



SFC (Ret) Melvin Dudley "Mac" McNair

November 7, 1941 - September 25, 2020

Melvin Dudley "Mac" McNair, son of the late Johnnie McNair, Sr. and Hazel Lucille Sutton, was born November 7, 1941 in Norfolk, Virginia where he grew up and attended school.

At the age of 17, Mac, as he was known by his friends and family, enlisted in the United States Army and served for 24 years before retiring in 1983. For his faithful service, Mac received several awards and commendations; some of which include: Good Conduct Medal (6th Award), Bronze Star Medal w/V Device, Combat Infantry Badge, National Defense Service Medal w/Oak Leaf Cluster, Drill Sergeant Badge, Driver Badge, Bronze Star Medal w/2 Oak Leaf Clusters, Good Driver Award w/Badge, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (2), Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Service Medal w/1 Silver Service Star, Vietnam Cross of Gallantry w/Palm, Meritorious Service Medal and NCO Professional Development Ribbon (1). He had attained the rank of Sergeant First Class.

On October 31, 1987, Mac was united in marriage to Beverly Smith in Williamsburg, Virginia. They shared over 32 years and two children: Angela and Michael.

After retiring from the military, Mac continued serving his country as a civil service employee. He worked as an EEO Specialist on Fort Leonard Wood

until his retirement.

Mac loved music; he enjoyed singing and playing the congo drums. He liked to ride his Spider and was a member of the Christian Motorcycle Club. You could find him watching a football game every chance he could, and especially a Pittsburgh Steeler game. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and Heroes to Heroes and also served with a prison ministry. Most importantly, he loved his family and enjoyed spending time with them as much as possible.

At an early age, Mac had made a profession of faith and was a member of the Calvary Gospel Church in Duke, Missouri for over 25 years before he and Beverly began attending First Assembly of God in St. Robert in recent years.

Mac went home to be with his Lord Friday, September 25, 2020 in the Harry S. Truman Veterans Hospital of Columbia, Missouri having attained the age of 78 years. He will be sadly missed, but fondly remembered by all those that knew and loved him.

Mac leaves to cherish his memory, his wife: Beverly McNair of the home; nine children: Angela McNair of Waynesville, MO, Michael McNair of Springfield, MO, Michelle Corbett of Charlotte, NC, Constance McNair-Aldrich of Conyers, GA, Cheryl Spann (Ronnie) of Irmo, SC, DeAndra Mason-McNair of Portsmouth, VA, Elihu Smith of Williamsburg, VA, Wendy Talton (William) of Killeen, TX and SGM Rebecca Franco of Crocker, MO; a host of grandchildren and great grandchildren; six Godchildren; one brother: Johnnie McNair, Jr. of Norfolk, VA; one sister: Jean Watson (Melvin) of Chesapeake, VA; mother-in-law: Mary Smith of Williamsburg, VA; several nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

In addition to his parents, Mac was preceded in death by one brother: Donald

McNair; and one sister: Mary Kay Smith.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, October 2, 2020 in the Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert with Travist Patrick officiating. Dana Woods sang "I'm Turning to the Light" and recalled her wonderful memories of Mac. Serving as escorts were family and friends. Burial with military honors followed in the Missouri Veterans Cemetery of Waynesville with Missouri Honors Team providing honors.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Mac McNair 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

OCT 2. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville/St. Robert
202 Historic 66 W.
Waynesville, MO 65583
(573) 774-6111
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Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of SFC (Ret) Melvin Dudley "Mac" McNair*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - October 02, 2020 at 05:46 PM



“ *SFC (Ret) Melvin Dudley "Mac" McNair*

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *We were so shocked to find out that Mac had passed. He was a great Brother in Arms and a great Christian. Bev, Angela, & Michael, we are so sorry for your (temporary) loss, because we shall reunite in the by and by. Love you guys.*

Buck Guisinger - November 04, 2020 at 07:38 PM



“ *I was so shocked to see your name Mac. Somehow I thought I would see you again - I will but not in this realm. I love you and Beverly so much and thank you for the many things you have done to change my life and the lives of so many others. You are a beautiful soul.*

Melody Carter

Melody J Carter - October 26, 2020 at 03:32 PM

BM

“ Mac, I love you very much and I will see you again. I thank God for you!!! Beverly McNair

Beverly McNair - October 09, 2020 at 09:20 AM

BF

“ Bill Fitzgerald lit a candle in memory of SFC (Ret) Melvin Dudley "Mac" McNair



Bill Fitzgerald - October 05, 2020 at 03:28 PM

BF

“ A wonderful, loving, kind-hearted and always smiling brother who I will miss tremendously. Mac always had a good word to say about everyone he ever met. I've never met a more committed and caring man. His life and legacy will forever speak for themselves. His character and memory are enshrined forever among the very best of humankind.

I love you brother Mac!
Bill Fitzgerald

Bill Fitzgerald - October 05, 2020 at 03:17 PM



“ Beverly and family, I am so sorry to hear about Mac's passing. Mac and I were civilian personnel interns together and he was such a blessing to me. I remember that wonderful laugh and smile but most of all how he cared so much for others.

David and Kathleen Mendias

Kathleen Mendias - October 02, 2020 at 03:19 PM

ZL

“ I love all of you so much. Mac has always been a wonderful friend and Brother in Christ. I am so thankful the Lord allowed us to meet in life and for all of you to be family friends. He will be missed! I will continue to keep you in my prayers.



Zina Lawson - October 02, 2020 at 02:22 PM

TT

“ Sending my thoughts and prayers to the family during this time "to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord"...May God Bless and comfort you... Rest in Paradise Uncle Dee Dee ...Tiffany and Family



Tiffany Tillery - October 02, 2020 at 12:49 PM



“ Rest in peace Mac, you were a great man & we're going to miss you so much. The best father in law a man could ever have. I promise to do my best to continue to take care of Cheryl, Kayla and Haven. Love you Mac. God bless.

J Spann - October 02, 2020 at 12:34 PM

VH

“ I knew Mac and Beverly both from working at FLW many years. Mac always had such an infectious smile....I don't think he knew what a frown was! After I retired and started working at Dollar Tree, he always came into the store looking for jaw beaker candies. You will be missed my friend. May God hold Beverly, your family and friends in His loving hands.



Vicki Hall - October 02, 2020 at 12:20 PM

PW

“ God bless you Bev and your wonderful family. I loved working with Mac over the years both in personnel and EEO. You both hold a special place in my heart. Please let me know if I can help you. Sending prayers and a big hug.

Pam Welch - October 02, 2020 at 12:13 PM

JR

“ Joel R. lit a candle in memory of SFC (Ret) Melvin Dudley "Mac" McNair



Joel R. - October 02, 2020 at 12:12 PM

GL

“ Mac was a God given friend and mentor, who helped me navigate my way through my years in the military, and my early adulthood life in general. I will forever be appreciative to him for all he did, and thankful to God for having been his friend. George London

George London - October 02, 2020 at 12:02 PM

DJ

“ Denise Jenkins lit a candle in memory of SFC
(Ret) Melvin Dudley "Mac" McNair



Denise Jenkins - October 02, 2020 at 12:01 PM

KS

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Kayla Spann - October 02, 2020 at 11:59 AM

Dee
McNair

“ My Dad, my hero...best Grandfather and Great Grandfather ever. I
will miss you immensely and cherish you for ever and always. Love
your lil "Dee Dee"



Dee McNair - October 02, 2020 at 11:22 AM



“ 30 files added to the album Life Tributes



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - October 02, 2020 at 08:25 AM

CH

A good friend and great loss to the community.

Cliff Hammock - October 03, 2020 at 03:17 PM

MS

“ So sorry for your loss Mrs. McNair! You are always in our thoughts and prayers. We loved you then and we love you now. May Mr. McNair R.I.H... God Bless his sole ❤️
Maurice & Nicole Smith

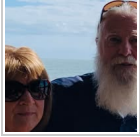
Maurice & Nicole Smith - October 02, 2020 at 07:25 AM

MS

“ Maurice & Nicole Smith lit a candle in memory of SFC (Ret) Melvin Dudley "Mac" McNair



Maurice & Nicole Smith - October 02, 2020 at 07:23 AM



“ *My heart is aching! I was privileged to work with, love and call him friend and brother. Will always cherish and remember his smile, friendship and hugs. Can just picture him throwing his head back and laughing as he walks the streets of gold. Prayers for you and all the family. May God's love heal your sorrow, and may His peace replace your heartache with warm and loving memories.*

Tamarah Newell - October 01, 2020 at 03:06 PM



“ *Cheryl Mackney Norton lit a candle in memory of SFC (Ret) Melvin Dudley "Mac" McNair*



Cheryl Mackney Norton - October 01, 2020 at 01:40 PM



“ *Sorry for your loss, God bless your family*



Joe Krill - October 01, 2020 at 09:41 AM



“ *I'm so sorry to hear of the loss. I worked with Mac forever ago at ACS and he was a great boss and a great friend. My heart goes out to Bev and the family and I pray for courage and strength through this time of loss. Darlene Battle*

darlene battle - September 30, 2020 at 11:12 PM



“ Yvonne Reeves-Chong lit a candle in memory of SFC (Ret) Melvin Dudley "Mac" McNair



Yvonne Reeves-Chong - September 30, 2020 at 07:00 PM



“ Oh my, I am shocked and saddened to hear of Mac's passing. What a sweet man he was. My condolences to the family.

Linda Daniels - September 30, 2020 at 06:25 PM



“ Nooooo!!!! This man was the single biggest reason I was awarded custody of my four children 20 years ago. He was a mentor and a friend, he will be deeply missed. My utmost condolences to his family. May the Lord bring you all peace in your time of mourning! 🙏
✝️
I will miss my friend!

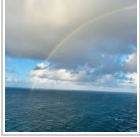
Donald Niccum Jr - September 30, 2020 at 04:11 PM



“ Linda Cole-schonbok sent a virtual gift in memory of SFC (Ret) Melvin Dudley "Mac" McNair



linda cole-schonbok - September 30, 2020 at 03:58 PM



“ *Mac this world is better because you were here. Love you.*



Ruby ODeil - September 30, 2020 at 03:06 PM

BE

“ *My heart is just broken with this news! He was an amazing Mentor and your family has always been an inspiration to me. You are all in my prayers. Becky Haas*

Becky - September 30, 2020 at 02:59 PM

PT

“ *Pam Tyler lit a candle in memory of SFC (Ret) Melvin Dudley "Mac" McNair*



Pam Tyler - September 30, 2020 at 02:24 PM

PT

“ *Beverly, so sorry to hear about Mac. He was always so kind and helpful. Keeping you and your family in prayer. TGBTG.*



Pam Tyler - September 30, 2020 at 12:52 PM

CS

“ Beverly, I heard today that Mac had transitioned from Earth to Eternity, Mac was a great friend and he will be missed. I am praying for you and the family. May God who surpasses all understanding keep your heart in perfect peace. Love You Truck & Connie Singleton

Constance Singleton - September 30, 2020 at 12:18 PM

DM

“ Beverly and family...we are saddened and shocked to hear this news. Both of you have been amazing friends and we are so thankful we were able to spend time with you on our last visit. We send our deepest condolences, prayers and hugs. We will miss Mac dearly - he was one of the best! Much love and aloha, Kim & Danny Moats



Danny & Kim Moats - September 30, 2020 at 01:36 AM

LB

Rest in peace, my friend. You were an inspiration and God-send to me. I will never forget you and will laugh with you again when we meet in Heaven.

Lisa Barth - September 30, 2020 at 11:50 AM

PG

“ Miss Beverly, Patsy and I are so sorry for your loss. Having worked with Mac all that time I was in EEO I always considered him one of my true friends. I will miss him and his laughter, cause he always was a joy to be around. Please know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Paul F. Geddes - September 29, 2020 at 08:01 PM

DE

“ So sorry for your loss, prayers to you and the family. Mac was an amazing individual.

Danny and Debbie Sue

Debbie - September 29, 2020 at 04:29 PM

EB

We Love Y'all , And our prayers are with you, we will always cherish our friendship. You and your husband are always willing to help others. I will always remember how he helped us at Precious Jewels when we needed to have a class, in the process of getting national Accredited. We asked and he said yes, anything to help. He was amazing. Heaven has gained another true Soldier, our prayers are with you and your family, today and in the days to come.

Edward and Sylvester Bruington - September 30, 2020 at 10:28 AM

PJ

“ Mac gave my kids, Max and Katie, unique, fun activities while he worked at ACS. They learned life skills and how to explore the outdoor world. He was a true leader and friend. He will be missed.

Phyllis Jones - September 29, 2020 at 02:50 PM

PJ

“ *Phyllis Jones lit a candle in memory of SFC (Ret) Melvin Dudley "Mac" McNair*



Phyllis Jones - September 29, 2020 at 02:41 PM

EB

Condolences to Mrs. Beverly McNair and the family members of my dear friend "Mac" McNair. I will greatly miss spending time talking, praying, listening, and gaining wisdom from him. He loved the Lord and was always willing to encourage others to love the Lord as well.
Edward & Sylvester Bruington

Edward and Sylvester Bruington - September 29, 2020 at 11:32 PM

CB

“ *Our deepest condolences and prayers of comfort, strength and hope for Mac's wonderful family and dear friends; your loss is our greatest too!*



CSM(Ret) Harold and Brigitte Burleson - September 29, 2020 at 11:15 AM

PG

“ *Pulaski County Camp Gideons lit a candle in memory of SFC (Ret) Melvin Dudley "Mac" McNair*



Pulaski County Camp Gideons - September 29, 2020 at 11:12 AM

KA

“ Aww Mac, he was such a great man. I volunteered with Red Cross in his Family Advocacy office back in 2003/2004. He was the best, always making sure I was learning and thinking for myself. I absolutely loved his zest for life and his love of our Lord Jesus Christ. May you rest in Peace friend.



katie adams - September 29, 2020 at 09:00 AM

VI

“ My dearest Beverly, I am so sorry for your loss!. I so enjoyed seeing you both on post or off post. Love the hugs! I will never forget Mac!

Viviane - September 29, 2020 at 08:21 AM