



Hershel Ray McConnell

June 19, 1932 - September 13, 2019

Hershel Ray “Mac” McConnell, 87 of Muskogee, entered Heaven’s gates Friday September 13, 2019, surrounded by his family. He was born June 19, 1932 in Monroe, Oklahoma to Walter F. and Ophia Mae (Gann) McConnell. He grew up and attended the public schools in Monroe.

On December 1, 1952, Hershel enlisted with the United States Navy. He served his country faithfully during the Korean Conflict and later received an Honorable Discharge.

Hershel married the love of his life, Evelyn Rose Hasse, on May 18, 1953 in Phoenix, Arizona. Together, they have shared over 66 years of life and marriage.

His professional career included being a sales representative for Guy’s Foods for many years and then later working at Hilldale Public Schools, retiring in 1997 with many years of service to the schools.

Hershel’s hobbies included woodworking, drawing cartoon characters, fishing, hunting, and being a shade tree mechanic. He enjoyed being a jack of all trades and was known to be self-taught in most anything he did. His family recalls that he dreamed of someday being a pilot and that he most of all loved Christmas and other holidays because he was surrounded by his family.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Walter and Ophia McConnell; and his brothers, Roy and Carl McConnell. Hershel is survived by his wife, Evelyn of the home; his children, Roy McConnell and wife Sandy of Glenpool, OK, Janet Webb and husband Andy of Muskogee, Joyce Cox and husband Mike of

Pryor, OK, and Ronald McConnell of Phoenix, AZ; his sister, Helen Steele of Fort Gibson, OK; grandchildren, Deonna McCaleb, Brandon McConnell, Elyce Holloway, Kristen Wright, Shelby Perry, Andrew Webb, Michael Cox Jr. and Matthew Cox; 14 great grandchildren with another on the way; 2 great great grandchildren; numerous other family members and many friends.

Memorial Service will be held at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, September 19, 2019 at Fort Gibson National Cemetery with Dr. Mike Cox, Reverend Brandon McConnell and Reverend Andy Webb officiating. Military Honors will be presented.

Funeral services are under the direction of Cornerstone Funeral Home and Crematory, 1830 North York Street, Muskogee, OK. Condolences may be made to the family online at www.cornerstoneofmuskogee.com. The family wishes to give special thanks to Physician's Choice Hospice, Leeanna Garcia of Community Home Health, Inc., and Cornerstone Funeral Home and Crematory.

Cemetery Details

Fort Gibson National Cemetery

1423 National Cemetery Rd.
Fort Gibson, OK

Previous Events

Memorial Service

SEP **19**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Hershel Ray McConnell*

October 23, 2023 at 09:38 AM



“ *Scott and Cheri Stough purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Hershel Ray McConnell.*



Scott and Cheri Stough - September 18, 2019 at 12:21 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Hershel Ray McConnell.*



September 18, 2019 at 11:24 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Hershel Ray McConnell.*



September 17, 2019 at 04:51 PM

PG

“ I can honestly say that Hershel is one of the sweetest kindest person I have had the pleasure to meet. I knew his brother Carl as he was my sister-in-laws daddy, Helen through Carl and Ophia his sweet sweet momma. Coming from that family, Hershel could not help but be the man he was. Evelyn, my heart, my thoughts and my prayers go out to you and the kids. I know life will not be the same, but just think of that glorious day you are reunited!! Much much love!! Peggy

Peggy Clark Gilliam - September 17, 2019 at 04:37 PM

JC

Such sweet words. Thank you from all of us!
Evelyn, Roy, Janet, Joyce and Ron

Joycen Cox - September 26, 2019 at 12:49 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Hershel Ray McConnell.



September 17, 2019 at 12:55 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Hershel Ray McConnell.



September 16, 2019 at 11:31 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Hershel Ray McConnell.*



September 16, 2019 at 07:00 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Cornerstone Funeral Home and Crematory - September 16, 2019 at 04:20 PM



Sheila Moore

Awww love this such a sweet man!

Sheila Moore - September 16, 2019 at 09:58 PM



MI

*What a precious treasure! Prayers for all your families a this difficult time of grieving. May you take comfort knowing that you will see him again, in God's timing. We love you,
Joe & Millie Cook*

Millie - September 18, 2019 at 02:03 AM



JC

My sweet sweet daddy! So thankful we have this video. Kristen, Janet's daughter made this video last Thanksgiving 2018. We will treasure this FOREVER!!!!

Joyce Cox - September 26, 2019 at 12:49 PM

JC

*Thank you so much! From all the McConnell Family
(Evelyn, Roy, Janet, Joyce and Ron)*

Joyce Cox - September 26, 2019 at 12:51 PM

JJ

“*Ron - sending my best to you and the rest of the family as you honor your father this week. I never knew your dad, but knowing you - he must have been one heck of a guy! So sorry for your loss.*”

Jim - September 16, 2019 at 02:03 PM