



Hugh McCoy

February 14, 1917 - February 16, 2013

Hugh McCoy, Tulsa, Oklahoma, left this life on February 16, 2013, two days after his 96th birthday, to begin an eternal life with his beautiful wife, Louise, his parents and his seven brothers and sisters. Hugh was born in Birdtown, Arkansas on February 14, 1917 with fraternal twin brother Charlie. His parents were William Riley and Betty Jane (Spence) McCoy. He spent his youth on the farm, leaving as a teenager to join the Civilian Conservation Corp and later the US Navy in 1939. He served in England, the Straits of Gibraltar and North Africa during WWII. He returned to marry his hometown sweetheart, Louise Hesselbein, in 1946.

Hugh began a long career as an aircraft mechanic, first in the Navy and then as a civilian at Boeing Aircraft, Wichita, Kansas and American Airlines, Tulsa, Oklahoma. He and Louise made a secure and loving home for their two daughters, Judy and Joan; and in their later years enjoyed their retirement in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Hugh is survived by his daughters Judith Ann McCoy, Tulsa, Oklahoma; Joan Louise Thrailkill and husband Gary, Norman Oklahoma; grandson, Tyler McCoy Thrailkill and wife Becca, Norman, Oklahoma; granddaughter Brooke Ann Thrailkill, Norman, Oklahoma; and great-grandson, Driver McCoy Thrailkill, Norman, Oklahoma; numerous nieces and nephews; and best friend, Bob Theilan, Tulsa, Oklahoma. Hugh was preceded in death by his parents, brothers Jack, Marvin, Aldon, Charlie and Billy and sisters Sylvia and Thressie.

Hugh was a Freemason who practiced the beliefs of brotherhood, charity and truth. He was one of the "Greatest Generation"; a survivor of the extreme poverty of the 1920's and 30's; a brave defender of his country during WWII; a dedicated and trustworthy employee; and a faithful and loving son, brother, husband and father. He will always remain our hero and role model.

Funeral services will be 1:00 p.m. Saturday, February 23, at Harris Chapel with burial at Wolf Cemetery by Harris Funeral Home of Morrilton.

Tribute Wall



“ *Hugh McCoy*

January 30, 2023 at 02:08 AM



“ *Judy, Joan, and family, I am so sorry for your loss. I have such great memories of time spent with Hugh and Charlie. And of course, the rest of the family. It is so hard seeing all of our childhood heroes leave us and Hugh is probably the last of that generation of heroes to me. Distance of miles took us apart but my memories have always been with me. God Bless all of you.*

Brenda Spence Bane - June 29, 2018 at 09:11 PM



“ *Dear Joan and Judy, Your Dad was always such a generous and loving man. He was so very special to our Dad. Pat and I have many fond memories of our Dear Uncle Hugh and that infectious laugh. We treasure our last visit with him in Tulsa and he will always live and laugh in our hearts.*
Mary & Pat McCoy

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“ *Sorry for your loss. Very sorry we could not make down for the funeral. Love you all Tom*

Thomas C Anderson - June 29, 2018 at 09:11 PM

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“ *Uncle Hugh was a very caring and loving man. He loved his wife and daughters so much. I will always remember his beautiful blue eyes and his laughter.*

Sharon Moll Scruggs - June 29, 2018 at 09:11 PM