



James Harold McHouell

August 2, 1938 - June 22, 2021

James Harold McHouell, 82, of Mooresville, passed away on Tuesday, June 22, 2021 at his residence.

He was born on August 2, 1938 in Lufkin, Texas, to the late O.T. and Minnie Bell Swinney McHouell. Mr. McHouell retired from the US Navy as a Senior Chief Petty Officer, and although he served on several ships during his career including the USS Barton Destroyer and USS Elmer Montgomery Frigate, his proudest moment was not only serving on but being a part of the crew that put into commission the USS John F Kennedy aircraft carrier. He was an active member of the American Legion Post #66.

Mr. McHouell loved spending time with his family and building things in his workshop. He was a wonderful husband, dad, and granddad and will be deeply missed by all his friends and family here in North Carolina as well as his surviving family member in Texas.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister Helen; half-sisters Audry and Mildred; and half-brothers Tommy, Gordon and Vernon.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Judith Craven McHouell; children, James "Jim" McHouell (Cindy), Thomas "Tom" McHouell (Kimberly), Cathy Bindig (Rainer); and grandchildren, Brian, Kara, Katie, Mason, Trevor, and Dalton.

A private graveside service with military honors will be held at the Salisbury National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Jimmy V Foundation.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the McHouell family. Condolences may be made to the family at www.cavin-cook.com.

Tribute Wall

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“ I know my Uncle Harold will be dearly missed. He was a very loving and devoted man. A wonderful father, husband, son, brother, and uncle. I know it had to be hard for him to lose my Aunt Helen (his sister). That had to be a void hard to fill. I have many memories growing up and admiring him for his service to the Navy, to my grandparents Grandma & Grandpa McHouell (his parents) and to his wife and children. His love for model trains was special. As a small child and Uncle Harold a young adult the the model trains were magical to me. I loved it when he would show us his model train at my grandparent home and would let us run it around the tracks. He and I spoke of these memories by phone not long ago. I will cherish his and Aunt Judy's visits to our home (my parents home) and even later after Jimmy was born. I will cherish and hold all those memories in my heart. To Aunt Judy and their children, Jimmy, Tommy, and Cathy; HE WAS LOVED by many and by all of our family. I will have wonderful memories to hold on to. Love and prayers to all of you.

Carolyn Sue Fisher Wright (Daughter of Gordon and Irene Fisher)

Carolyn Fisher Wright - June 29, 2021 at 09:01 PM

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“ We are so sorry to hear of Harold's passing. Our prayers are with his family, Judy, Jim, Tommy and Cathy. Harold was more like a brother to me than uncle and nephew. I won't forget how they welcomed Charlotte into the family, she thought he and judy(don't forget the cowboys) were wonderful. He was a good-good man who loved his god and family, and set a great example for his children. I know he instilled in them what a good father and husband(mate) should be in every sense of the word. I am especially going to miss his laid back style and humor. He was truly the good son to my grandfather, grandmother, and brother to Aunt Helen. He served his country in the navy with pride and honor. If we can be of any help or assistance Judy & family, please do not hesitate to call.

Lonnie and Charlotte Dendy , Jan and sons Greg and Doug

Lonnie Ray Dendy - June 25, 2021 at 06:38 PM

RW

“ So sorry to learn of James passing. We met many years ago when involved with Legion Post 533 and continued with Post 66. James was always a perfect Gentleman and volunteered to help when he could. He talked about his military career and was proud of his service and his family. I have never met a finer man in my life. Condolences to the entire family and we are sending love to each of you. God bless.
Bob and Linda Watts

Robert D Watts - June 24, 2021 at 12:31 PM

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“ *Praying and Have the family in my prayers!*



Zoom - June 23, 2021 at 11:35 PM

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“ *We absolutely loved Jim at Studio 115!He was always a good dose of cheer for us on Thursday when bringing Judy for her hair appointment.I will always miss him and "the bringing of magazines" with a smile and a joke!Love you Judy and kids..you know y'all meant the world to him!*

Sandy Erwin - June 23, 2021 at 08:51 PM