



Frank E. McKee

July 12, 1949 - November 23, 2020

Frank E. McKee, 71, passed away at 11 p.m. Monday, November 23, 2020, at his residence in DeSoto, Illinois.

Frank was born on July 12, 1949, in Springfield, Illinois to Helen (Brand) Turley.

He served in the U.S. Army Special Forces during the Vietnam Conflict from 1968-1969 and received both a Purple Heart and a Bronze Star for his heroic actions.

Frank came back from his military service to marry Dorris Blumenstock on May 15, 1970, at Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church in DeSoto, Illinois. This year they celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Frank was a member of four unions throughout his career including I.B.E.W LU #702, U.M.W.A., Iron Worker's, and retired from the Bricklayers LU#1 out of St. Louis.

He was a member of the Christ Community Church in Murphysboro.

Over the years Frank enjoyed many hobbies like photography, stained glass, tinkering and gardening. This year was his largest garden, over an acre,

keeping family and friends supplied with corn, tomatoes, green beans, squash, zucchini and peppers all summer. He enjoyed going to junk and antique stores, and especially loved his dogs.

Frank is survived by his wife, Dorris and three children Christy (Chris) Bockler of Maryville, IL, Jason (Rachel) McKee of Elkhaville, and Jonathan McKee of DeSoto;

two grandchildren Elizabeth Bockler and Joshua Bockler;

and one brother Bill (Lisa) McKee of Austin, TX.

He was preceded in death by his mother and step-father Gerald Turley.

His body will be cremated and there will be private family service with Pastor Rick McNeely officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the family. For more information, please visit www.pettettfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Frank E. McKee*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *Dorris we just heard about Frank. Sending our condolences and our prayers are with you and family*

Dean & Cheryl Horn - November 26, 2020 at 06:38 AM



“ *Gary and I really enjoyed our time shared with Frank. We went together on a mission trip to Lynch and got to know one another well while there. Our friendship continued on from there. We always enjoyed Franks stories and his knowledge on a wide range of topics. He had such a generous heart and we cherish the little gifting he made to us over time. We will miss you, but will be together again someday in heaven to continue our coffee club discussions!*

Marilyn Glasford - November 25, 2020 at 11:22 AM