he said. "He was a true broker. He wanted both sides of the transaction to be happy."

And he made an impression, even when not chartering a boat to show off properties or driving hours to win a prospective client. Tall, silver-haired, impeccably dressed, he was called "the aging movie star" by a friend in his longtime lunch group, the elder Mr. Loss said.

Mr. McNaull was an owner since 1982 of Little Sisters Island in the Maumee River, where he and a handful of friends had cabins. He threw annual lobster parties on the island, was host to the summer company picnic there, and let charity groups use the island for benefits.

He was a sailor for many years, inspired to pursue the sport by Raymond P. Greene, known for producing the 16-foot fiber-glass sloop, the Rebel. Mr. Greene died Jan. 19.

He was commodore through last year of the SeaGate Regatta, a sailing race on the downtown Toledo riverfront that began as the Toledo Press Club Regatta.

He made sure rowers had a place in the regatta, Susan Zurawski, director of development for the Toledo Rowing Foundation, said.

He was in charge of patrol boats for the Toledo International Rowing Regatta, recruiting boaters for safety duty that could

last from 4 a.m. to sundown — including some prominent residents in their expensive boats.

"He knew how to mobilize people and to get people to work for him and to do what was needed to make wherever he was a fun time," Ms. Zurawski said.

The son of Leon and Ruth Parks McNaull, he grew up on the west and east sides. He was a graduate of Clay High School and attended the University of Toledo.

He was an Army veteran of World War II, serving on a hospital ship that brought wounded soldiers back to the United States from Europe. He and his wife, the former Agnes Botek, married May 10, 1946, and he worked for Metropolitan Distributing, which her father, Michael, owned.

He and his family lived in Arizona from 1954 to 1964, when he owned a company that supplied glass to schools, motels, even the Phoenix Zoo. On his return to northwest Ohio, he became vice president of Metropolitan before becoming a real estate agent.

Surviving are his wife, Agnes "Aggie"; daughters, Susan McNaull-Hreben and Macie McNaull-Turnwald; brother, William D. McNaull; sister, Marge McNaull; five grandchildren, and a great-grandson.

The body will be in the Witzler-Shank Mortuary, Perrysburg, after 2 p.m. tomorrow. Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday in St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Maumee, where he was a member.

The family requests tributes to the church endowment fund.