



Charles McBee

August 24, 1932 - March 7, 2021

Charles (Bo) McBee, the oldest son of James McBee and Ethel Baynes, passed away on Sunday, March 7, 2021, after a short but courageous battle with cancer. Charles was born on August 24, 1932, in the front bedroom of his grandmother's home in the Armourdale neighborhood of Kansas City, Kansas. He attended St. Thomas Grade School and Bishop Ward High School, leaving in his sophomore year to go to work and help support the family. He later attained his GED while serving in the Armed Forces.

He worked for 44 years as a clerk in the railroad industry, starting his career with the Rock Island Railroad, which merged with the St Louis Southwestern Railroad and then with the Southern Pacific. He liked to quip that he worked for four different railroads and never changed desks. He also spent many years working a second full-time job as a billing clerk at Jones Trucking.

Charles was a proud veteran of the United States Navy from 1952 to 1956, serving as a 3rd Class radioman aboard the USS Midway during the Korean Conflict. During this time he made a Mediterranean Cruise and a World Cruise, among many other cruises. After his active service, he served in the Navy Reserves until 1960.

In 1952 Charles married Shirley Terry and during their twenty-one years of marriage, they raised six children who survive him, Michael Charles McBee

(Patricia), Paula Beth Galliard (Michael), Kathy Ann Butler, James Brian McBee (Kim), David Patrick McBee (Dana), and Steven Richard McBee (Kim).

In 1992, Charles married Regina (Lynch) Gillette and the blended family added three step-children whom Charles came to think of as his own. John Thomas Gillette (Mary Jane), Bridget Renee Kieras (Dave), and Barbara Jean Miesner (Dale).

The blended family also includes grandchildren Ryan, who passed away in December 2020, Brett Edwards (Tonya), Allison Rice (Bryan), Annie McBee, Bridget McBee, Kendall Lee (Kenny), Krista Summers (Walter), Megan McBee, Jeffrey McBee, Amber Harrington, Angel Gillette, John Riley Gillette, Kyle Miesner, and Danielle Miesner, and Great Grandchildren Meara Edwards, Fiona Edwards, August Rice, Parker Lee, Rylee Rothrock, Henry Summers, and Baby Boy Lee expected in April. There was also a very special place in his heart for Loretta Lynn Miller who called him grandpa.

Also, surviving are his sisters Patricia Smith and Ethel Golubski, sister-in-law Sara McBee, and many extended family members.

In addition to his parents, Charles was preceded in death by Shirley McBee, brother James McBee, sister Frances Rush, and grandson Ryan McBee.

Charles was a member of St Mary's / St Anthony Catholic Church and a lay member of the Little Sisters and Little Brothers / Community of the Lamb. He was also a member of American Legion Post 0188, a Lifetime Member of the Midway Veterans Association, and a Lifetime Member of the Korean War Veterans Association.

Visitation will be held at St Mary St Anthony Catholic Church, Kansas City Ks

on Saturday, March 13, 2021, from 9 am-11 am with a rosary being said at 9:15 am. The Mass of Christian Burial will follow immediately. Interment will take place at Gates of Heaven Cemetery 126th and Parallel in Kansas City Kansas immediately following the service.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations to the Little Sisters and/or Little Brothers of the Lamb, 36 So Boeke, Kansas City KS 66101 or St Mary St Anthony Catholic Church, 632 Tauromee, Kansas City KS 66101.

The family would like to thank Amedisys Hospice Care and especially Nurses Patrick, Beverly, and Theresa for their care and devotion to Charles and other terminally ill, and Ryan at the Midwest Respiratory and Rehab Medical Supplies, and the extended family members and friends who supported Regina and the family during this difficult time.

“OLD SAILORS NEVER DIE, THEY JUST SAIL AWAY”

Cemetery Details

Gate Of Heaven

N. 126th Street & Parallel Parkway
Kansas City, KS 66109

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 13. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary- St. Anthony Church
615 N 7th St,
Kansas City, KS 66101

Catholic Mass

MAR 13. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary- St. Anthony Church
615 N 7th St,
Kansas City, KS 66101

Tribute Wall



“ *Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery created a Tribute Video in memory of Charles McBee*



Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery - March 11, 2021 at 12:55 PM



“ *Charles McBee*

October 08, 2023 at 10:59 AM



“ *He is still my best friend for life.*

beatrice hocking - April 04, 2023 at 03:29 AM



“ *Charles McBee*

September 17, 2022 at 08:24 PM



“ Our condolences to the McBee family with our prayers for comfort for all who remain on this journey to the Eternal Kingdom and for hearts filled with peace in the confidence of our Lord Jesus Christ love for us all and Charlie McBee eternal repose on the Father's house, where Jesus has prepared a place for Charlie. "I go to prepare a place for you" John 14:3. Great memory from this picture below, Charlie is on the far left with Regina at the Community of the Lamb where we shared time of prayer and holy communion.



Alexei Castro - March 13, 2021 at 09:26 AM

GB

“ Gina Bain lit a candle in memory of Charles McBee



Gina Bain - March 13, 2021 at 03:52 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Charles McBee.



March 12, 2021 at 10:17 AM



“ 51 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery - March 11, 2021 at 12:50 PM

BS

Our sincere sympathy for your loss. Ron and Brenda Svec

Brenda Svec - March 11, 2021 at 06:58 PM

SJ

“ *David & Dana, sorry for your loss. We are praying for you and all the family at this time*
Love you all
Steve & Sharon Jackson

Steve & Sharon Jackson - March 10, 2021 at 05:06 PM

SC

“ *Charlie was such a nice man. He was always kind and helpful. Loved to see him and Fr Matt after their First Friday rounds, as they returned with the huge cinnamon rolls from their breakfast stop at the Corner Cafe. Regina. God's peace to you and your family.*

Sara Candelario - March 09, 2021 at 10:38 AM