



William Alfred McNairy

May 8, 1932 - September 18, 2021

William Alfred McNairy was born May 8, 1932 in Pulaski, Tennessee to the late John Nichol McNairy and Flavor Garrison McNairy. He was the third child of nine children. William has been a member of Rocky Mount Cumberland Presbyterian Church since 1951. He attended school in the Giles County school system.

William joined the Army and left for Fort Knox on February 24, 1953. On December 18, 1960, William married Priscilla Smith of Bodenham. They were married almost 59 years until his devoted “girlfriend” departed this world in 2019.

He was stationed at several military bases across the country and served multiple tours in Vietnam. He reached the rank of Master Sergeant in the U. S. Army. William retired from the U.S. Army on October 1, 1982 in a ceremony at Redstone Arsenal.

After retirement, he and Priscilla joined forces to open McNairy’s Flowerama, a flower shop just off the square in Pulaski. He enjoyed working on the farm and raising cows on Gimlet Creek Road. He devoted much of his spare time to the VFW, serving as Chaplain for the State office, board member of the South Central Human Resource Agency, and deacon of his Church.

He was preceded in death by his sisters, Mattie McClaurine, Fannie Bridgeforth, Bessie Gardner, Christine McNairy, Josephine McNairy, and brothers John Ed McNairy and Joe Louis McNairy. He is survived by a sister Alberta Berry of Evanston, Illinois. He is also survived by a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

An open viewing will be 9:00 until 4:00pm Thursday and Friday, September 23 & 24, 2021, at Bennett-May & Pierce Funeral Home.

A Private graveside service with full military honors will be held at Giles Memory Gardens in Pulaski, Tennessee.

Memorial donations are suggested to the charity of your choice in memory of William.

Bennett-May & Pierce Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements for William Alfred McNairy

Cemetery Details

Giles Memory Garden

140 Bethel Road
Pulaski, TN

Tribute Wall

CG

“*Mr. McNairy was a great man. He helped me to get a scholarship to attend Marin Methodist College for which I am forever grateful. Mr. McNairy will truly be missed.*

Cornelius Griffin - September 26, 2021 at 10:07 PM

AB

“*My dear Uncle William full of wisdom my questions will never stop 🧐👤♀️. You will truly be missed. It's never easy to say goodbye. I know you always said if God made that decision today, I'm okay I lived a good life. Continue to look over Mari, myself and family. Your spirit will live within us forever. I'm going to find that happy medium Uncle. I love you yesterday, today, tomorrow, and forever 💜*



Ayanna Brown - September 24, 2021 at 12:48 PM

CG

“*Mr. McNairy was a true genuine man. He helped me to receive a scholarship to attend Martin Methodist College. I also hunted on his farm from time to time with my uncle. He served as a role model for how we should live and treat each other. He will be sadly missed. A truly outstanding man.*

Chris Griffin

Chris Griffin - September 23, 2021 at 11:30 AM

RF

“ *Eternal rest grant unto William, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*



' Like the seed buried in the ground, you have produced the harvest of eternal life for us; make us always dead to sin and alive to God.'

Richard Andrew Farrer - September 22, 2021 at 09:43 PM

KM

“ *He was an awesome Dude, worthy of celebration! Many years ago I was in Pulaski on Elvis's birthday. Uncle William helped me surprise my husband with an exquisite flower arrangement to be delivered to his office in Chicago. Elvis was embarassed at 1st. But, it was sooo nice, the women were jealous LOL. We all have much love & many very special memories, to keep alive & share throughout our lifetimes. Uncle William will be sorely missed! Peace, Love and Blessings for our extended, forever Family, at this time and always...Kiki & "the Wild Bunch"*

Kiki Mckinney-Ramclam - September 22, 2021 at 10:28 AM

BM

“ *At church he would sing Sit Down Servant and Rest Awhile during devotion. He was definitely heartbroken after his "girlfriend" passed in 2019. He's happy again and Mrs. Priscilla is reunited with her love! Rocky Mount Church family will miss you dearly.*



Britney Matthews - September 21, 2021 at 02:53 PM

LG

I loved my uncle greatly! He was a man of GOD known by many! He was lost ever since his "girlfriend" died! He was my last living uncle and I know he lived a full life. RIP Uncle William, I will see you again one day! Love always Your niece, Lisa Gardner

Lisa Gardner - September 21, 2021 at 07:26 PM

BC

“ *Mr. McNairy and Mrs. Priscilla are together again and happy in Heaven. I pray God strengthens and comforts your family.*

Terrance and Benita Cross and family

Benita Kimbrough Cross - September 21, 2021 at 11:38 AM



BM

“ *Rest In Peace Uncle William. You are forever loved.*

Beverly McNairy - September 21, 2021 at 10:37 AM



CC

“ *Crystal Cotham lit a candle in memory of William Alfred McNairy*

Crystal Cotham - September 20, 2021 at 04:07 PM



BM

Uncle William my you Rest In Peace!

Beverly McNairy - September 20, 2021 at 11:19 PM

KT

“ William was my godfather across the Atlantic and our hero. After the Second World War he was there for my grandmother and her 4 children in Germany and it became a friendship for life. we spoke on the phone every Sunday. It is inconceivable not to be able to come to their farm any more. Priscilla and William are an important part of our family and cannot be imagined without it. I am very grateful that I was able to hug and kiss William and Priscilla 3 years ago. my heart is broken and crying.

Karina Thymian - September 20, 2021 at 02:09 PM

PH

“ William was such a kind man. When I think of him and Priscilla I think of the beautiful horses and the antique car. They are together again in heaven with God. Hallelujah!

Patricia Huggins - September 20, 2021 at 12:03 PM

JT

“ We have lost the 2nd half of a strong duo, William (and Priscilla) McNairy, who believed in living and sharing the Christian life. They often chaired the Smith family reunions, displaying the importance of family connecting with one another and passing on positive stories that inspire the young. Now, may both rest in loving peace.

Jacqueline Huggins Tolliver - September 20, 2021 at 11:21 AM

ES

“ We have lost a man who was outstanding in the community. You will be missed. We loved you, but God loved you best. May God comfort and strengthened the family.
Prayerfully,
Andrew & Etha Smith

Etha Smith - September 20, 2021 at 10:57 AM



“ *I remember Uncle William Dancing he loved to dance* ”



Regina Mckenzie - September 20, 2021 at 10:19 AM