



James E. McConathy

April 14, 1935 - August 9, 2025

SMSgt (USAF Ret) James E. McConathy, age 90, resident of Ringgold, Georgia, went to be with his Lord and Savior on Saturday, August 9, 2025. Mr. McConathy, son of the late Roy Cornelius McConathy and Mary Ziti Dean McConathy, was born April 14, 1935 in Oxford, Alabama. He was retired from the U.S. Air Force where he honorably served for 26 years. While in the military, he served in the Vietnam Era Conflict and numerous other assignments. During his distinguished military career, he was awarded numerous medals and ribbons to include the Bronze Star; Meritorious Service Medal; Air Force Commendation Medal (w/OLC); Master Missleman Badge; and Vietnam Campaign Medal.

After retirement from the military, he began a career with the U.S. Postal Service where he faithfully worked for over 16 years until retirement. He was a longtime member of Cloud Springs Baptist Church where he served as a deacon, church treasurer, and choir member. Mr. McConathy was also actively involved with The Gideons ministry. He was a man who always put family first. Mr. McConathy enjoyed traveling, particularly meeting up with his ole veteran friends. He also had a strong passion for guns, where he looked forward to both buying and selling. While at home, he enjoyed listening to Southern Gospel music, watching classic western movies, bird watching, and coin collecting. The family remembers him as a “soldier for the military and a soldier for Christ.”

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife Beverly Ann Ingle

McConathy; two sisters, Nadine Bain and Mildred Hudgins; and one brother, Robert McConathy.

Mr. McConathy is survived by three sons, Jimmy (LeAnn) McConathy, Bill (Dee Dee) McConathy, and Jeff McConathy; one sister, Becky (Pete) Rhorer; three brothers, Sam McConathy, Herman McConathy, and Bo (Barbara) McConathy; four grandchildren, Morgan (Reed), Matthew (Rachel), Mary Catherine (Andrew), and Colton (Whitley); two great-grandchildren, Everly and Huntley; many other relatives and friends.

Funeral services will be held at the Chapel of W.L. Wilson & Sons Funeral Home, 555 West Cloud Springs Road, Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia on Thursday, August 14, 2025, 11 a.m. with Reverend Bill Gardner officiating. Interment with military honors will follow at Lakewood Memory Gardens South, Rossville, Georgia. The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Wednesday, August 13, 2025 from 4-8 p.m. and also prior to the service on Thursday, August 14, 2025 from 10-11 a.m.

Arrangements by W.L. Wilson & Sons Funeral Home, 555 West Cloud Springs Road, Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 13. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

W. L. Wilson & Sons Funeral Home-Ft. Oglethorpe Chapel
555 West Cloud Springs Road
Ft. Oglethorpe, GA 30742
(706) 866-5555
info@wilsonfuneralhome.com
<https://www.wilsonfuneralhome.com/>

Visitation

AUG 14. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Funeral Service

AUG 14. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Burial

AUG 14 (ET)

Lakewood Memory Gardens South
325 Greens Lake Road
Rossville, GA 30741
(706) 866-7777

Tribute Wall

PE

“ Pamela E. purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of James E. McConathy.



Pamela E. - August 13, 2025 at 05:00 PM

JW

“ Jason, Brandi, & Whitley Williams purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of James E. McConathy.



Jason, Brandi, & Whitley Williams - August 12, 2025 at 04:08 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of James E. McConathy.



August 12, 2025 at 12:00 PM

BS

“ My memories are scattered as he was my first cousin....older by 15 years but kind to the shy young girl I was. Sending prayers for his family.

Betty Sinor - August 12, 2025 at 04:53 AM

JH

“ John and Danalee Harrison purchased the Vivid Recollections for the family of James E. McConathy.



John and Danalee Harrison - August 11, 2025 at 08:32 PM

JH

“ John and Danalee Harrison planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James E. McConathy.

John and Danalee Harrison - August 11, 2025 at 08:32 PM

CA

“ Cherokee Artillery purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of James E. McConathy.



Cherokee Artillery - August 11, 2025 at 08:27 PM

CA

“ Cherokee Artillery planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James E. McConathy.

Cherokee Artillery - August 11, 2025 at 08:27 PM

CI

“ Collins and Company, Inc. purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of James E. McConathy.



Collins and Company, Inc. - August 11, 2025 at 01:07 PM

CI

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Collins and Company, Inc. - August 11, 2025 at 01:07 PM

TI

“ Tina sent a virtual gift in memory of James E. McConathy



Tina - August 10, 2025 at 10:04 PM

GB

“ My family and Jim's first met as military families in Wilmington, NC. As next door neighbors we quickly became as a family. We stayed in contact throughout the years after retirement from the Air Force. After Bev's passing during his saddest times, he reached out to me, as I had experienced the same pain. Our friendship grew into a special and unique one spending hours talking about our past and our beloved spouses. Jim, I will miss your visits to Panama City and our daily phone calls. It's such a consolation in knowing, for sure, you are with Jesus and the love of your life, Beverly!! RIP my special friend!! Thanks for the wonderful memories!,

Ginger Wilson-Bouchillon

Ginger Bouchillon - August 10, 2025 at 05:13 PM

TC

Ginger you were so Special to Jim.

Teresa Correll - August 10, 2025 at 05:58 PM

RB

“ Jim was a special person, He loved the Lord and shared his faith to others. I will always remember at our Gideon breakfast on Saturday he love tell about going Military reunion and seeing old friends and always took Gideon testament to share with his faith to them. He loved his family he took care of his wife and Grand Mother for many years. Yes Jim loved to tell his war stories and the Guns he loved to collect. He also Loved his church at Clouds Spring Baptist and even thier would try to make sure Gideon testament would be there for VBS. God Kingdom is now got a New Soldier to fight evil!!!

Ronnie Born - August 10, 2025 at 02:18 PM

DP

Met Jim in Bitburg Germany in 1977. We became friends immediately and remained friends until he passed. He was our chaplain over 20 years at the 36 MMS reunions in Branson MO. Always had a message of salvation and material he had for anyone who was interested. He visited with my wife Linda and I in Panama City when he came to see his wonderful friend Ginger. He was always witnessing for Jesus no matter where he was. I will miss my brother by another mother. RIP Jim. Will see you soon. Duane (Pete) Peters

Duane E Peters - August 10, 2025 at 03:17 PM