



Robert Hugh McConnell

September 18, 1948 - April 2, 2016

Robert Hugh McConnell, age 67, of Warrior, Alabama, formerly Indiana, passed away April 2, 2016 after a courageous battle with cancer. He was preceded in death by his father-William McConnell and is survived by his mother-Ruth Wellman McConnell. Bob is survived by his wife-Patti (nee Mueller) McConnell and children-Sean (Amanda) McConnell, Amanda (Jeff) Westbay, Irene "Micki" (Larry) Brown and Cheryl (Tony) Adam. He is also survived by his brothers-James (Vikki) McConnell, John McConnell and sister-Karen (Joe) Bennett; special Aunt-Agnes McConnell and Uncle-James McConnell; grandchildren-Ella and Maddox McConnell, Tyler, Dalton, Tristen and Lexi Westbay, Chris Diamond; many special nieces and nephews. Robert was born in Gary, IN, son of William and Ruth (Wellman) McConnell. He grew up in Gary and graduated from Emerson High School and on to Lewis National University where he earned his Masters degree. Bob was stationed in Alaska when he joined the Army and was Honorably discharged in 1974 and continued his career at U.S. Steel. Bob retired as Purchasing Manager at USX Fairfield Works, in Alabama.

Bob was on the Board of Directors for the National Minority Business Council and also Chairman of the Gary Chamber of Commerce. He sang for years in the Alabama Symphony Orchestra Chorale Group and was invited to perform in Syros, Greece. He was always a member of his church choir as well as Deacon and Elder. He most enjoyed coaching his children's soccer and basketball teams. He was a lover of trivia and golf. He was a loving husband

and father who always smiled and gave upbeat blessings.

Funeral service Monday, April 11, 2016 at 10:00 a.m., at Burns Funeral Home, 701 E. 7th Street, Hobart. Friends may visit with Bob's family on Sunday from 3-7:00 p.m., at Burns Funeral Home. Interment at Chapel Lawn Cemetery, Schererville, IN. Special love and thanks to his caregiver who he called his "Manny", Troy Wayne Startley, Sr. and to the Alabama Alacare Hospice. Appreciation and love to Dr. Joanna Siegel who cared for Bob not only as a perfect professional but also with love and compassion. www.burnsfuneral.com.

Cemetery Details

Chapel Lawn Memorial Gardens

8178 Cline Ave
Schererville, IN 46375

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **10**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JO

“ *Joan lit a candle in memory of Robert Hugh McConnell*



joan - July 26, 2016 at 09:17 AM

JO

*i just found out about his passing - so sorry to hear - he was a good man - i also just found out about ricky hannon - my daughter saw on fb - love to all
joanie obrien*

joan - July 26, 2016 at 09:18 AM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Robert Hugh McConnell.*



April 09, 2016 at 08:57 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Robert Hugh McConnell.*



April 09, 2016 at 01:05 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Robert Hugh McConnell.*



April 09, 2016 at 12:40 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert Hugh McConnell.*



April 07, 2016 at 12:09 PM



“ *Greg Anderson and everyone at The Income Benefits Group. purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Robert Hugh McConnell.*



Greg Anderson and everyone at The Income Benefits Group.
- April 06, 2016 at 05:14 PM



“ *ALWAYS A KIND AND FRIENDLY CLASSMATE! SORRY WE LOST CONTACT AFFTER GRADUATION! R.I.P. VETERAN CLASSMATE! FINAL SLOW SALUTE!*



Raleigh Plesko, Emerson H.S. 1966. U.S. Navy Vietnam Vet. We shall meet again in a happier, healthier time and place! :)

Raleigh Plesko - April 06, 2016 at 03:23 PM

JM

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



John McConnell - April 06, 2016 at 03:15 PM

MY

“ *Patti & Family,*
Sorry about your Bobs' Passing + He always was good hearted and
a good Friend + wishing you and your Family Strength In Christ's
Love and Grace +++The Lord is my strength and my song, He has
become my salvation (Psalm 118 : 14).

“May you all have long life and his memory be eternal.”

*+Always Your Friends,
Mike & Judy Ypsilantis*

Mike G Ypsilantis - April 06, 2016 at 02:04 PM

VL

“ *Bob was one of the nicest guys I had the pleasure to work with he*
was well respected. He and Patty were a great couple and great
friends. Deepest sympathy

Vera Lobody - April 05, 2016 at 09:41 PM

DB

“ When I first met Bob, I felt an immediate connection with his kind spirit. It was like I've known him all my life! But, why wouldn't I? He was married to my best friend from High School, Patti - so that should tell you something. They were like two soulmates: both kind, loving and a joy to be around. There was a time when we all went boating and he decided to get the canoe out. Lo and behold, the canoe tipped and Bob fell out into the water. He climbed back on the dock, clothes all drenched, as was he - what did we all do? Laugh, of course. I will miss you Bob, but know that one day we will all be together doing something fun! Love you "our" Bobber

Diana Bybel - April 05, 2016 at 06:34 PM

AH

“ You are a gift to me, through some unusual circumstances, that I have met you in my life, it was a meeting through a most beautiful person in so many ways.....it is your beautiful wife Paty. When I met you, I met a kind, gentle, caring, loving, soft spoken, welcoming, gentle man and not only all those memories, I also have memories of your singing to Paty and I in the car with your most beautiful voice that I have ever heard and will never forget.
May God bless you and bless Paty with all the riches of your memories.

Your Sis Arlene & Marv Hawbaker

Arlene/Marv Hawbaker - April 05, 2016 at 09:48 AM