



William Joseph McClain

December 31, 1928 - January 31, 2010

William Joseph McClain (Bill)

Born, Dec 31, 1928 in Optimus, Arkansas to Ennis Twitchel McClain and Bernice Pearl (Mayfield) McClain, died Jan 31, 2010 in Alexandria, Virginia. Bill and his wife, Celia (Barrancos) resided in Fairfax, Virginia for over 30 years.

Bill enlisted in the United States Regular Army and the free volunteers of the US Army where he served honorably for 21 years. He retired with the rank of Sergeant First Class (SFC). His service years encompassed theaters of war in World War II, Korea and Viet Nam, and he was awarded the Purple Heart on two occasions.

Bill loved his country, family, hunting with his brothers and cousins, computer repair and the amateur radio organizations; KC41GS was his call sign. That call sign is quiet now.

Bill is survived by his wife, Celia; two sisters and two brothers, Nancy Mae Utt of Bloomsburg, PA Mirian (Nadine) Anderson of Fayetteville, GA James Garfield of Mountain Home, Ark and Ernest Roe of Tampa, Fl., daughter, Patricia Nell, son, Mark Andrew, many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Bill was preceded in death by his brother, Charles Edward, father, Ennis Twitchel, brother Ennis Hayden (John), brothers-in-law Merrin (Andy) Anderson and David E. Utt, mother Bernice Pearl, and brother George Glenn.

Tribute Wall



“ *William Joseph McClain*

October 27, 2022 at 09:45 PM



“ *I had the privilege of crossing paths with Mac in the early 90s. As both of us are from the midwest (he Arkansas and i Missouri) we hit it off from the get go. As both were former military, that likewise strengthened the friendship. Finally, as both of us are hams (amateur radio enthusiasts) that clinched it! We enjoyed going to many hamfests and sharing good times between guys. Mac was a straight shooter and despised folks that put on airs. He valued people for their merit and not their bank account! I will certainly miss Mac and us going to the hamfests and playing with computers. It just won't be the same. I will always hold Mac in the highest of esteem and again count myself lucky to have been able to call him my friend. Dennis Dodson, LTC USAF retired Amateur Radio Call: K0PYB*

February 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Uncle Bill touched my life before I can remember. When I was very young and times were hard for my Dad and Mom, Uncle Bill purchashed a case of canned milk for me. When I joined the Air Force he supported me and appeared to be as proud as my parents were. After my father died, Bill would call, listen through my tears, share stories and even get me laughing by the time we said "bye for now." We spent lots of time talking about our Scots ancestry, what a joy. One of his phrases I will remember concerned service, to country, a cause or life in general, "If it falls to me, I'll do it." Rest in Peace.*

February 04, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Our prayers are with you. I look forward to meeting the entire family tomorrow.*

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“ *I have memories of Bill when I was about 16 and he was on furlough from the Army. He made a move on me that I shall never forget. I went over his head and back to the standing position in a split second. Bill said, "never fool with a soldier."*

February 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM