

W. Allen McClelland, HLM, MMR

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It is with great sadness we report long-time neighboring Miami Division 3, Mid-Central Region, National Model Railroad Association (NMRA) member and renowned modeler, photographer, innovator, author and speaker W. Allen McClelland, HLM, MMR passed away on Friday, October 28, 2022. This is a great loss for the entire hobby and his friends in Division 7. Model Railroader Contributing Editor Tony Koester just finished a new book on Allen and his Virginian & Ohio (V&O) scale model railroad that will be published by Kalmbach in January 2023. The photo above of Allen was taken by John Burchnall in May 2012. See the memoriam for Allen in the News section of Kalmbach Media's Trains.com website, as well as the below local obituary. Memorial gathering arrangements are currently unknown.

by John Burchnall

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W. Allen McClelland, known as Allen, passed away peacefully on October 28, 2022, in Dayton, Ohio.

A native of West Carrollton, Allen was an Advertising Manager at Dayton Superior and retired in 1999. Allen had a love for model railroading, earning him many awards and lifelong friends in the process. Allen was the former president of the National Model Railroad Association (NMRA) Mid-Central Region. In 1976, Allen was named NMRA Master Model Railroader, later earning an NMRA Honorary Life Membership. In his younger days, Allen won several trophies racing boats with his brother, Donald.

Allen was predeceased by his parents Elliot and Dorothy (Loman) McClelland, also of West Carrollton. Allen is survived by his wife, Sharon (Garver), three children; Kelly Bradley, Bradley McClelland (Karen) and Patrick McClelland (Sherri), four stepchildren; Keith Kline (Gail), Kerry Kline (Mindy), Chris Kline and Craig Kline (Kelli), brothers; Donald (Donna) McClelland and David McClelland, as well as many beloved nieces, nephews, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

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