



Johnny "Mac" McNeley

February 16, 1958 - December 5, 2024

Coleman Funeral Home of Olive Branch

Johnny "Mac" McNeley, 66, passed away suddenly on Thursday, December 5, 2024, with his wife by his side. He was born February 16, 1958, in Omaha, NE, and lived in Iowa. He was a member of the wrestling team from Guthrie Center High School, a treasurer of the local FFA chapter, and a dairy judge. After graduating in 1976 he joined the Navy and was honorably discharged in 2002 as a Senior Chief Petty Officer, Damage Controlman, after proudly serving for 26 years. His last duty assignment was NAVMAC Millington, TN. Upon discharge from the Navy, he attended horseshoeing school in Oklahoma, becoming a farrier.

Johnny was known to his friends in the South as Mac. He worked for Steel Warehouse of Memphis for 22+ years in maintenance, retiring October 31, 2024. In his off time when the grandchildren were young, he loved to have them spend the weekend at the farm with the menagerie of horses, goats, pigs, chickens and turkeys. Easter on the farm was always a fun time with easter egg hunts for the kids and "special" egg hunts for the grown-ups. He enjoyed the outdoors and was an avid hunter, as well as a fisherman on the ponds at his farm. He loved to participate in retriever hunt tests as a handler, judge, and worker. He was an active member of Southern Flight HRC and a Started judge for HRC/UKC. He was also an active member and on the Board

of Directors for Mid-South Hunting Retriever Club where he judged AKC Junior and Senior retriever hunt tests.

Johnny "Mac" lived in Holly Springs, MS with his wife, Janice. He is pre-deceased by his father, Billy McNeley, and a brother, Francis McNeley. Surviving family members are his mother, Shirley McNeley (Chichester), and two brothers, Roger and Terry McNeley, all still in Iowa, and his sister, Peggy Williams (McNeley) in Maryland. He has two adult children, Timothy McNeley in Millington Tennessee and Sarah Gaynor (husband Ryan) in Spanish Fort, Alabama. He has five grandchildren whom he loved dearly and bragged on whenever the chance arose: Dylan and Presley Gaynor; Drake, Mason "Cash" and Waylon McNeley. He also had two stepchildren, Samantha Poole (Williamson) in Holly Springs, Mississippi and Chris Williamson in Clearwater, Florida.

There will be a Celebration of Life for his family and friends in the South on January 18, 2025 from 13:00 - 16:00 hours at 940 Outdoor & Co, 940 MS-7 Holly Springs. Please wear something camo as a tribute to what he loved.

Family and friends in Iowa will have their celebration in June. Details are still being worked out. His remains will be interred at the Veterans Cemetery in Van Meter, Iowa.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JAN 18. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

940 Outdoor and Co.
940 Highway 7
Holly Springs, MS 38635

Tribute Wall

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“ Mac always loved being present and enjoying outside fun with the grandkids. He was a proud and wonderful 'Pop-pop' even to the extended grandkids great kids. When the grandkids come to visit they always asked when would he be here cause it was fun time, fishing and shooting.



Sam & Tra Poole - January 17, 2025 at 07:38 PM

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“ From 2014:

The best line I ever heard ... (Dana G at Pin Oak HRC speaking of Chase coming off the line after I ran her in a Finished test).

"That is the kind of dog you need. Methodical. Slow. You don't need one of those fire breathing dragons."

Everyone busted out laughing. Mac replied, "Just wait. She has one of those too!"

The four of us were at Pin Oak. Newbies in our hunt test days. I will miss Mac's easy smile, genuine laughter, his special "burnt-to-a-crisp hotdogs just for me" at training days, and even his teasing about spiders.



Stephanie Crosslin - January 17, 2025 at 12:24 AM

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“ Cindy Emmett and Ron Lewis purchased the Fair est of All for the family of Johnny "Mac" McNeley.



Cindy Emmett and Ron Lewis - January 16, 2025 at 06:03 PM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Tyler Hall - January 16, 2025 at 05:47 PM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Nancy Grass - January 16, 2025 at 01:07 PM

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“ *Always there to help and share his knowledge. So many wonderful memories. Forever in our hearts.*



Sam and Tra Poole - January 14, 2025 at 10:42 PM