



John Douglas McKinzie

January 25, 1926 - March 20, 2014

John Douglas McKinzie, 88, of Hot Springs went to be with the Lord on Thursday March 20, 2014. He was born January 25, 1926 in Lometa, Texas to Joel Feldon McKinzie and Emma Belle Hewitt McKinzie. He was known as "Doug" by his brother and sisters, "Pops", "Poppy" and "Papaw" by his grandchildren.

He retired from the United States Army on August 31, 1974, as a Sergeant Major, after serving faithfully for 30 years. His service included WWII, Germany, Japan, England, Korea, and Vietnam. His awards included Meritorious Service Medal, Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart, three Army commendation medals, eight awards of the Good Conduct Medal, and numerous service and campaign medals. After retirement from the Military, he spent several years working for the US Postal Service.

He had been a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks since 1978, having served as Exalted Ruler of Elks Lodge 380 and District Deputy to the Grand Exalted Ruler. He enjoyed cooking for their many events and his chili became a requested dish. He was a lifetime member of the Military Order of the Purple Heart and Disabled Veterans. He was also a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and American Association of Retired Persons.

He was an avid gardener and a member of the Garland County Master Gardeners where he served as the President and was voted Master Gardener of the year for 2000. His love for gardening could be shown by walking through his floral and vegetable gardens at his home, seeing him work at the Garland County Fairgrounds, and at the many gardens around Hot Springs. One of his special projects was working with the children at First Step School by helping them start and maintain a vegetable garden. His newspaper articles became an anticipated event for the readers of the Sentinel Record.

John took great pride in providing for his family and looked forward to Sunday dinners when the children and grandchildren would gather for one of his delicious dinners. He married his wife, Agnes Ruth in 1976 and they enjoyed 38 years together dancing with square dance clubs and ball room dancing. They loved to travel, and belonging to the Elks and Emblem clubs provided opportunities to do this. They were members of Piney Grove Methodist Church and belonged to the Rainbow Sunday School Class and WOW's Club. He also found a love for genealogy and began searching for his family roots and organized several family reunions.

He is preceded in death by his parents, his first wife Marie Grant; three sisters, Neta Joy Moye, Patsy Ruth Docken, and Doris Murlene Dixon; son-in-law, Don McCloud and grandson, Adam Goodman.

He is survived by his wife, Agnes Ruth (Aggie), daughters Sandy McCloud and her children Chase, Cody and Trey; Alfreda Perrine (husband Brian) and their children Zachary (wife Abby) and Derrick; Teresa Withers (husband Michael) and their children Jennifer and Justin (wife Katrina); Alma Gallagher (husband Jim), and Joan Baker (husband Jonathon) and their daughter Catherine. Sons are Johnny Jack (wife Cindy) and their children Crystal, Johnny Jr., Lindsey (husband Ethan), Abby and Ruthie; and John D. McKinzie Jr. and his son John in. He also had 6 great grandchildren. Other survivors

include 2 sisters Mary Lou Sturgill, Nancy Sue Martin, one brother Kenneth Alien McKinzie and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held at Hot Springs Funeral Home on Monday between the hours of 6:00 PM and 8:00 PM.

The service will be at 10:00 AM Tuesday at Piney Grove United Methodist Church with the Pastor Scott Gallimore officiating. Internment will be at Memorial Gardens.

Pallbearers will include his grandchildren.

The family wishes to offer special thanks to Hospice of Central Arkansas, Brookfield Assisted Living, and Arkansas Hospice along with the staff on the 5th floor of Mercy Hospital.

Tribute Wall

EM

“ Aggie; just heard about John's passing. You were a fine wife & best friend to John. I loved being around you both through the many years I lived & worked in HS. I share your love of dance & gardening & spent many a Sat. night listening to the Music Makers & watching you & John dance.

You probably know Andy passed away in 2010 after many years of illness he wanted no one to know about. I met Emerson Stone in 2011 & we married in 2012. Emerson is a retired military commander & we have lots in common. We work together in Vegas every other month training & coaching executives. I am teaching him ballroom dancing & he is teaching me to putt.

Tell Grace Anne I said hello.

My prayers are with you as you go through this difficult time of change in your life.

Love,

Elizabeth-Anne Monet-Stone (formerly Mesilla Kress of Kress Wedding Chapel Owl Creek Gardens.

Elizabeth- Anne Monet-Stone - April 16, 2014 at 04:01 PM


Michele
Mesta

“ Michele Mesta lit a candle in memory of John Douglas McKinzie



Michele Mesta - March 25, 2014 at 07:48 AM

SL

“ r l p god bless you and your family

stan lafever - March 25, 2014 at 06:58 AM



“ *Debbie Long lit a candle in memory of John Douglas McKinzie*



Debbie Long - March 25, 2014 at 04:45 AM



The family is in my thoughts and prayers today <3

Debbie Long - March 25, 2014 at 04:47 AM

DT

“ *Dodie & Jeanie Trunkenbolz lit a candle in memory of John Douglas McKinzie*



Dodie & Jeanie Trunkenbolz - March 24, 2014 at 08:53 AM

BB

“ *Aggie: So sorry to hear of John's passing. We were talking just a few days ago about when we saw you guys last, at Kroger on Airport Road. Bruce & I have such fond memories of the years that we all square danced and round danced...what fun times. The memories always make us smile. Love you and keeping you and the family in our prayers.*

Bruce & Lillian Ball - March 24, 2014 at 08:33 AM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of John Douglas McKinzie.*



March 24, 2014 at 05:25 AM



“ *Margaret Hoffman lit a candle in memory of John Douglas McKinzie*



Margaret Hoffman - March 23, 2014 at 07:54 PM



“ *My condolences to you and your family Joan. May your dad RIP. He led a wonderful and full life and he died peacefully and you have that to remember.
Remember your happy times
Thinking of you
Jill*

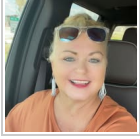
JILL McPhilliamy-Smith - March 23, 2014 at 07:53 PM



“ *JILL McPhilliamy-Smith lit a candle in memory of John Douglas McKinzie*



JILL McPhilliamy-Smith - March 23, 2014 at 07:49 PM



“ *My prayers go out to John, Joan and Theresa.*

Sheryl Breitschopf - March 23, 2014 at 07:28 PM

JK

“ Mrs. Aggie,
I'm so sorry to hear about John. I'll never forget the kindness you two have shown me. It has impacted my life greatly. You and John were the first to show me what a marriage that lasts looks like. The devotion and love you shared was very evident to everyone around you.

*The memory that stick out the most in my head:
You all were outside my house to pick me up. We were headed to the Silver Spur and it had been raining. I came running out the door and slipped in the mud. I was soaked. You and John waited patiently in the car when I went to change. When I finally got in you were worried about me, but John had a smirk on his face. I think I even heard him laugh at one point. I'll never forget it. Now I laugh when I look back at that day.*

Here's something to remember:

2 Corinthians 5: 6-8

" Therefore, being always of good courage, and knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord - 7 for we walk by faith, not by sight - 8 we are of good courage, I say, and prefer rather to be absent from the body and to be at home with the Lord."

This verse sums it up best. To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. How much better is Heaven than life here on earth? It is hard for us to let loved ones go, but we will be reunited with them one day.

*I love you guys and will be praying for you!
Justin Kirk*

Justin Kirk - March 23, 2014 at 09:55 AM

TJ

“ 1 file added to the album *Daddy*



Teresa, Joan and John - March 23, 2014 at 08:15 AM

TJ

“ 1 file added to the album *We love you, Daddy.*



Teresa, Joan and John - March 23, 2014 at 08:12 AM

TJ

“ *Teresa, Joan And John sent a virtual gift in memory of John Douglas McKinzie*



Teresa, Joan and John - March 23, 2014 at 08:06 AM

TW

“ *Teresa Withers sent a virtual gift in memory of John Douglas McKinzie*



Teresa Withers - March 23, 2014 at 08:05 AM

JB

“Daddie, Daddie, Daddie.... You don't have to stay you can go now. We will be okay. You can go. I repeated this phrase many times. I watched you in your final days and hours and minutes and you went exactly how you came into this world. In peace..I am so happy you were "free" to continue on the path that you started on and that you found a peace that is indescribable. I felt it. Thank you for all the little gifts that you gave all of us but me in particular. I came to take care of you all these many different times but in taking care of you you took care of me. You left this world unplanned. You didn't follow a "timeline" or a set course of events. Once you found your way you went. "God's Perfect Timing". You will be missed but we are happy knowing you are rejoicing with all the angels up there and family and friends that have been waiting for you. Tell Mommie hi from us....



Joan Baker - March 23, 2014 at 07:41 AM

TW

“Teresa Withers lit a candle in memory of John Douglas McKinzie



Teresa Withers - March 23, 2014 at 07:34 AM

TW


“Daddy, don't you walk so fast. Daddy, don't you walk so fast. Daddy, slow down some, cuz you're making me run. Daddy, don't you walk so fast. I miss you, Daddy. I miss your smile, your laughter and your sarcasm. Like I told you just a couple of weeks ago, you raised us to be strong and courageous. Don't worry about us, we inherited so much from you, especially your resilience. You were my rock. I could look at you whenever I needed strength and I knew if you could "keep going" no matter what situation you were given, then so could I. Daddy, I love you!!!

Teresa Withers - March 23, 2014 at 07:32 AM

BM

“My sincere condolences to Aggie and her family--John was a good man from the Old School--an increasingly rare commodity during these turbulent times...he was a beacon of kindness, clarity, and compassion.I...and his enthusiasm at all ELKS events was contagious! He will be missed, and his memory blessed. Barbara Morgan, Emblem

Barbara Morgan - March 23, 2014 at 07:22 AM

 Ronald Gray

“I learned a lot about dancing from this man and his wife . Many prayers for the family that I knew his dear wife , daughter sandy and her boys our lose here on earth is defiantly heavens gain

Ronald Gray - March 22, 2014 at 09:46 PM

BF

“Aggie, my prayers are with you, and your family, for comfort and peace at this time. God will sustain and give you strength. Love, Brenda Ferguson

Brenda Ferguson - March 22, 2014 at 12:07 PM