



1SG (Ret) John Michael McCalmon

August 22, 1951 - April 4, 2021

John Michael “Mac” McCalmon, ladies’ man, woodworker, food enthusiast, devoted dad, and grandpa, died in his home, surrounded by his children, on Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021 at 11:25am.

Mac was a man of many skills and talent. He created magnificent works of art with wood and did the best sketch of Quick Draw McGraw this side of the Mississippi. He was a purveyor of magic whether it was something as simple as turning ingredients into an incredible meal, filling the underside of the Christmas tree with wild amounts of presents, or putting a giant watermelon in the garden so his daughters would think it grew overnight. He lived for seeing that sparkle in his loved ones’ eyes and putting a smile on their face.

From Woodstock to Point Fest and every point in between, Mac loved music. He told wild stories of hanging out with his friend, blues legend, Johnny Winter, and hitch-hiking from one music festival to the next. He loved to remind us that he once saw Jimi Hendrix for only 25 cents. He shared his love for music with everyone around him and accompanied his son and his friends to every music festival within driving distance. He spent his later years never missing a live performance by Joe Bonamassa, one of his favorite blues musicians. Once upon a time, his daughters narrowly escaped fate when they accidentally recorded over his live recording of Jimi Hendrix playing the Star Spangled Banner at Woodstock. Everyone agreed that literally ANY

punishment would have been justified but he didn't make much of it.

He taught us a lot of things. From making the best beef jerky to believing you could do anything, even if you'd never done it before, to loving the country that he so proudly served for 20 years. That feeding people was a way to share your love (the more the better) and that all work should be done with pride. He also taught us that you could empty a clip on a 9mm and still not kill the garden snake that spooked you and that touch-me-nots are enough to make a retired drill sergeant jump out of his skin and nearly pee his pants. These all proved to be valuable life lessons.

He was a connoisseur of smart, strong, and beautiful women (bonus points if they were tall). Though his romantic interests were many, he is survived by the most important women in his life. The mother of his children, Ruth Keen of Saint Robert, MO. His daughters, Stephanie Miles of Crocker, MO, and Gwendolyn Miles of Dixon, MO. He is also survived by his beloved sisters, Geraldine, Judy, Frances, Bev, and his late brother's wife, Doris. They say that behind every great man is an even greater woman and by those standards, it is possible that he may have been the greatest man to have ever lived.

He shared many of his greatest loves like women, cars, motorcycles, fishing, Kansas City Chiefs football, Cardinals baseball and music with his son, Brock Blakemore of Saint Louis, MO. They spent many years traveling to different motocross events while Mac cheered on his son to many a victory. He was easily his son's greatest fan and he made sure everyone knew. He also passed on his love for fishing, cars, and motorcycles to his grandsons, Joey, Caden, Kekoa, and Jonah. There was no denying that those boys were his pride and joy.

Mac will be missed by many and most of all by those who called him "Dad" and "Grandpa".

Graveside services with military honors were held at 1:00 p.m. Friday, April 9, 2021 in the Missouri Veterans Cemetery of Waynesville, MO. Services were under the direction of Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of John McCalmon and may be left at Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert.

Cemetery Details

Missouri Veterans Cemetery - Fort Leonard Wood

25350 Hwy H
Waynesville, MO 65583

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 9. 11:00 AM - 12:45 PM.

Memorial Chapels And Crematory Of Waynesville / St. Robert

Graveside Service

APR 9. 1:00 PM.

Missouri Veterans Cemetery Of Waynesville

Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of 1SG (Ret) John Michael McCalmon*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - April 14, 2021 at 12:45 PM



“ *1SG (Ret) John Michael McCalmon*

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *Rest Easy 1SG*



Robert Schonbok - April 09, 2021 at 06:02 AM



“ 51 files added to the album Life Tributes



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - April 08, 2021 at 07:27 PM

PS

Condolences to the family. Thoughts & prayers to the girls for your loss.

Pete Scurlock - April 08, 2021 at 11:10 PM



“ Tammy Loney-Moreau lit a candle in memory of 1SG (Ret) John Michael McCalmon



Tammy Loney-Moreau - April 08, 2021 at 07:23 PM



“ Mary O'Neal lit a candle in memory of 1SG (Ret) John Michael McCalmon



Mary O'Neal - April 08, 2021 at 02:15 PM

MS

“ *Marge Scott lit a candle in memory of 1SG
(Ret) John Michael McCalmon*



Marge Scott - April 08, 2021 at 01:43 PM

FB

“ *Fran Baker lit a candle in memory of 1SG
(Ret) John Michael McCalmon*



Fran Baker - April 07, 2021 at 11:59 PM

BM

“ *Bryan Mehring lit a candle in memory of 1SG
(Ret) John Michael McCalmon*



Bryan Mehring - April 07, 2021 at 07:28 PM

RM

“ *RIP my old friend. We had some great times.*

Rick Mettke - April 06, 2021 at 10:37 PM

MT

“ Heartfelt condolences.



Marion Travis - April 06, 2021 at 02:02 PM

DH

“ Thoughts and prayers for you Steph and your family. Your dad and I worked for several years together, both while he was still in the military and then after he retired and came back to work as a civilian contractor. We had a lot of good chats during the smoke breaks back then. He will truly be missed by many.



Dorothy Hutchison - April 06, 2021 at 01:02 PM

MR

“ 1980 to 83 Berlin. Married 81 to 86, lots of fond memories. Rest in peace Mac.

Martha Ritz - April 06, 2021 at 11:05 AM

CB

“ CSM(Ret)Harold&Brigitte Burleson lit a candle in memory of 1SG (Ret) John Michael McCalmon



CSM(Ret)Harold&Brigitte Burleson - April 06, 2021 at 09:14 AM

PG

“ Pulaski County Camp Gideons lit a candle in memory of 1SG (Ret) John Michael McCalmon



Pulaski County Camp Gideons - April 06, 2021 at 09:12 AM

JW

“ Joe Wilkinson lit a candle in memory of 1SG (Ret) John Michael McCalmon



Joe wilkinson - April 06, 2021 at 08:42 AM

LC

“ Linda Cole-schonbok sent a virtual gift in memory of 1SG (Ret) John Michael McCalmon



linda cole-schonbok - April 06, 2021 at 08:41 AM

LC

we go way back MAC!! rip

linda cole-schonbok - April 06, 2021 at 08:41 AM

DW

Dale Whitby 42nd engineers 82-83 rest in peace brother see you one day again in the halls of Valhalla

Dalton D Whitby - April 06, 2021 at 08:11 PM

WA

“ *William Anderson lit a candle in memory of
1SG (Ret) John Michael McCalmon*



William anderson - April 06, 2021 at 08:06 AM

RK

“ *Ruth Keen lit a candle in memory of 1SG
(Ret) John Michael McCalmon*



Ruth Keen - April 05, 2021 at 10:35 PM

TB

*To my dearest friend and comrade I will miss you. Rest in peace and
until we meet again.*

Theresa Bush - April 08, 2021 at 08:44 AM