



Calvin James McGehee Jr.

August 3, 1936 - December 22, 2018

Calvin James McGehee Jr of Ashburn, VA, passed away on Saturday, December 22, 2018, at the age of 82.

Calvin was born to parents, Calvin James Sr and Margaret McGehee on August 3, 1936, in New Orleans, Louisiana. Growing up he was active in the Boy Scouts and received the Eagle Scout merit badge. He attended Myers Park High School in Charlotte, NC, where he graduated in 1955. Calvin enrolled in the United States Army Corps in 1959 and served for 6 years, both in active duty and the Army reserves. While serving, he studied Russian at the U.S. Army Language School, after which he was stationed in Japan at the 12th US Army Security Agency. He attended Davidson College receiving his diploma in Business-Economics, graduating in 1963. He was a member of the Sigma Nu Fraternity. After college, Calvin began his work career as a credit and financial manager with Uniroyal, Inc. in Charlotte, NC. He then worked for more than 25 years for General Telephone of the South as a District and Division Manager for different regions and departments, and was responsible for training programs within the company. After retirement, he went on to receive his North Carolina Real Estate License. Later, he was recruited by Volt Telecommunications as a consultant. Calvin was actively involved in his community, serving on the Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce, Charles Town Kiwanis Club, and West Virginia Telephone Association. As a member of the Charles Town Presbyterian Church, he was part of both the Board of Deacons and Elders. Calvin and his wife Judy relocated to Virginia to be close to and enjoy time with their daughters and grandchildren. He was a beloved husband, father and grandfather.

He is survived by his wife, Judy, daughters Suzanne and Julie, son-in-law, Frederick, and grandchildren, Mireille, Cullen, and Quinn. He is preceded in death by his parents, Calvin James Sr, Margaret Sue Logan McGehee and sister, Peggy.

His church has always been near and dear to his heart. Donations can be given to Ashburn Presbyterian Church 20962 Ashburn Road, Ashburn, VA 20147, <https://ashburnpresbyterian.org/> or a charity of your choice with "In memory of Calvin J. McGehee on the

memo line.

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, January 12, 2019 at 11:00am at Ashburn Presbyterian Church. All are welcome to attend and celebrate Calvin's life.

Events

JAN **Service** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

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Ashburn Presbyterian Church
20962 Ashburn Road, Ashburn, VA, US

Comments



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Calvin James McGehee Jr..



January 11, 2019 at 12:44 PM



“ Suzanne's Friends purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of Calvin James McGehee Jr..



Suzanne's Friends - January 10, 2019 at 09:34 AM



“ Christ The King Church purchased the A Full Life for the family of Calvin James McGehee Jr..



Christ The King Church - January 10, 2019 at 09:34 AM



“ Suzanne's friends purchased the Simply Chic Mixed Plant Basket for the family of Calvin James McGehee Jr..



Suzanne's friends - January 10, 2019 at 09:34 AM



“ Dear Julie, Suzanne, and Mrs. McGehee,

I was sad to hear of Mr. McGehee's passing. You all were such a big part of my childhood and I have always thought of you with such happy memories. There is one story in particular that Doug and my girls have heard many times.

I think that Julie and I spent the better part of one year of our lives playing Zim Zam every day after school. The best afternoons of Zim Zam though were the ones when Mr. McGehee would return from a trip to Bluefield and present us with the watermelon Jolly Ranchers from his trip. We'd sit on the back wall of your driveway and suck on one of those and talk about how they were the best tasting things ever, play another round of Zim Zam, and then have another Jolly Rancher. It was six-year-old bliss. I can't tell you how blown my mind was, years later, when I found out that you can purchase Jolly Ranchers anywhere, not just in Bluefield, and that they came in other flavors. I really thought that only Mr. McGehee had access to them! To this day I think of your dad and you all each time I have one!

Much love,
Susan Smith Hendrickson

Susan - January 08, 2019 at 03:17 PM



“ The news of Calvin's passing left me both heart broken and speechless. I will surely miss my dear sweet friend. Calvin was the epitome of a true Southern Gentleman. Very sweet with great integrity and a little curmudgeonly on the side for good measure. I met Calvin when he started his real estate career. The week he started was my second week with the company and my supervisor was on vacation. Calvin had a million questions. I had NO answers. But together we found the answer to every question. I think that formed a forever bond between us. I loved Calvin's sense of humor and the way he told a story. I loved how he didn't get in a hurry whether it was locking his car or ordering ice tea at dinner. Alan and I always enjoyed visiting with him and Judy both in Durham NC and Ashburn VA. I know how much Calvin has enjoyed seeing his family grow and prosper. He was extremely proud of Suzanne and Julie and his love for Judy was steadfast and true.

Judy and family, I will continue to hold you close in my thoughts and prayers.

Beth Conover

Beth Conover - January 08, 2019 at 01:48 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Calvin James McGehee Jr..



January 07, 2019 at 09:31 PM



“ Kathy, Eric, Allison, and Calvin Moore purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Calvin James McGehee Jr..



Kathy, Eric, Allison, and Calvin Moore - January 02, 2019 at 08:46 PM



“ Calvin, Calvin, Calvin - Oh My

Nobody could tell a story quite the way he could. We met during his real estate journey and I will never forget the day he was out during lunch and got caught up in the midst of the police chasing a crime suspect. His expressions and his hands and that wonderful delightful giggle will be etched in my mind forever. He, Beth and I would go to dinner periodically and you knew he would not let you 'not' have dessert. We always shared and we would let Calvin choose.... and it was always the brownie sundae (and he would giggle as if we were getting away with something). We could talk for hours... he was interesting and interested. A fine gentleman who took care of those he cared about. He was only in my life for a short period of time but it is a time I will always treasure.

Prayers and blessing to you, Judy, and the rest of the family.

Donna Harnett

Donna Harnett - January 01, 2019 at 02:24 PM



“ One day while visiting Judy (when they were living in Durham), I noticed Chiquita banana stickers on the inside of a cabinet door . When I asked Judy about it, she said,"Oh, for some reason, Calvin is fascinated by the different stickers and likes to collect them." With amused empathy, I told her I thought my husband George was the only person who did such a thing.....exactly ! Judy, myself and 2 other friends headed for a week at the beach every summer for 10yrs. We always laughed and figured our husbands had a week of vacation, too. However, when we would return and arrive at the Mcghee home...Calvin was there to greet Judy with a kiss and carry her little black suitcase. Always seemed glad and relieved to have her home again. When we read his obituary, we were impressed by all Calvin has done in his lifetime, but his godly life and example will always stand out. Love to Judy, Suzan, Julie and family and may God's Peace and Comfort be present with you each day.

Betty Scrggs - January 01, 2019 at 12:52 PM



“ Memories of Calvin McGehee

Calvin was one of my closest childhood friends. He became sort of an older brother and/or mentor to me (an only child).

I met him during a Covenant Presbyterian youth retreat in Montreat, NC. It was kind of a meet and greet for youth groups of the combining churches of Westminster (Dilworth Rd.) and Second (downtown) Presbyterian. We stayed at the Assembly Inn there in Montreat, and had much fun running up and down on the elevators as I remember.

Calvin and I attended youth activities and conferences sponsored by Covenant Church. We both were in the Boy Scouts during that same period. I remember when he received the rank of Eagle, the highest award in scouting. We also spent time at old Camp Steere on Lake Wiley. He taught me how to water-ski behind his 14 ft. runabout.

I used to frequently visit his home over on Lombardy Circle. I was there around the time he received his acceptance letter from Davidson College. Strangely, he seemed upset.

I asked why. He explained that the letter implied that he was being accepted because of his father, and not necessarily because of his academics.

I moved away from Charlotte in 1964, and didn't see Calvin until several years later, after his military service and graduation from Davidson. He was employed at the time by Uniroyal. The last time, was when I was visiting my mother at Sharon Towers, and he was visiting with Margaret.

Howard Ogden
Knoxville, TN

Howard Ogden - December 31, 2018 at 10:49 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Calvin James McGehee Jr..



December 29, 2018 at 11:19 PM



“ Peg Peterson lit a candle in memory of Calvin James McGehee Jr.



Peg Peterson - December 29, 2018 at 07:19 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Calvin James McGehee Jr..



December 29, 2018 at 05:21 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with your family. Pat Hubbard

Pat Hubbard - December 29, 2018 at 04:05 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Calvin James McGehee Jr..



December 29, 2018 at 10:39 AM