



Dale Patrick "Pat" McConnell Sr.

November 25, 1948 - May 23, 2020

HAYNESVILLE –

Dale Patrick "Pat" McConnell, Sr., 71, passed away on Saturday, May 23, 2020. Family and friends are invited to drop by the funeral home, sign the guest book, and offer your final wishes to Pat on Thursday, May 28, 2020, between 10:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. A Graveside Service will be held on Friday, May 29, 2020, at 12 Noon in Andersonville National Cemetery in Andersonville.

Pat was born in Utica, New York. Upon graduation from high school, he enlisted in the U. S. Army in Virginia. After two tours in Viet Nam, Pat was stationed in Hawaii for several years. He returned to Columbus, Georgia, and worked most of his service time at Ft. Benning. Pat received an Associate's Degree and became certified in HVAC configuration and installation. He was highly decorated and well-respected having received multiple awards and commendations from his courageous efforts while enlisted. Pat retired after twenty years in the military. Upon his honorable discharge, he accepted a position with the Department of Defense in Civil Service in the Orlando, Florida, area. After a few years, he was transferred to Robins Air Force Base, worked with their HVAC department, and retired with twenty years of service. He never met a stranger, and everyone loved him, as well. He was a warm and outgoing, charismatic friend to all. Pat was preceded in death by his mother, Marie Haver McConnell, Stetson; his fathers, Paul McConnell and Frederick "Fritz" Stetson; his loving and devoted wife of over twenty years, Ann Blocker McConnell; two brothers, Dick McConnell and Jim McConnell; a granddaughter, Kelly Ann McConnell; and a great-granddaughter, Heaven Weyhrauch.

Survivors include his children, Dale McConnell, Jr. (Denise) of Charlotte, Michigan, Patrick W. McConnell of Louisville, Kentucky, Nicole Beard of Haynesville, and Renee Lewis of Macon; nine grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; a brother, Mike McConnell; a sister, Barbara Ann Stetson; and several nieces and nephews.

Condolences for the family may be left in the online guestbook at <http://www.watsonhunt.com>. Watson-Hunt Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Cemetery

Andersonville National Cemetery

496 Cemetery Road
Andersonville, GA, 31711

Events

MAY **Visitation** 10:30AM - 04:00PM

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Watson - Hunt Funeral Home

1208 Main Street P.O. Box 52, Perry, GA, US,
31069

MAY **Graveside Service** 12:00PM

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Andersonville National Cemetery

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Comments



“ Pat is my Dad, I am the oldest of the four of us. My dad was the best, one of a kind. I had the honor of giving him his first three grandchildren and could not have asked for a better pawpaw for them. My kids have such great memories of him and my mom. They always took them on vacation just about every time they went. Pawpaw always made sure they had a good time and was like a kid himself with them, esp at Disney world, Wild Adventures and the beach. I'm so thankful he was my Dad and my kids pawpaw and we miss him and will miss him for the rest of our lives. He taught me so many important things that I otherwise would not have known and just enriched my life in so many ways. My heart is broken Dad that you are gone. It still does not seem like it can possibly be real that your gone. You are with my beloved Mama now and I hope you two are dancing in the sky and im sure my little Heaven is right there dancing with youll. All three of u took a peice of my heart with you when you left but thankfully my heart is filled with so very many wonderful memories. RIP Daddy I love and miss you so much. Give mama and baby girl a big hug and kiss for me ok.2



Renee Lewis - July 26, 2020 at 10:31 PM



“ 7 files added to the tribute wall



Nicole Beard (Daughter) - June 08, 2020 at 07:30 PM



“ Pat was my dad and my childrens Pawpaw there are so many things to say about my dad ,but 1st I would like to extend my heartfelt appreciation for everyone who has written so many awesome things about my dad. I of course knew what an amazing person daddy was,but its nice to know so many other people knew how special he was. Dale Patrick McConnell was a devote and dedicated also highly decorated Veteran in the army. He entered basic in 1969 in Richmond Va. where he completed 5 weeks of Pathfinder course, 2 weeks Basic Leadership course,and 6 weeks of Communications System Supervisor course. His 1st deployment was to Vietnam where he did two tours the last being voluntary. Where he won A National Defense Service medal//Vietnam Service Medal with 4 bronze service stars//Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal//4 Overseas Service Bars//Parachutist Badge//Pathfinder Badge//Combat Infantryman Badge//Army Commendation Medal with 3 bronze oak leaf clusters//Item 13 medal/Vietnamese Cross Gallantry with Palm//Army good conduct medal(7 of these medals)//Expert Infantryman Badge//Driver's Badge//Army Service Ribbon//3 Overseas Service Ribbons//4 NCO Professional Development Ribbons//Expert Qualification Badge(M-16)//Extension of Service was at the request and for the convenience of the government. He spent 17yrs. 5mos. as 11B4H Infantryman//11yrs. as 31Y40 Communications Systems Supervisor. He retired SFC E-7 and major command of Company C 2/29th Inf Rgt,Forsom,FC Fort Benning and there are sooo many more presidential awards and he got a certificate for personally being involved with the inauguration of Jimmy Carter. Then he went on to get degrees for electrical engineering that lead him to a job on Robins Air Force base where he retired from ther with 20 yrs. Of service. He was my rock my compass that always tryed his best to steer me in the right direction. (I didn't always listen and go the path he new was right and of course I should have listened). I'm so glad I got lucky and had him as my father and I miss him soo much already. I Love You Daddy my You dance with momma for eternity. Nicole Beard

Nicole Beard (Daughter) - June 08, 2020 at 07:04 PM



“ I am sending my deepest condolences to all of Pat's family and friends, and praying for God's healing hand on your hearts as you grieve this tremendous loss. Pat was an excellent friend; and as many have already written, he told heart-warming and entertaining stories, worked diligently, shared his abundance of knowledge, and was kind and benevolent to everyone. The world was a much brighter place when Pat was here with us.

I remember when my two sons were around 7 and 8 years old, we had gone to the Centerville Rite-Aid pharmacy a few weeks before Christmas that year. Pat was there -- dressed as Santa! What a fun surprise that was - because I didn't recognize him! He saw me and my sons, and began engaging them in some hilarious conversation, trying to get me to recognize who he was without letting on to my sons that he was one of my co-workers from RAFB. Finally, I DID recognize him, and he threw an arm around each one of my sons' necks, asked them what they wanted for Christmas, put a twinkle in their eyes and a dream in their hearts! Wasn't that Pat's nature -- always entertaining us and enjoying living in the moment? Yes, Pat was genuinely Santa every day of his life -- jolly and extremely good-natured. What a blessing to each of us who had the pleasure of experiencing his unique personality and sharing his friendship. We laughed as I made pictures of my boys with Santa Pat, and those pictures have long been in their childhood photo albums. Precious, precious memories.

Please accept mine and my family's sincerest, deepest sympathies for your loss and be reminded that you are in our thoughts and prayers. Knowing Pat has made me a better person, and I pray I can exude many of his excellent character traits to those around me as a loving memorial to this uniquely talented, honest and gentle man.

Beth Smith and family

Beth Smith - June 08, 2020 at 10:55 AM



“ My son had just turned 1 at the time and as soon as he saw my Dad in that Santa suit he reached his arms out and said Pawpaw. We still don't know how he knew it was him. Dad got a good laugh out of it though.

Renee Lewis - July 26, 2020 at 10:37 PM



“ My deepest sorrow to the family of Mr.McConnell. I've only known Pat for two years and my fondest memories of him was the fishing stories he shared with me.I do miss talking with Pat and sharing stories. Keep on fishing Pat!

Chad Hardy - May 28, 2020 at 04:03 PM



“ I first met Pat in October of 2003,when I started my new job in Zone 1. I was immediately impressed by his gregarious and outgoing personality, but I was really blown away by his eagerness to assist me in acquiring the tools that were required for my job. Above and beyond just being helpful. His knowledge of building and equipment location and proper maintenance procedures were spot on. I learned a lot from Pat, as I'm sure many others before and after me did. He was not bashful about sharing his wisdom with others, and much could be learned by listening. I consider it a privilege and a blessing to have known Pat and I will miss him. Take comfort in the certainty that he has gone on to his just rewards in the blessed hereafter. Rest in peace, my friend.

David Dix - May 28, 2020 at 12:27 PM



“ Mr. McConnell you were one of a kind. You will be missed. Thanks for all the wonderful stories. God Bless

Junior.

Junior - May 28, 2020 at 06:49 AM



“ Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Dale Patrick "Pat" McConnell Sr..



May 27, 2020 at 09:08 PM



“ My deepest and most profound condolences to Pat's family during this time of sorrow and loss. Having known Pat for many years while working at Robins Air Force Base, I can honestly say that Pat was a true and kind friend to one and all he came into contact with. He always made time for those that sought out his vast knowledge and experience, and shared willingly, insights of wisdom, tempered with patience and understanding. Pat exuded true craftsmanship on a daily basis, in that he believed the trade that Pat performed must be handed down to those far younger and often times far less experienced. Pat did his utmost to teach those that wanted to learn, while listening to the concerns of those who needed direction and advise. His pride in his work was second only to the obvious and massive pride that he had in his heart for his precious family. Integrity, determination, and perseverance were mainstays in Pat's life, and he well served as an excellent example of a caring and compassionate friend, co-worker, mentor, and role model. Pat has found his just reward, and those who knew Pat well will never forget his impact upon their lives.

May GOD's healing hand rest upon the hearts and minds of Pat's family during this time of heartache and bereavement.

Rest Forever In Peace My Friend,

Randall Markham

Randall Markham - May 27, 2020 at 07:20 PM



“ Pay was the first person I meet when I came to work for zone 1 almost ten years ago. He helped me get to Jim watters. I remember the smile on his face and his welcome to zone 1. Over the years one thing always amazed me, he always looked at the best sides of a bad situation. He championed the side of the guy on the bottom. I will miss him. Jessus will be captivated by his stories. God bless.

Bryan - May 27, 2020 at 06:14 PM



“ Great friend and mentor. Pat your stories always amazed us. You will truely be missed !!!!

Don Rouse - May 27, 2020 at 04:21 PM



“ I have so many memories, Pat his wife and baby came to my house in NC to look a house on base. I went with them to look. We also went to Their house for a visit while his parents were there. They came to my house for a cook out and we made home made ice cream. When he was a teenager in Va. I carried him and left him at the beach for the day. I have know him since he was young, and he was always a very good person. I also cooked and mailed him cookies while he was in Service. So sorry for your loss! Christine Broughton

Christine Broughton - May 27, 2020 at 02:20 PM



“ I remember the time you drove him to the beach... I was so upset because I couldn't go, but I had a test to study for... Those were the good times... I remember you making cookies for him too...

BarbaraAnn - May 27, 2020 at 06:37 PM



“ In the six years I have known Pat, one thing stood out about him besides his stories and adventures was the fact of his perfect timing whether it was a quick one liner or being somewhere. Pat was always on time when he came to see us here in Florida, but last Saturday his timing was all wrong as he left us way too early. His Sister and I will miss his visits, his knowledge, his humor, his wisdom and his friendship. Rest in the peace you have earned.

Tony Nelson - May 27, 2020 at 07:45 PM



“ I am Dale's "Pat" Sister... Fly high with the eagles little brother. I can remember one incident that I want to share. It was the fall of 1970 and we were getting ready to go to a Football game. Football has always been a BIG thing in my family. Four older brothers taught me to love anything sports related. This particular night was like any other Friday night. EXCEPT my brother had a VOLKS WAGON BEETLE! TEN BIG GUYS and One SCRAWNY young girl climbed in that thing and off we went... When we got to he gam field, which was only 3 miles from our house, we started to get out... When the first two got out it was ok.. but when the rest of us got out every-time one person got out the laughter in the parking lot got louder and louder until all 11 of us got out... Every one was rolling with laughter... The very next year we went to NY in that same vehicle... What a time we had... I will miss this man more than words can ever tell...

BarbaraAnn Stetson-Nelson - May 27, 2020 at 09:53 AM



“ Love your story!

Marisol Soto - May 27, 2020 at 10:19 AM



“ My deepest condolences to the family. I met Pat on his first day at Robins and worked with him most of his duration at the base. He was like family to all of us and will be missed by many. He loved to laugh, shared many stories and shared corporate knowledge. He had a memory like no other and would go in great detail about life experiences. He had a special kind of love for those grandkids and us coworkers have watched them grow up through the stories Pat has shared. I wish he would've gotten to enjoy more of his well earned/deserved retirement. Rest in peace my friend, your work is done here and you did a fine job doing it. Sadly submitted Jim Watters and family

Jim Watters - May 26, 2020 at 09:43 PM