



Maj. Curtis Lanier McKenzie

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One hour of the visitation for Mr. McKenzie will be made available live stream today at 4 pm - if you are interested in viewing the service, please follow the link

http://webcast.funeralvue.com/events/embed_viewer/26458

Major Curtis Lanier McKenzie, 88, of Nashville, Tennessee passed away on Friday, March 20, 2020. He was born July 2, 1931 in Oak Park, Georgia.

Curtis was a retired Major in the United States Army. He entered the military at the end of World War II and was a veteran of the Vietnam War and Korean Conflict. Curtis was a recipient of the Purple Heart for wounds he received in Korea. He also earned a Combat Infantryman's Badge, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, 2 Overseas Service Bars, Vietnam Staff Service Medal (1st Class), Bronze Star Medal, Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Bronze Star, Army Commendation Medal with 1st Oak Leaf Cluster, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with 4 campaign stars, National Defense Service Medal and a Master Parachutist Badge. He was a member of the Masons and Shriners. Curtis enjoyed fishing, boats and was excellent at working with his hands. The thing he loved most in the life was his wife, Virginia.

He is survived by his wife of 60 plus years, Virginia Bell Estes McKenzie; grandchildren Monica Lynn Hosford, Shane (Rebecca) Nicholas, Jamie (Amy) Hobdy, Angel Beason and Tiffany Ann (Brandon) Birdwell; great grandchildren Megan, Michael, Kayla, Shane Jr, Jewel, Kayla, Grace, Devin, Stephanie, Jodi, Hunter, and Corinne; and 7 great grandchildren.

Visitation and funeral services for family only will take place at Spring Hill Funeral Home in Nashville. Entombment accompanied by military honors will take place at the Historic Spring Hill Cemetery.

Arrangements entrusted to Spring Hill Funeral Home & Cemetery, 5110 Gallatin Road, Nashville, TN 37216.




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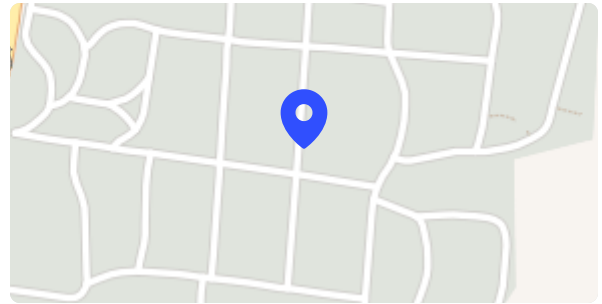
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Cemetery Details

 **Spring Hill Cemetery**
5110 Gallatin Pike S, Nashville TN 37216

 **615-866-1419**





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Amy Moore posted:

Uncle Curtis was always full of smiles and jokes. He always educated us young kids on the military the good ole days, and Germany where he and Aunt Virginia lived while he was stationed overseas. Family reunions were always a good time when we all gathered and ate and laughed. It saddens me to see our family so small when at one time we were overflowing with aunts, uncles, grandparents, parents, kids, and grandkids. Praying that God heals all the hearts that are grieving during this time. That God grants PEACE for all during this difficult time. Love you all and will miss Uncle Curtis lots. ❤️😔

March 25 at 5:18 AM



Kayla Mitchell (Diane) March 25 at 5:39 AM

Love this! Well said. Cousin!❤️



Kay Hobdy posted:

I had a lot of fun with Curtis. Being a daughter-in-law for 30 years you never treated me like that. He would take Mom James Joe and me fishing or just riding in his big yacht he constructed. He was a very loving and giving father-in-law. I shall miss him

March 24 at 2:14 PM



Kay Hobdy posted:

Curtis was my father-in-law for 30 years and he was a very nice and generous one. Even though he had personality changes at the end to his disease he was still a very loving man. He was very good to everyone in the family and gave what he could to help them.

March 24 at 12:43 PM



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KD

Kayla Mitchell (Diane) sent a virtual gift in honor of Curtis.



There's not a thing Bigdaddy wouldn't do for any family of his but if you knew him then you knew he wouldn't do anything without telling us, " You Better Go Ask Your Grandmother." I remember the best memories with him are just coming over on weekends and school breaks just to hear his Military stories or his stories with how he met Grandma. Although the funniest thing would be Grandma always correcting him on their first encounter. Their love for each other was something I truly admired and thankful to be around. Going down the river in his military boat or taking trips to their Clarksville Lake Lot to go fishing were truly amazing memories as well. I always knew if I were going to Grandma and Bigdaddy's house that he had that tin can of Oreos & Planters Peanuts calling my name. He was and always will be respected and appreciated for everything he did for us even though he didn't have to do so. I'm blessed to call him a great grandfather. He will truly be missed but forever remembered. Thank you for the love you have spreaded through out generations. XoxoPrayers.

March 23 at 3:35 AM

TB

Tiffany Birdwell lit a candle in honor of Curtis.



I have so many memories with Bigdaddy but what sticks out most is when we were little we knew never sit in his chair and if so when he came you better get up, and the way he always used to pop his teeth out at us he thought it was the funniest thing! I honestly don't know where any of us would be without you, Not a man of many words but you were always there for me! Thank you for taking care of me when we lost mama! ❤️

March 23 at 3:35 AM

KD **Kayla Mitchell (Diane)** March 23 at 6:17 AM
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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Curtis by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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