



SSG (Ret) Larry Edward McKim

August 26, 1947 - November 27, 2023

Larry Edward McKim, son of the late Hatzel McKim and Laurentine (Faulkenburg) McKim, was born August 26, 1947, in Huntingburg, Indiana. He grew up and attended different schools in southern Indiana.

In 1967, Larry entered the United States Army and served his country faithfully until his retirement in 1987. He had attained the rank of Staff Sergeant and earned several awards and commendations; some of which include: National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with 3 Bronze Service Stars, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation, Army Good Conduct Medal (5th Award, Army Achievement Medal, Army Commendation Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters, Aircraft Crewman Badge, Noncommissioned Officer Development Ribbon – 3rd Level, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon – 4th Award, and Marksman Qualification Badge M16. Larry served two tours in Vietnam and also served in Germany and Korea.

While in the military, Larry was transferred to Fort Leonard Wood and decided to remain in the area after retiring. Larry was not content to sit around after retiring so he went to work driving a long-haul tractor and trailer all over the United States and did so for 25 years. He enjoyed seeing all the sights across the U.S.

Larry was united in marriage to Sun Cha “Jo” who preceded him in death.

On April 5, 2013, Larry was united in marriage to Julia Kay Rhodes in Crocker, Missouri. They shared over 10 years together and many wonderful memories.

In his spare time, Larry enjoyed being outdoors fishing, camping, and boating. He also liked to watch Westerns and was quite a car enthusiast. He enjoyed going to car shows and trading vehicles. Larry was a member of the Richland Masonic Lodge AF & AM #385.

As a teenager, Larry made an important decision in his life...he accepted Jesus as his personal Savior and was baptized. In the most recent years, he attended Crocker Christian Church in Crocker, Missouri before his health began to decline.

Larry went home to be with his Lord on Monday, November 27, 2023, in his home having attained the age of 76 years. He will be sadly missed, but fondly remembered by all those that knew and loved him.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his wife: Julia “Judy” McKim of the home; daughter: Phyllis “Lynn” Shindel (Peter) of Zephyrhills, FL; two grandchildren: Andrew Trotter of Spartanburg, SC and Courtney Udan of Mishawaka, IN; three sisters: Donna Stivers (Larry) of Leavenworth, IN, Irma Lewis of Corydon, IN, and Ruth McLemore of Lacey, WA; Judy’s children: Regina Pickron (Robbie) and their son, Griffin of Clarksville, FL and James Tindall of St. Robert, MO; a number of nephews and grandnieces; other relatives and friends.

In addition to his parents, Larry was preceded in death by one brother: William “Billy” McKim.

Even though he is gone from our sight, Larry's faith and love of family and country will live on in our hearts forever.

Funeral services will be held at 12:30 p.m. Friday, December 1, 2023, in the Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert. Burial with military honors will follow in the Missouri Veterans Cemetery of Waynesville, MO. Arrangements are under the care and direction of Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert.

Visitation will be held from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Thursday, November 30, 2023, in the Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Larry McKim 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

NOV 30. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM.

Memorial Chapels And Crematory Of Waynesville / St. Robert

Funeral Service

DEC 1. 12:30 PM.

Memorial Chapels And Crematory Of Waynesville / St. Robert

Tribute Wall



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Memorial Chapels and Crematory - November 30, 2023 at 02:08 PM

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“ *Pulaski Camp Gideons lit a candle in memory of Larry McKim*



Pulaski County Camp Gideons - November 30, 2023 at 12:40 PM