



James Albert McGregor

March 5, 1941 - October 27, 2023

James Albert McGregor, age 82, of Lexington passed away Friday, October 27, 2023. James was born March 5, 1941 to Wylie Jay and Lillian Ann (Barnes) McGregor. He graduated with the Comanche Indian Class of 1959.

Right after high school, he joined the Army Reserve and then later Navy. On June 3, 1960, he married Karen Gradyne Watson. Together, the couple raised 3 daughters, Kari, Shelly and Megan. The couple was married for 49 years before the passing of Karen. On July 1, 2014, James married Donna Sue Towns and they were happily married for 9 years.

James was an extremely talented and accomplished man. He graduated with an associate's degree in electrical engineering. After joining the navy, he specialized in morse code and was a member of the Beach Jumpers, Unit #1, in San Diego, California, and he was a Radio Operator for the torch carrier in the 1984 Olympics. James assisted with the radio communication for the making of the movie Twister and worked with the micro-wave communication on Apollo 1. While serving in Ucuta, Japan, he climbed Mount Fuji. He was also a volunteer fireman for Lexington where he served his community for 20 years.

James would get up every day, drink his coffee, read and work on sudoku puzzles. He enjoyed gardening and woodwork, and made sure all his daughters and grandkids had one of his famous "cedar chests". He cherished spending time with his daughters, grandchildren and sisters. He had a nickname for all his grandkids and the granddaughters affectionately referred

to him as "Honey". James was always sharing wisdom and his famous quote he will forever be remembered by was, "Remember who you represent." He is preceded in death by his first wife, Karen G. (Watson) McGregor; his parents, Wylie and Lillian McGregor; his sister, Patricia A. Combs; his nephew, Jerry Peltier; his great nephews, Will Weatherford and Jeffrey Griffith.

James is survived by his wife, Donna McGregor of the home; his daughters, Kari Spears of Lexington, Shelly Bryen and husband Jeff of Wanette, and Megan Little and husband Billy of Lexington; his step-children, Cecil Maxey and wife Shirley of Jones, Debra Edgeman of Springfield, Missouri, and Becky Wright of Pilot Point, Tx; his sisters, Sharon Sweetman of Lexington, Norma Griffith of Norman, and Jeanette Mercer of Elmore City; brother in laws, Robert Watson and wife Lene of Norman and Sam Combs of Tishomingo; his grandchildren, Matthew Pickle and wife Ashly, Ryan Spears, Broc Bryen, Alec Bryen and wife Hayli, Cole Bryen, Jade Filibeck and wife Mariah, and Payton Little; his great-grandchildren, Everett Pickle and Graycee Bryen; many step grandchildren and step great grandchildren and a host of friends. He was an amazing husband, father and grandfather and will be greatly missed.

Funeral Services will be 2:00 pm on Tuesday, October 31, 2023 at Lexington First Baptist Church with burial to follow at Lexington Cemetery. Family will receive friends Monday, October 30th from 5-7. Online condolences can be made at www.wilsonlittle.com. You may also make donation to The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, 8111 Lyndon B. Johnson Freeway, Suite 425 Dallas, TX 75219.

Tribute Wall

MP

“ We just received word of James's passing. Mert has many memories of working at SWB with James, and after their retirement from there had several more adventures together! Condolences to the family.

Merlyn (MERT) Perry - December 18, 2023 at 12:00 AM

AL

“ I remember waiting on this sweet gentleman for decades at Punkins. He will be missed.



Adrienne Lang - October 31, 2023 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ LOVE AND PRAYERS TO ALL OF THE FAMILY OF MY FIRST COUSIN AND SO PROUD OF THE LIFE ALBERT LIVED AND SAD TO HEAR OF HIS PASSING.

JOE CHISUM - October 30, 2023 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Meg's parents, I knew as Ma and Pa, and they were part and parcel to many of my teenage shenanigans. They always welcomed me into their home and family...and hearts. I have only fond memories of them. They were stable, loving, cheeky, and full of laughter. I learned about the learning channels at Meg's house because that's what her dad watched. I will always count Meg as one of my dearest friends and it was because she was raised by such wonderful people. Heaven is surely sweeter today because they are there...and I can't wait to spend eternity with them because I'm sure that's how long it will take to recount all of Meg's silly and crazy stories.

Michelle Heck-Pipes - October 30, 2023 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ I knew Mac for 63 years. He was a true Christian friend. I am anxious to see him again soon God Bless his family.

Kenneth Buckhanan - October 30, 2023 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Prayers to the family.

Mike Cagle - October 30, 2023 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ lots of memories with my great freind James Albert "Mac"as He was known in the USNavy were we spent 3 years together . Drank a lot of coffee and were in Beach Jumper Unit One together. Good memories of "Mac" and his great family. THANK YOU

Joe Bailey - October 30, 2023 at 12:00 AM