



Lonnie Ray McGee

November 2, 1939 - June 3, 2022

Lonnie Ray McGee, age 82, of Albia, IA, passed away on Friday, June 3, 2022, at the Monroe County Hospital in Albia.

Lonnie was born on November 2, 1939, in Ottumwa, IA, to Loren and Mary Jane (DeVette) McGee. He was raised on a farm north of Lovilia and grew up attending school there. At the age of 17, Lonnie joined the United States Marine Corp. Upon returning home from serving his country, Lonnie worked construction and operated heavy equipment, even helping build Lake Rathbun. Lonnie was then an over the road truck driver for 57 years, driving for various trucking companies, including Crouse Trucking, Bork Transport and Farmland Co-op.

Lonnie was a member of the Blakesburg Christian Church and a member of the Confederate Plane Association. An avid historian, Lonnie liked to read about history, as well as study genealogy. Flying was one of Lonnie's biggest passions. He owned his own plane and flew his father to Germany for one of their annual trips to study history. Lonnie was a very caring and generous person, willing to help anyway he could and often making monetary donations to places such as Boys Town. He was a lover of animals. He enjoyed visiting with others and never knew a stranger. Lonnie loved to laugh and had a great sense of humor.

Lonnie is survived by 2 children, Rhonda McGee and Zane McGee; 3 grandchildren, Sara, Abby, and Wyatt McGee; a sister, Cheryl Hillier; and a nephew, Jeff Jones. He is also survived by many other relatives and good friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Loren and Mary Jane; an infant son, Lonnie McGee Jr.; a sister, Judy McGee; and a nephew, Mike Jones.

Visitation will be held from 2:00 p.m. until the time of service, with Lonnie's family present to greet family and friends on Monday, June 13, 2022, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia. A memorial service will be held at 4:00 p.m. at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia with Pastor Ray Lyon officiating and military honors provided by the American Legion of Albia, Melrose and Lovilia. A private family burial will be held at a later date.

A memorial has been established to the Heartland Humane Society.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 13. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Tharp Funeral Home
116 Benton Ave.
Albia, IA 52531
(641) 932-3129
<https://www.tharpfh.com/>

Memorial Service

JUN 13. 4:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Lonnie Ray McGee*

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



“ *Lonnie Ray McGee*

January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ *Dee Weldon lit a candle in memory of Lonnie Ray McGee*



Dee Weldon - June 15, 2022 at 03:10 PM



“ *RIP uncle Lonnie. So many memories of visiting the farm on Sundays as a kid. All the stories that you told and your cigars!! You were so tall and big in stature, compared to my skinny little self. I will miss you.*

*Love your niece,
Carolynn (DeVette) Childs*

carolynn childs - June 09, 2022 at 12:18 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lonnie Ray McGee.*



June 08, 2022 at 10:46 PM



“ *Lonnie was very special to our family. Always generous. Always loving and always staying in touch with my mom. He never aged in our minds. He had an amazing sense of humor and always love that extended miles. I will never forget flying with him in his airplane as a kid and thinking he was practically a God with his gold rings and up town style. I also remember visiting him in Iowa and seeing fire flies for the first time. Anything that brought awe to another meant alot to Lonnie. He could tell a story like no other. He always made us feel special and loved. We will miss him and he will never be forgotten!*



Jennifer Meline Moore - June 08, 2022 at 10:39 PM



“ *Lonnie was a great friend to our family. The George Crouse family. He drove for Crouse for several years, but was more than a good driver. When Lonnie was in town my dad would bring him home for supper. Lonnie was present in my life for years. He came back and pulled for my dad at Crouse Transportation. He had that deep voice you always knew it was him when he would call. He was a great friend and would have done anything for my mom or dad. My dad gained another friend in heaven. Lots of trucking going on. Rest in Peace Lonnie.*

Julie Pruitt - June 06, 2022 at 08:07 PM