



John Joseph McNeil

November 2, 1929 - January 12, 2021

1st SG John Joseph McNeil was born in Watertown, Massachusetts on November 2, 1929, to John H. and Evelyn C. (Dube`) McNeil.

John graduated from Watertown High School in 1948. While in high school, John joined the U.S.M.R. Upon graduation he decided to join the U.S. Navy where he received an honorable discharge. John three days later joined the U.S. Army. He volunteered for parachute training and was sent to Ft. Benning, Georgia. Upon completion of jump school, he was assigned to the 11th ABN Division at Camp Campbell, Kentucky. In 1950 John was assigned to the 187th ABN REG combat team, that was alerted to go to Korea February 14, 1951. And later was sent to a hospital in Japan, where he received orders for the 11th ABN at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. After training paratroopers there, John volunteered to return to his old unit in Korea and was assigned to his old job, until cease fire. The unit moved to Japan then on to Ft. Bragg, North Carolina. The 101st was being activated and need recruiter to fill up the 101st so John was accepted for that team. His team was then selected to go to Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri. John faithfully and proudly served his country, and retired from the Army, receiving an honorable discharge.

It was while John was stationed there at Ft. Leonard Wood, he met the love of his life, Corma Ann Noe. He eagerly courted Corma finally winning her heart. On October 20, 1956 in a lovely little chapel at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri,

the two became one. John and Corma shared over sixty-four years together, they loved deeply and were totally devoted to one another. God richly blessed their lives with five boys and two daughters who filled the McNeil home with much chaos, joy, and tons of laughter. Which probably kept them young!

John was an extremely talented man and could do most anything he set his mind on. He greatly enjoyed drawing, painting, woodcarving, keeping his yard in tip top shape with his bride by his side. John was especially proud of his family and always looked forward to spending time with them.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers: Danny McNeil and Bobby McNeil, one son: Mike McNeil (1/12/2021), and his precious great grandson, Jase Bradley York.

On the evening of January 12, 2021 while in the FLW hospital, John entered into the arms of God having attained the age of 91. He was surrounded by his loving family and leaves behind to cherish his memory his wife, Corma of the home; six children: John McNeil (Kay) of Oldsmar, FL, Terri Kisling (Neal) of Richland, MO, Danny McNeil (Carmen) of Kissimmee, FL, Bobby McNeil (Judy) of Gainesville, FL, Patti Dedmon (Eddie) of Milwaukee, WI, and Shawn McNeil (Toni) of Milroy, PA; one daughter-in-law: Janine McNeil of Kissimmee, FL; one sister: Evelyn Arnold of the Villages, FL; 14 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren; nieces, nephews, and a host of other relatives and friends.

John was a quiet, humble man, his kindness, and loving spirit will be forever missed. However, John's legacy will always live on in the lives of his family and friends John loved so dearly.

Arrangements are under the care and direction of Memorial Chapel of Richland.

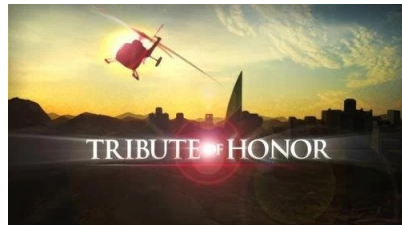
If you would like to leave a memorial to either a charity of your choice, or one to be determined by the family in memory of First SG (Ret) John Joseph McNeil, you may leave it at the Memorial Chapel of Richland funeral home.

Online condolences may be made at www.memorialchapelsandcrematory.com

Tribute Wall



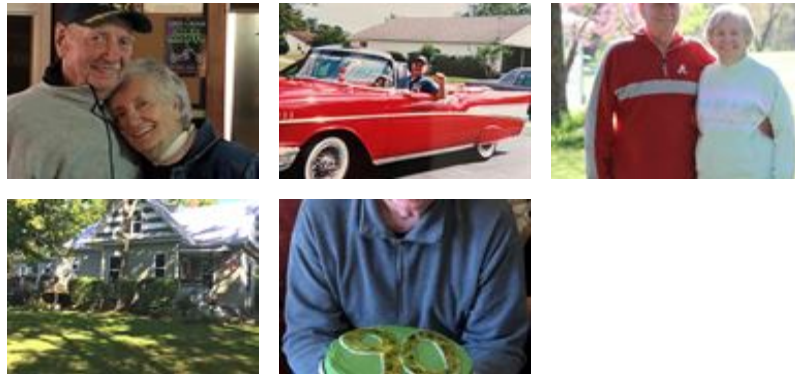
“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of John Joseph McNeil*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - March 18, 2021 at 02:54 PM



“ *62 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - February 08, 2021 at 11:30 AM

PG

“ *Pulaski County Camp Gideons lit a candle in memory of John Joseph McNeil*



Pulaski County Camp Gideons - January 14, 2021 at 11:41 PM

MW

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all the family in the loss of Mr. McNeil. May God strengthen you with His peace, love and comfort in the difficult days ahead.



Martin-Georgia White - January 14, 2021 at 05:22 PM

SH

“ Shirley Henry lit a candle in memory of John Joseph McNeil



Shirley Henry - January 14, 2021 at 01:40 PM

CP

“ John Terri Danny I was sad to hear of your Dad's passing. May the memories of him sustain during this time. You and your family are in my prayers.

Charles Dale Pasley - January 14, 2021 at 01:23 PM

CG

“ So sorry for your loss. Prayers for all. God Bless.
Carol & Jerry Gideon



Carol Gideon - January 14, 2021 at 09:41 AM

BS

“ *Brenda Smith sent a virtual gift in memory of John Joseph McNeil*



Brenda Smith - January 14, 2021 at 08:24 AM

RH

“ *Robin Hobbs lit a candle in memory of John Joseph McNeil*



Robin Hobbs - January 14, 2021 at 07:35 AM

FP

“ *Frank Pemberton sent a virtual gift in memory of John Joseph McNeil*



frank pemberton - January 14, 2021 at 05:50 AM

FR

“ *Frank lit a candle in memory of John Joseph McNeil*



frank - January 14, 2021 at 05:49 AM

BR

“ *Betty Rupard lit a candle in memory of John Joseph McNeil*



Betty Rupard - January 14, 2021 at 02:36 AM

DP

“ *David Pemberton lit a candle in memory of John Joseph McNeil*



David Pemberton - January 13, 2021 at 10:32 PM

SH

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time....*



Steve and Marilyn Harrison - January 13, 2021 at 10:22 PM

CP

“ *John Terri Danny I am sad to hear the passing of your Dad. May the memories of him sustain you during this time. I will keep you and family in my prayers.*

Charles Dale Pasley - January 13, 2021 at 10:18 PM



“ *David Pemberton Sr. sent a virtual gift in memory of John Joseph McNeil*



David Pemberton Sr. - January 13, 2021 at 10:15 PM



John was a true American and I always enjoyed our visits and sharing our military life experiences. Rest In Peace my friend.

David Pemberton Sr. - January 13, 2021 at 10:22 PM



“ *Shirley Henry lit a candle in memory of John Joseph McNeil*



Shirley Henry - January 13, 2021 at 09:05 PM

DO

Praying for peace and comfort for Forma and all the family at this time of great loss! Dennis and Georgia Ourxbourn

Dennis & Georgia Ourxbourn - January 17, 2021 at 12:42 PM

PC

It has been a lot of years, but I knew the McNeil Family in Bad Kreuznach, Germany in 1965. Both John and his Wife Corma sponsored me at the Rose Barrack Chapel as a Roman Catholic in May 1965. The kids and I played together growing up. I don't expect John , Terry or Danny to remember me but we all very young and walk school together at Rose Barreck elementary. Our family live in A4 and the McNeils I believe lived downstairs in A2 .

I am sorry to read about passing of Sgt McNeil he was larger than life to me. A precious soul. The entire family were simply wonderful and kind people and although time has pasted, I have never forgotten them. I will keep your family in thoughts and prayer. I will leave my contact information to share with John or Mrs.McNeil if the care to reach out. Looking forward to speaking with you.

*Kind Regards
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phil Costa - September 01, 2023 at 08:04 PM