



Mr. James R. McKenzie

August 23, 1934 - October 2, 2020

James R. McKenzie, 86, of Tallahassee, Florida, passed away on Friday, October 02, 2020, at Seven Hills Health and Rehab.

Born in Gary, Indiana on August 23, 1934, he was a son of the late Roy McKenzie and Esther Wills McKenzie. He is also preceded in death by his wife of 42 years, Tinka Matthews McKenzie.

After honorably serving in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict, he became a heating and air conditioning technician, and owned McKenzie Heating and Air for 20 years. He was also very active in the Tallahassee Shrine Club, serving as Past President and Ambassador-at-Large and loved helping raise funds for the Shriners' Hospitals, while making so many wonderful memories with cherished life long friends.

He also spent many years as the chairman of the Board of Advisors for the local DeMolay chapter, where he considered it a privilege to the opportunity to mentor so many young men. For his service, he received several awards, including the order's highest, the Honorary Legion of Honor. His favorite times were those spent with family and close friends, most especially his beloved grandchildren who he adored.

Survivors include his sons, Michael McKenzie and David Johnson;

grandchildren, Mandy Archer and D.J. Johnson; and great-grandson, Brady James Archer.

Private interment will take place at Tallahassee Memory Gardens, with a celebration of life at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Shriners' Hospitals for Children or to a local Hospice. Online condolences may be expressed at www.abbeyfh.com.

Cemetery Details

Tallahassee Memory Gardens

4037 North Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32303
(850) 562-1518
<https://www.abbeyfh.com/>

Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall



“ *Abbey Funeral Home and Tallahassee Memory Gardens created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. James R. McKenzie*



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“ *Jim McKenzie hired me when I was 16 to work for his Heat & AC company. We worked many hours together, and became great friends. Some of the things I remember on our work days was his time of service during the Korean War, his love of his family, and how hard he worked. He would come watch my high school baseball and basketball games on his off-time. I'm 51 now, and I will forever be thankful for the great example he set. I know he is up in heaven with his wife Tinka. May you rest in peace my friend. My deepest sympathy to his family, David, Mike and Mandy, whom I had the privilege of getting to know as well.*

Mike Mercer - October 12, 2020 at 05:18 PM

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“ *Mr. Jim has always been a part of my family, he will be missed by so many. What fun times and memories I have. Rest in peace and please give Ms. Tinka a kiss from me. Love you always -- Sherra Wilder Mears*

Sherra W Mears - October 06, 2020 at 08:45 AM

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“ *My deepest sympathies. Great memories of a high school friend's father who was always warm and kind.* ”

Barry G. Brooks - October 05, 2020 at 08:15 PM



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