



James E. McGee III

December 30, 1946 - December 22, 2018

James Edward McGee, III, 71, of Asheville, died peacefully on December 22, 2018. Jim was born on December 30, 1946 in Durham, and later moved to Richmond, Virginia and Bluefield, West Virginia. He graduated from Randolph-Macon Academy and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. In 1969, he wed Mary Rose Harrell, and together they lived in Asheboro, Wilmington, Sanford, Pinehurst, Morehead City, and most recently, Asheville.

Jim spent 47 years working in Retail and Commercial Banking, including work with Wachovia Bank, Mid-South Bank & Trust, RBC Centura, and Cornerstone Bank. He served on various local boards, supported community interests, and was active in the Episcopal Church in every town in which he lived. An avid golfer, Jim relished rounds with his SparHeel friends at the Country Club of Asheville. While he also enjoyed traveling and cheering for the Tar Heels, most of all, Jim treasured spending time with his family, especially his beloved wife, sons, and grandchildren.

Jim will be remembered fondly as a devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend, and his steadfast companionship, warm humor, and considered advice will be missed by all who knew him. He was predeceased by his parents, James E. McGee, Jr. and Jane Liesfeld McGee, and his older son, James E. McGee, IV. He is survived by his wife, Mary Harrell McGee, son Charles Eugene McGee, daughter-in-law Katherine Swartzel McGee,

grandchildren Mariella Rose McGee and Graham Eldridge McGee, sisters Dell McGee Leist and Anne McGee Hedges, and several other family members.

Funeral Services will be held at Trinity Episcopal Church in Asheville on January 4, 2019 at 2:00 pm. The family asks that in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions be made to the McGee Family Undergraduate Research Fund at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill through give.unc.edu, or the Trinity Episcopal Church Legacy Fund, 60 Church Street, Asheville, NC 28801.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JAN 4. 2:00 PM (ET)

Trinity Episcopal Church
60 Church Street
Asheville, NC 28801

Tribute Wall



“ *James E. McGee III*

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *Jim McGee and I were great friends growing up in Bluefield. We lived in the same neighborhood, went to the same church, and more. We almost became roommates at UNC, but I decided to stay at Davidson rather than transfer. I remember going together to Christmas Eve Communion Service at Christ's Episcopal Church in Bluefield, during our senior years of college. I had just become a born again Christian says previously, and I remember telling Jim, "Jesus is real. He's alive, man, He's alive." He was a wonderful person. My prayers are with all the family for God's comfort and encouragement.*

Clayton Ford - January 04, 2019 at 02:34 PM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of James E. McGee III.*



January 02, 2019 at 12:28 PM

KS

“ *Ken & Peggy Swartzel lit a candle in memory of James E. McGee III*



Ken & Peggy Swartzel - December 30, 2018 at 07:41 PM

MH

“ *Mary, We are so saddened to learn of Jim's passing and offer our condolences to you and your family. We enjoyed our many encounters on Kimberly as you both walked your beloved dog.*

Jim & Marcy Hegglund

Marcy Hegglund - December 30, 2018 at 04:19 PM

PL

“ *We're so sorry Mary. What a warm and kind man Jim was. Maggie, Bentley and I will so miss our morning visits with him.*

Prue Liberty - December 30, 2018 at 04:00 PM

TS

“ *Mary & Family-We are so saddened to hear this news. What a great guy & class act of total integrity! Prayers for you & family. May God strengthen you. Tedd & Gail Smith*

Tedd Smith - December 30, 2018 at 08:50 AM

TA

“ I'm sorry for your loss. I hope you find comfort in knowing that your loved one is safe in the memory of God, who will remember every detail about him & bring him back again. Act's 24:15. You have my condolences.

Tara - December 30, 2018 at 08:06 AM

JJ

“ *Jim Love, Jr lit a candle in memory of James E. McGee III*



Jim Love, Jr - December 29, 2018 at 09:43 AM

JM

“ *James McCormick lit a candle in memory of James E. McGee III*



james mccormick - December 28, 2018 at 03:24 PM

HS

“ Jim was an absolute gentleman. He will always be remembered for the class and dignity he exuded. I played golf with Jim in the same group he cofounded and I never once heard him express an expletive for a disappointing shot. He always had a kind word for everyone, forever looking on the positive side of people. He certainly was a rare breed and will be sorely missed. May God rest his soul.

Howard Solomon

Howard Solomon - December 28, 2018 at 02:17 PM

DD

“ I want to extend my sincere condolences to the family of this wonderful man. Jim was a breath of fresh air when he entered my office and was genuinely happy to see me and we would work out any issue he had. We would talk about family and trips and golf and the joys of life. He so enjoyed the trip recently to Scotland with his family and talked of it often. I will miss him greatly. Debbie Dennis

Debbie Dennis - December 28, 2018 at 12:22 PM

CF

Jimmy was one of my best friends in our neighborhood growing up. So sorry to hear of his passing. Sending up prayers for God's comfort and encouragement for all his family. Clayton Ford

Clayton Ford - December 29, 2018 at 02:03 AM

KS

“ Karen & Dan Shannon lit a candle in memory of James E. McGee III



Karen & Dan Shannon - December 28, 2018 at 11:28 AM

RT

“ Randy Treiber lit a candle in memory of James E. McGee III



Randy Treiber - December 27, 2018 at 04:08 PM

CG

“ Charles Gershon lit a candle in memory of James E. McGee III



Charles Gershon - December 27, 2018 at 11:14 AM

DP

“ Dr. CHRISTOPHER PRATT lit a candle in memory of James E. McGee III



Dr. CHRISTOPHER PRATT - December 27, 2018 at 09:42 AM

CP

Chris and Jimmie Pratt lit a candle in memory of James E. McGee III. We are so very saddened by the passing of our kind friend and neighbor. May he rest in the peace of the Lord where surely he is welcomed as the good man, good soul he is.

Chris and Jimmie Pratt - December 27, 2018 at 09:47 AM

LC

“ *Larry & Ronda Carson lit a candle in memory of James E. McGee III*



Larry & Ronda Carson - December 25, 2018 at 10:20 PM