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## In Memory of James Grover McCoy

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James Grover McCoy born March 19, 1929, passed away on Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 at his home in St Louis, Missouri at age 95.

James was the devoted husband of Billie Jean McCoy (Heigle) who he joined in marriage on June 26, 1953; loving father of his children: son James “Greg” (Lee Ann) McCoy who preceded him in death, daughter Kim (Kevin) Donica, and son Jaime (Brandy) McCoy. James was an adoring grandfather to: Teresa (Jesse) Cook, Becky (Kyle) Noble, Gregory (Jacqueline) McCoy, Kirsten (Jon) Poe, Evan (Hillary) Donica, Aaron (Katie) Donica, Kassie (Keegan) Crotchett, and Sarah McCoy. He was a cherished great grandfather of Lucas Cook, Nyssa Cook, Logan Snider, Desiree Snider, Vincent Mccoy, Reese Watters, Ashar Poe, Ethan Poe, Olivia Poe, Zane Poe, Eloise Donica, Juniper Donica, and Orlando Donica. James was one of twelve siblings in the extended McCoy family and uncle to many nieces and nephews.

James was a veteran who served his country in the US Navy post-World War 2 and Korean War. He was an educator in the Puxico School District for 30 years welcoming students to the “Home of Happiness” everyday. He was a farmer, good neighbor, and caring friend who always looked to help where and how he could. He loved to visit with family, play cards and dominos, and stay current in history and current events.

A celebration of James’s life will be held at 11 am on October 18, 2024 at the Church of Christ in Dexter, Missouri (1014 N 1 Mile Rd, Dexter, MO 63841). Lunch afterwards at the onsite fellowship hall. Military honors burial at Stars and Stripes cemetery at Bloomfield, MO at 3 pm.

A scholarship fund is currently being established and will be coming soon for future educators in memory of James McCoy.

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