



William O'Donley McGehee

October 30, 2007

William O'Donley "Bill" McGehee, 57, of Solgohachia, Arkansas passed away, Tuesday, October 30, 2007 at home with his family. Born August 11, 1950 in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, he was the son of Tom and Donna McGehee.

Retired military and a military historian he served with L. Company 75th Rangers, Echo Recon 2nd of the 501st, 101st Airborne in Vietnam, receiving the Combat Infantry Badge, three Purple Hearts, two Bronze Stars for Valor, one Silver Star for Valor, and a Presidential Citation.

Bill was a loving husband and father and is survived by his wife of thirty-four years, Leslie Sherman McGehee and his two daughters, Erin Kathleen McGehee and Hannah Katherine McGehee all of Solgohachia.

Graveside services will be held 9:00 a.m., November 14, 2007, at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in his name may be made to the USO of Missouri, Inc., P.O. Box 10367, St. Louis, Missouri 63145, or the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation, P.O. Box 1947, Quantico, Virginia 22134.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to Dr. Clifford Evans of Morrilton, Arkansas and his staff for their incredible care and compassion during his illness. Arrangements are by Harris Funeral Home of Morrilton.

Online guestbook: www.harrisfuneralhomes.net

Tribute Wall



“ *William O'Donley McGehee*

January 30, 2023 at 02:08 AM



“ *For starters, I would like to thank all of you for taking your time & leaving a memory. Next, I would like to agree with you. He was a great and honorable man, and yes, he was a very loving father & husband. Personally, I think he was the best father in the world. I have never met you, Taylor Eubank, but you speak as highly of father as he spoke of you and for that I must thank you. I read your memory multiple times and quite frankly, there are no words to describe it, but I loved it. You were right when you said "he was a pearl without a price" Love, Hannah McGehee*

Hannah McGehee - June 30, 2018 at 12:56 AM



“ *Leslie and Family,
Here it is nearly 4 years after Bill's passing, and this was the first I knew of it. Through a chance encounter between my father and a gentleman who was visiting at his apartment building, I became aware of your loss. I just remember those early days, playing cowboys and indians, during which we tied Mrs. McGehee to the clothes line pole while the beans she had on the stove burned. Bill and I both ended up as Vietnam veterans, but Bill's war was different than mine, as were most veterans. It was a very personal war. I pray after all of this time since Bill left this world, that you and yours are healing.*

*Jim Lites
Little Rock*

March 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Leslie, Erin and Hannah, It is Now the end of July 2009 and trying to find an email address for you on the computer instead I just now found the sad news of your loss. As you may remember I met Bill in DC at the Smithsonian. Erin was only a few months old but I remember him talking about how much he loved you Erin. He also talked about how how beautiful you were Leslie, and how young you were when he first fell in love with you. He also spoke about a great mother-in-law and loving her. Later Hannah, after you were born and I had a chance to talk to him on the phone he told me how much love you had added to his life. He was a lucky man to be surrounded by all of you...and he knew it. Love Ginni 617-833-9015

July 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Mrs. McGehee, Erin, and Hannah:

You likely will not remember me, but your husband and father and I had several classes together at the university in Little Rock. I always enjoyed his keen intellect, his quirky sense of humor and even his sarcasm. He presented a very gruff exterior, but he was a good man and very patient with the kid who wanted to ask him all kinds of questions about Vietnam. I would on occasion visit your home when I was back in Little Rock, and kept in touch with Bill until losing contact about two years back. I thought about him last week and the week before. I guess the Lord had laid him on my heart. Today, in my few spare minutes, I thought I'd go online to look him up. And I am saddened to have found his obituary and so close to the time I was thinking about him. I pray that God will comfort you in this time of sorrow, but I also pray that you will take comfort in the fact that Bill was an honorable man and a patriot of the first order. I thank you for his service, and I thank him for allowing me to call him a friend. Blessings to you all as you grieve.

November 13, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *Leslie, Erin and Hannah,*

Condolences on the passing of Bill.

I knew Bill when we were in law enforcement (different agencies) in Pine Bluff. All who knew Bill were blessed to have that time in our lives--he was a pearl without price.

His passing pains, but the good fortune of knowing and working with Bill will always remain.

God bless.

*Taylor Eubank
Pine Bluff*

November 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *Leslie, Erin, and Hannah, we are so sorry about Bill! He was one of the nicest and genuinely honest man that we have ever met! It was wonderful living next door to you guys and we knew we could always count on Bill to make sure that we were always safe if anything ever happened! He will be missed dearly! If you need anything please don't hesitate to call. 501-208-7773. Love, Jim, Ann, and Eric Reynolds and the rest of the Reynolds'.*

November 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Leslie, Erin and Hannah, We would like for you to know that we are thinking and praying for you guys everyday. We are sorry that we couldn't be closer to you. You are in ours prayers and we love you. Please let us know if there is anything we can do or help you with. Thank you for everything and always being there for us and now its our turn to be there for you.

Jerry Ann, Anne, Alice-Lynn, Hayden

November 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Leslie, Erin and Hannah, my heart goes out to you all. Bill was a wonderful husband, father and brother to Richard and I. The only consolation we have, he is home now with all those that proudly served our country, and most important he is now with Richard whom he missed very much. I will be will you all as I promised every step of the way. I love you all very much. Carla

November 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ McGehee Family,
I only knew of you because of my knowing Richard Lott and Carla-- but there's a special brotherhood of VietNam Veterans. I remember Bill at Richard's funeral, and I remember the lovingkindness you demonstrated during their hard time. And I remember Bill talking about the POSITIVES of their history, comforting Carla and the boys. Though it's hard to see him go, please know that many of us veterans join the Angels in giving Bill a special salute-- as an old warrior steps into heaven. May God Bless You All. Jerry Pye

November 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *Les, I am so sorry for the loss you and the girls have sustained. Bill will always be an important part of my life, and my memories. If ever, there is anything I can do, please do not hesitate to contact me.*

November 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Leslie, Erin, and Hannah, My heart and sympathy goes out to you all today. Bill was a great person to know as well as a honorable soldier, husband and father. I am glad to know that he will be laid to rest with other great service men of our country. I am so blessed to have known him as police officer and a special brother to Richard & Carla. God bless you and the girls, I will be praying for you. Judy (Rudisill) Crider.*

November 04, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Leslie, Erin, and Hannah,
I can not tell how touched I was while reading Bill's obituary. Truly, what a special husband, father, and soldier he was. I regret I never met your husband and father but heard what a kind, loving man he was.
With deepest sympathy and love,
Michelle, Haylee, and Rob Harris*

November 03, 2007 at 12:00 AM