



Mr. Claude C. McCoy Sr.

December 15, 1936 - March 27, 2020

In Loving Memory

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Claude C. McCoy, 83, of Manvel Texas is here no more. His garden is overgrown, his lawnmower and tractor are without their captain, and he's now being greeted at the Pearly Gates. His spirit soared from his worn-out body on Friday, March 27, 2020 and freed him finally from that blankity-blank weed eater.

Born December 15, 1936 to Claude H. and Martha L. Lignian McCoy in Inola, Oklahoma, Claude is preceded in death by his loving wife Inge, his mother and father, as well as his many four-legged friends, including "Jack". He is survived by son Claude Jr. (wife Linda) and daughters Margit (husband Archie), Cissy (husband Wade), and Debbie (husband Sean). Claude also leaves behind granddaughter Crissy, great-granddaughter Mady, great-grandson Little Joe, granddaughter Rachel, grandson Ryan, and great-granddaughter Natalie Rose. He was particularly blessed by the regular company of his nephew Brent, great-nephew Kash and especially our Uncle Jerry, who always called his older brother "Sarge."

Claude joined the Army as a young man, beginning basic training at Fort Ord, California before transferring to Fort Carson in Colorado Springs, where he learned to jump out of perfectly good airplanes. He moved on to Fort Campbell in Kentucky, where he trained with the 11th Airborne Division. He soon found himself stationed in Germany where he broke the old record at Marcella Pub by downing 3 liters of beer. Before returning to the States, Claude met the love of his life, Inge. After stops in Kentucky (again), Tennessee, Georgia, and Hawaii, they settled in Texas to raise their family.

In 1986, Claude retired from the Halliburton HOW10 where he was given the name “Chief Two Feathers” by his good friend Harold Rodgers. He was a champion league bowler and enjoyed spending time outside, fishing and hunting (he was the only man we knew who wore pink sweats to deer camp). He took up shrimping, first as a hobby with a hand-tossed sportsman net before going big time with an electric winch and his Commercial Fisherman license. He was always happy to share his catch with friends and neighbors.

After many years on the water, Claude turned his attention to his backyard garden where he reveled in the battle between his tomatoes (the hard-to-find Box Car Willie variety was his favorite) and the inevitable early spring freezes. Again, he always shared the bounty of his garden with everyone around him. Each summer, tables full of ripening tomatoes and other garden goodies were spread out under the carport like his own private farmer’s market. And, with an outdoor garage kitchen of his own design, Claude enjoyed cooking as well as following his favorite food shows on the nearby old-school TV set.

The family would like to thank the many friends who always found the time to stop in and say hello, including Cris, Debbie, Patty, Randy, Lori, David, Jesse and Big Daddy. Claude always looked forward as well to calls and visits from Uncle Harvey, Aunt Louise, Curtis, Terry and Randy. Thanks also to all the local grocery store employees who always took time to listen to his stories. Thank you to Jay and Michael for your kindness. And a huge thanks to Nurse Mary for your loving care.

Numerous other friends frequently made it into Claude’s stories and remembrances, and he sends a warm “Auf Wiedersehen” to Gordon E. Hedgepeth, Booger Cline, Ralph Watson, Obie Matthews, Don Boyce, Bobby Moore, Bobby Baird, Bobby Baird Jr., James Ethridge, Max Heard, Jack Lance, Gene Jennings, Jack Sessions and Willie Taylor.

The family wants to thank everyone for the love and support shown to us. We will honor our father’s final wishes and no service will be held. In lieu of flowers, Claude asks that each of us find it in our hearts to do an unexpected act of kindness in his honor. He also suggests looking up and reading the “Obituary to Common Sense.”

Finally, until we meet again, Daddy would have certainly reminded all of us to “hold a bind on it.”

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Claude McCoy - April 06, 2020 at 01:31 PM



“ I always treasured the relationship I had with Mr. McCoy, he had a great sense of humor and was pleasant to be around. He will be greatly missed.

Connie Gabrysch - April 06, 2020 at 11:04 AM



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Claude McCoy - April 05, 2020 at 08:56 PM



“ Claude McCoy Sr. aka Pops was a very special friend to Cris and I. We got together every Sunday to visit and eat or drink or both. We talked about everything under the sun, football, bowling, ovens, music and his job at Halliburton. He had such good stories! I loved them. Our Sundays will never be the same but I will always remember him telling me " Well, have a good one and a safe one, that's the main thing". I intend to do just that. Thank you Pops for being part of my family. God bless the McCoy family.



Debbie Abbey - April 05, 2020 at 05:49 PM



“ Thank you, you all just don't realize how much Daddy loved you all. Thank you all for always welcoming Daddy with open arms.

Claude - April 06, 2020 at 01:29 PM



“ We loved him so much Claude. Thank you for sharing him. We would do it all over again if we could.

Debbie Abbey - April 08, 2020 at 12:22 PM



“ To the Claude McCoy family: Sorry for the loss of your father. I still remember him since we were next door neighbors at one time. I still remember working with your Mom and Dad after your house burned due to the propane fire. They decided to go all electric after that and I was chosen to re-wire the house. I got to know your parents even better during the house construction. I hope all your families are doing well. Your Dad and Mom are now finally reunited in heaven.

Ricky Torres

Ricky Torres - April 12, 2020 at 02:32 AM



“ God bless your family in this time of grief.

The Logan family

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Claude McCoy, Jr. - April 04, 2020 at 08:00 PM



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