



James J. McClaine

May 14, 1944 - July 31, 2022

James Jonathon McClaine of Hazel Park, Michigan passed away peacefully on Sunday, July 31, 2022 at John D. Dingell VA Medical Center at the age of 78. He was born in Saginaw, Michigan on May 14, 1944 and raised by mother Zonnie (Johnson) and stepfather Karl DeGroat. James graduated high school and 45 days after he volunteered to serve his country. A veteran of the US Air Force, Airman, 3rd class during the Vietnam War. He lived in Vancouver, British Columbia, then in Dallas for over 20 years and was a cherished resident in Pottsboro, Texas. It is here where he resided with his beloved wife, Joyce McFarland. James was well traveled as a merchant he frequented such places as India and Singapore, making friends all along the way. James was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather and will forever be remembered for his love of his family and will be dearly missed. He leaves behind his daughter, Kathleen McClaine of Hazel Park. Also surviving are his two grandchildren; William Hystad (Devon) and Samantha Pavey; two great-granddaughters; Sophia Mae and Scarlett Rae Hystad; close friends, Arnie Johnson, Paul Doucet and Ernest Thompson. James will especially be missed by Smooches the dog. He was preceded in death by his wife, Joyce McFarland; mother, Zonnie DeGroat; stepfather, Karl DeGroat; stepbrothers, Celester DeGroat (Norma) and Carlton DeGroat, aunts, uncles and many close cousins. A visitation will be held from 2:00- 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 18th at Dryer Funeral Home, Holly, Michigan with a funeral service will be held at 3:00 p.m. A graveside service will be held the following day Friday,

August 19th at 11:00 am at Great Lakes National Cemetery, 4200 Belford Road Holly, Michigan. Memorial donations may be directed the McClaine family, Gary Sinise Foundation or The Disabled Veterans National Foundation would be appreciated by the family

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 18. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Dryer Funeral Home
101 First St
Holly, MI 48442
(248) 634-8291

Service

AUG 18. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Military Honors

AUG 19. 11:00 AM (ET)

Great Lakes National Cemetery
Holly, MI

Tribute Wall



“ *Heavenly Blessings and Comfort to my dear friend, Johnnie. May you rest in peace. Ernest Thompson*

Ernest Thompson - August 19, 2022 at 04:31 PM



Thank you so much. He loved & looked up to you

Kathleen McClaine - October 14, 2022 at 12:15 AM