



LCDR Roderick McLemore McQueen

November 22, 1951 - December 7, 2018

Roderick McLemore McQueen, LCDR, USN, Ret., 67, of Tallahassee, passed away suddenly of a presumed heart attack on Friday, December 7, 2018.

A son of the late James Daniel McQueen and Margaret Awyn Varney McQueen, he was born in Williamson, West Virginia on November 22, 1951. Following his graduation from Williamson High School in 1969, he joined the United States Navy and was a 1974 graduate of the United States Naval Academy. During his 20 year career in the Navy, he received numerous citations, medals and badges including the National Defense Service Medal with 2 Bronze Stars, Gold Wreath for Recruiting Excellence, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon with 4 Bronze Stars, Meritorious Unit Commendation with 3 Bronze Stars and the Navy Commendation Medal with 3 Gold Stars. He retired in June 1993 with the rank of Lieutenant Commander.

Following his military service, he went to work for the State of Florida, most recently with the Department of Health and later transferred to the Agency for State Technology, where he was a Governmental Operations Consultant II. He had many hobbies including golf, running, flying, learning to operate a drone, was an avid reader and enjoyed trivia. He also was a member of the American Legion and assisted as a volunteer with Honor Flight.

He is survived by his daughters, Elizabeth McQueen and Katie McQueen Amaker (husband, Daniel); their mother, Deborah Ann Atwater McQueen; siblings, James Daniel McQueen, Jr. (wife, Amanda), Thomas Walter McQueen (wife, Joan) and Awyn Danielle McQueen-Milam (husband, Scott); as well as numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

The family will receive friends from 11:00 AM until 12:00 PM, Thursday, December 13, 2018, at Abbey Funeral Home, with the funeral beginning at 12:00 PM, also at Abbey Funeral Home. Interment with full military honors will follow at 2:00 PM, at Tallahassee National Cemetery. Online condolences may be expressed at www.abbeyfh.com.

Cemetery

Tallahassee VA National Cemetery

5015 Apalachee Parkway
Tallahassee, FL, 32311

Events

DEC 13 Visitation 11:00AM - 12:00PM

Abbey Funeral Home

4037 North Monroe Street, Tallahassee, FL, US,
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DEC 13 Service 12:00PM

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Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Abbey Funeral Home and Tallahassee Memory Gardens - December 26, 2018 at 10:21 AM



“ Rod and I served together as recruiters in Houston, where I greatly enjoyed his company. When I was promoted to Commander I was pleased to pass my LCdr insignia to Rod who was on track for that promotion. We had some contact later, but then as careers and life so often cause us to do, we lost contact. I was saddened to read of his passing in Shipmate. My sincere condolences to those who loved him.

Tom Hayes '68

Tom Hayes - February 06 at 10:50 AM



“ As of last night I just learned of a very dear and well respected friend Roderick McLemore McQueen leaving this life to journey to Heaven. My heart is heavy and my condolences and continued prayers are with his beautiful daughters and all of his family and friends! I knew I had you on my heart for a reason. I just never expected to find out this devastating news my kind friend. You are and will be missed by oh so many.



Kathy Shepard - January 27 at 09:05 AM



“ I only knew Rod for a short time but his humor and light spirit made me like him right away. He was a true superhero and I will miss seeing him in the office

Susan Whitmire - December 16, 2018 at 05:58 PM



“ My heartfelt condolences to the family. Rod, "Queenie", was a company mate at the Naval Academy and we shared 4 years of good memories. I was looking forward to seeing him again at our 45th Anniversary Reunion. His twinkling eyes will be missed.

Lance Anderson - December 14, 2018 at 11:52 AM



“ Patti Harris Frechette lit a candle in memory of LCDR Roderick McLemore McQueen



Patti Harris Frechette - December 14, 2018 at 02:31 AM



“ Fair winds shipmate. Long ago, 1977-79 we served together in HS-7, spent 1/2 that time deployed or at sea and were roommates. Rod's selfless service and wry sense of humor will be sorely missed in this world.
-- Jerry Faber

Jerry Faber - December 13, 2018 at 01:05 PM



“ I went to high school with Rod and I have many wonderful memories of him. The picture was taken his senior year and I was a sophomore. Several years ago I was lucky enough to talk to him at an all class reunion in Williamson and hear all about his adventures in life and his family. I know that he was very proud of his two daughters, and I am so very sorry for their loss.



Christie Perry - December 13, 2018 at 11:41 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of LCDR Roderick McLemore McQueen.



December 13, 2018 at 08:33 AM



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December 12, 2018 at 12:22 PM



“ Agency for State Technology purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of LCDR Roderick McLemore McQueen.



Agency for State Technology - December 12, 2018 at 09:43 AM



“ Sending prayers and thoughts for Rod's family. We will miss him!

Amy Price - December 12, 2018 at 08:42 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of LCDR Roderick McLemore McQueen.



December 12, 2018 at 07:53 AM



“ Mr. McQueen's oldest daughter is still my best friend. I remember how proud he was of her when she graduated from the University of Florida and was about to head to Nursing school.



Angela Domenico - December 11, 2018 at 11:14 PM



“ My heart goes out to Rod's family. Remember always the good days.

Kay Cook Powers - December 11, 2018 at 09:27 PM



“ May you find peace and love in the memories you cherish. Rod will always be in our hearts and memories. Janet Hines

Janet Hines - December 11, 2018 at 02:28 PM



“ I've worked with Rod at AST since he was hired. We joked around daily, and I truly miss him. I recently gave him a hard time for getting his drone stuck in a tree and especially for not being sure what tree it was in. He had to leave work to go get the drone out of the tree as bad weather was approaching. I am really glad I got to know him. My thoughts are with you all. I know how shocking and difficult this is for you. Please contact me if there's anything you need. --Stacy Newsome (850) 274-1374

Stacy Newsome - December 11, 2018 at 02:16 PM



“ Ron Crolla is following this tribute.

Ron Crolla - December 11, 2018 at 01:58 PM



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Ron Crolla - December 11, 2018 at 01:04 PM



“ Rod was a great friend for 45 years, and I will sorely miss him. Our trips to Tallahassee will just not be the same without planning a round of golf or dinner with Rod, or his coming over to watch a football game. Or having Rod visit us during his trips to/from his air shows in north Georgia. I know my life will be a little more hollow knowing I can't give him a call to talk, or know I will be seeing him soon at a FSU football weekend or a trip to the beach. Rest in peace, Hot Rod.

David Pattillo - December 11, 2018 at 12:58 PM



“ Rod was my co-worker, fellow Parrot Head, my friend and one heck of a guy. To quote one of our favorite persons from history - General George S. Patton - "He was a fine man...(and) he had no vices. I shall miss him a lot."

Cap'n Ron - December 11, 2018 at 12:49 PM