



James D. McVay

April 24, 1922 - September 11, 2015

James D. McVay, 93, of Springdale, Arkansas, died September 11, 2015, at Quail Ridge Living Center, Colcord, Oklahoma. Born April 24, 1922, in Dallas County, Missouri, he was the son of Warner and Neva (Clark) McVay. James and Violet Lemmel were married in 1946, she preceded him in death. He and Jeanette Graham were married in 1989, she also preceded him in death. James was a Marine veteran of World War II. He was a pilot for Gulf Oil and member of First Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his son James, three brothers Wilbur, Abner and Arthur, and sister Bea.

Survivors include his sons Rich McVay and wife Elaine of Siloam Springs, Arkansas and Dan McVay and wife Mary of Plano, Texas; four grandchildren, one great grandchild; brother Paul McVay of Siloam Springs, Arkansas; sisters Betty Spiller of Bridgeport, Texas, Polly Matthews, Katherine Hankey and Shirley Jones all of Springfield, Missouri.

A memorial service will be 2:00 p.m., Monday, September 14, 2015, at First Baptist Church, Siloam Springs, Arkansas, with Dr. Steve Abbott officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to First Baptist Church, 2000 Dawn Hill Road, Siloam Springs, Arkansas.

Tribute Wall

CW

“ *The world is a lesser place without Mr. McVay. i learned of his passing only today. That does not mean he was not dear to me.*

I met him when my Mom became a resident of Culpepper Place. He took an interest in people and took initiative to meet her along with others and we became acquainted by that path. He and his son fixed the grandfather clock my Dad built and he kept it maintained each week in his drive by visits to Mom looking in on her as he did so many people out of friendship and concern.

My discussions with him were only few but they were memorable. Both he and my Father were WWII aviators and he and I shared many memories of crop dusting, building stuff, the oilfield and all manner of things including his time on Pelileu a place that crushed the minds of many men who did not die there. When I walked into his room I'd shake his hand and say, "how are you doing Marine?" It always made him smile.

He was constantly proud of his family and humbly satisfied with his accomplishments. He had a lot to be proud of and deservedly so.

Thank you Mr. McVay for letting me know you. You are an inspiration on aging gracefully.

*Curtis Weddle
Magnolia, Texas
Akins, Oklahoma*

Curtis Weddle - January 11, 2016 at 12:11 PM

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“ Dan and Mary so sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. Praise God he lived a long and blessed life. I know the time he spent in Siloam prepared him for Heaven! Arkansas is the only state mentioned in the Bible! "Noah looked out of his "ark and saw" land!"

Glad to know that you live in Plano. Our daughter Karla lives in Flower Mound, Tx. Maybe some time when we are down there we can come over and see you! I will correspond later to get your address.

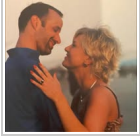
Jim McVay taught my uncle "Spec" Martin to not fear flying! As long as Jim was his pilot, he was ok!

We have a dear friend Dale Bullard, and she is retired from Tulsa airport "food service". She was well acquainted with Jim and Dale Frakes, Warren's pilots. She thought they were two of the finest men she had ever met! Dale asked us to pass along her condolences!

The Lord bless you and keep you close to His Heart in your time of grieving.

Love you guys! Rich & Kathie Eldred

Rich Eldred - September 14, 2015 at 10:39 AM



“ I am deeply honored that I had the opportunity to get to know Mr. McVay. I will forever appreciate joining him and his friends over Thursday morning breakfasts, chats in his home, and projects that would benefit many lives. Many families have unknowingly received help because of Mr. McVay's generosity and graciousness. Getting to know him had a life changing impact on me and I will always be grateful. I loved his stories and his spirit. So, it is with heartfelt gratitude that I extend prayers to the family and give thanks to our Father for the grace to grant us an eternal friendship. I look forward to seeing him again.

Jim Evans - September 14, 2015 at 10:33 AM



“ We thank God for the privilege of knowing Jim. We were so appreciative of the loving care that he gave to Ronnie's mom, Jeanette. He took a loving interest in our daughter, Gina, and her two children. He was such a caring person and we loved him so very much.

Ronald and Zula Graham

Zula Graham - September 12, 2015 at 07:28 PM



“ *Blooming Garden Basket was purchased for the family of James D. McVay.*



September 12, 2015 at 11:26 AM

AS

“ Jim was a wonderful friend to my mom and dad and a special friend to me and my boys. I will always hold Jim in my heart. Prayers for his family.

Anita Scism - September 12, 2015 at 08:33 AM

JP

“ Rich and Elaine - know of our on-going prayers for God's peace, comfort and a deep sense of His Presence as He carries you through this time of Jim's Homegoing. We love you, Mel and Jan.

Jan and Mel Phillips - September 11, 2015 at 01:55 PM

MW

Rich and Elaine and family.....my love and prayers for your family. We loved Jim so much. He was a wonderful witness for our Lord here at Morningside Assistant living..... I will miss him but rest in the fact that he is with our Lord and no longer in pain.... Love you. Marie White

Marie Louise White - September 11, 2015 at 06:07 PM

TS

I will miss him like I miss his son, "Jimbo"...who was very proud of his father and as he was proud of his brothers. Jim was always a friendly face when he saw you. He loved his family. He loved his country. He loved the Lord. Danny, Rich, and all, God Bless and comfort you all.

Terrel Shields - September 14, 2015 at 09:14 AM