



John Edward McNeil, Sr.

June 2, 1933 - February 16, 2012

On Tuesday, February 16, 2012 our father and PaPa fell to sleep in death under the loving care and watchful eye of Ms. Beverly J. Buckner, the mother of his children and life long friend.

Our beloved John Edward McNeil, Sr., was born in Fayetteville, North Carolina on June 2, 1933 to Cherry Mae McNeil and Charles McNeil.

He enlisted into the United States Army at an early age to be the paratrooper that some said he could not be because he was Black. He used the military as a vehicle for his passion in life which was to get down to the business of education and helping others.

He lead by example:

- Special Forces and 555th Airborne (“All the Way”)
- 14 years of university education
- several Master’s and a Doctorate Degree
- Past-president of Henrico County NAACP
- Former President of Henrico County Public Library Board
- CASA Member
- KAPPA Alpha Phi Alpha Incorporated
- Mason

..just to name a few; most of all he is remembered for being our daddy and papa.

Our beloved dad will be missed by all. We know that he lives in the hearts and minds of those who knew and loved him as being upbeat and full of life. We were so fortunate to have had him in our lives and we feel empty without him.

He leaves to cherish his loving memory three daughters, Sherri Smith, Michaella and Edna McNeil; two sons, Kevin Curtis and John E. McNeil, Jr.; seven grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, one brother, Robert Young; devoted cousin, Sandra Maniqualt; and a host of other relatives and friends.

“The peoples law is the best law” – Ciscero!

Airborne (555th) “All the Way and then some.” Big Mac

Cemetery Details

Virginia Veterans Cemetery at Amelia

10300 Pridesville Road
Amelia, VA 23002

Previous Events

Service

FEB 21. 10:00 AM (ET)

March Funeral Home-Laburnum Chapel
Richmond, VA 23222

Tribute Wall



“ *John Edward McNeil, Sr.*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Papa I know your sleeping and in the memory of Jehovah but I miss you!!A dear friend of mine Mrs.Donna Jenkins passed recently and I decided to look your obituary up again. and then I realized that 2/16 was right around the corner. my birthday is Sunday and I'am gonna be 24.so many days I wish u were here with me because I miss u I miss ur laugh ur smile our talks you funny jokes, the Saturdays when I use to come spend the day with u and we could just cook and talk and joke around and just be grandfather and granddaughter together. and right now Im crying because I miss you soooooo much and I cant wait to see u in the new system. I don't even know why im writing this its not like you can read it or respond back to me. things just aren't the same without u here papa and that is a fact.I miss you and Mrs.Donna(I wish you could have met her) but I know Jehovah has you guys in his memory and soon I will see you both in the new system.Jehovah knows im trying here I really am but satan is a strong m*****. Your Ole Girl is getting older papa but never do I forget about u and never will I.I love you and I cant wait to see you again!!*

Love, Kirstie <3

Kirstie S McNeil - January 26, 2016 at 08:31 PM

RJ

“ My deepest condolences to the family of John. I am so sorry for your loss. Losing a loved one is very difficult to accept, but the Bible lets us know that death is not permanent. One day our loved ones who have died have the wonderful hope of living again by means of the promised resurrection. When Jesus lost his good friend Lazarus in his compassion he wept even though his father had given him authority to resurrect the dead. But this shows how much Jesus cares for people, and he did bring Lazarus back to life. He comforted the sisters of Lazarus with these words: I am the resurrection and the life. He that exercises faith in me, even though he dies, will come to life. And he fulfilled that promise to them. One day soon, as our glorious king, he will resurrect many back to life, and he promises that all who are in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out. John 5:28,29. Please be comforted by this promise, because God never fails to carry out his promises. Isaiah 55:10

R Johnson - February 27, 2012 at 10:11 AM

MS

“ I'm so sorry for your loss and would like to offer my condolences to your family. Death is such a terrible thing for a family to go through, I actually lost my mom 3yrs ago. I'm truly grateful that I have the truth about death and look forward to the future when there will be "a resurrection of both the righteous and the unrighteous."—ACTS 24:15. I'm sure you would love to see your dead loved one again in the coming Paradise here on earth! Again so sorry for your loss!!

Ms Springer - February 24, 2012 at 09:26 PM



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

March Funeral Homes - February 20, 2012 at 05:14 PM

GD

To the family of Trooper McNeil, God bless you in your time of sorrow, he was a great man a super trooper. " Airborne All The Way." Trooper Duncan and Family Jesse J Mayes Tri-Cities Chapter.

Gregory O Duncan - February 21, 2012 at 07:22 AM