



Robert C. "Bob" McAlister

March 10, 1942 - August 25, 2017

Robert C. "Bob" McAlister, 75, of Jonesboro, passed away at 12:10AM, Friday, August 25, 2017 at Southeast Missouri Hospital.

Bob was born March 10, 1942 in Houston, Texas the son of Robert Perry and Irene (Helms) McAlister. He married Kristie Dillow on January 29, 1971.

He grew up as a shrimper with his dad and brother in Seadrift, Texas where his whole family shrimped the San Antonio Bay. He served 4 years in the Navy and was a veteran of the Vietnam War. In 1970 he moved to Southern Illinois thanks to the Wilkins family and then met and married Kristie. He worked side by side with his father-in-law as a farmer his entire life in Southern Illinois. He was an avid sportsman. At the age of 49 he went to work on the river for Missouri Barge Line working for 12 years. He was a member and elder of Anna Church of Christ. He was member of Carroll Foster Post 3455 VFW.

Bob is survived by his wife, Kristie McAlister of Jonesboro; sons, R.W. (Renee) McAlister of Jonesboro, Bryan (Mendy) McAlister of Centerville, TN; 7 grandchildren, Amy Kathryn, Holly Renee, Connor Ward, Jason Robert, Kendyl Breeann, Kinley Brooke, Carsen Duane; mother, Irene McAlister of Victoria, TX; sister, Brenda Owen of Bay City, TX; brother, Bryan Lynn (Annette) McAlister of Sulphur Springs, TX; aunt, Louise McCown; 3 nieces

and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his father; Kristie's parents, Ward and Virgie Dillow; daughter, Amy Lynne McAlister.

Visitation will be held from 5:00PM to 8:00PM, Monday, August 28, 2017 at Crain Funeral Home in Anna-Jonesboro.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00AM on Tuesday, August 29, 2017 at Anna Church of Christ with R.W. and Bryan McAlister officiating. Interment will follow in St. John's Cemetery with military honors by Carroll Foster VFW Post 3455 and Illinois Honor Guard.

Memorial contributions may be made to Anna Church of Christ and will be accepted at the funeral home.

Cemetery Details

St John's Cemetery

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Dongola, IL 62926
(888) 932-7658

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **28**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Crain Funeral Home - Anna
135 W. Vienna St.
Anna, IL 62906
(618) 833-2176
crain@crainsonline.com

church service

AUG **29**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Anna Church of Christ

Tribute Wall



“ Robert C. "Bob" McAlister

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ Kris, R.W. and Bryan,
I'm so sorry to hear about your loss. May God's love give you
strength and comfort in the days and weeks ahead.

Phil Eddleman

Phil Eddleman - August 29, 2017 at 05:59 PM



“ To Kristie, RW, and Bryan
I was saddened to hear of Bob's passing. I didn't know Bob very
well but I knew he was a Navy veteran and a good husband and
father. Ward, Bob, and Kristie joined my Dad (Carl Boyd) and me in
some flying over southern Illinois in a small plane many, many years
ago. My condolences to the McAlisters and I will hope that fond
memories of him will sustain them in the days ahead.

*Sincerely ,
Tom Boyd*

Tom Boyd - August 29, 2017 at 08:14 AM



“ Bright and Beautiful Spray was purchased for the
family of Robert C. "Bob" McAlister.



August 28, 2017 at 11:34 AM

LY

“ *Our Dear McAlister family,
Our sincere love and sympathy is being sent
to each of you for the loss of your son,
husband, father, grandfather, brother and our
dear friend and brother in Christ. We will
always have special memories of the many great times we shared
with Bob, Kris and the boys. We love you very much,
Larry and Kittie Yates, Forsyth, Mo.*



Larry and Kittie Yates - August 27, 2017 at 11:23 PM

MB

“ *Kristie,

Doug & I want to tell you how sorry we are to hear of Bobby's
passing. Bobby was always smiling & was so glad to see us cousins
when we went to see Uncle Robert & Aunt Irene in Seadrift. You &
RW & Bryan and all the family are in our prayers. I know you all will
miss him. Wish we could be there with you but we know you are
surrounded with a wonderful loving family.*

*Love,
Minta Jeffcote Busker*

Minta Busker - August 27, 2017 at 08:39 PM

WR

“ I didn't get to spend a lot of time with Uncle Bobby & the family due to the fact that we lived in different states, but whenever the family did get a chance to get together, usually at Grandma's & Grandpa's for Christmas, I ALWAYS had a FEW BIG hugs from Aunt Kris. After my hugs, then I'd run over to Uncle Bobby and he would pick me up and sometimes put me over his shoulders and afterwards RW and Little Bryan would tickle me to the ground :) I have very happy :) family memories, as do we all. God Bless Always! May the Lord comfort and keep everyone Always, Whitney McAlister Robinson

Whitney McAlister Robinson - August 26, 2017 at 06:10 PM

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“ Tony, Stacey, Mattie and Lyndie Eddleman purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Robert C. "Bob" McAlister.



Tony, Stacey, Mattie and Lyndie Eddleman - August 26, 2017 at 04:04 PM

DB

“ Our deepest condolences and constant prayers are with you, Kristie, and all of your precious family at this time of great loss. Your husband was such a wonderful example of what a Christian husband, father and grandfather should be. He leaves a rich legacy behind and a promise of a joyous heavenly reunion ahead. Please know that you and all of your family will be in our prayers constantly.

Dave and Ann Bragg

David Bragg - August 26, 2017 at 07:58 AM