



Mr. Thomas J McAlpin

February 4, 1932 - September 16, 2020

Thomas J. (Mac) McAlpin, better known as “Granddaddy” age 88, of Tallahassee, passed away in the early morning hours on Wednesday, September 16, 2020, while surrounded by those he loved.

A son of the late Judson Barney and Mary Lou “Molly” Ferrell McAlpin, he was born in Greensboro, Florida on February 4, 1932. He is also preceded in death by his wife of 57 years, Ethel Newton McAlpin, as well as ten siblings.

He is survived by his children: Ray D. McDonald (Anita), Patsy C. Stokes (Curtis, deceased), Nina K. Diamond, Joy Brady (Richard Poppell) and T. R. McDonald (Judy) all of Tallahassee; sister, Ettie Mae Wheeler; 12 grandchildren (four of whom he raised as his own: Kent, Kenneth, Jeffery, and Jason Grantham); 16 great-grandchildren; 13 great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

After faithfully serving his country in the United States Army, Mac faithfully served his community in law enforcement for the remainder of his career. Mac spent 25 years with the Tallahassee Police Department - working as an officer in the downtown area, joining the canine training team and earning the rank of Sergeant. Following his retirement from TPD, Mac spent 13 years with the Leon County Sheriff’s Department - serving as a Circuit Court Bailiff and again earning the rank of Sergeant, before retiring.

Mac was of the Protestant faith, and a member of the Masons and the Moose Club. His hobbies were hunting and fishing.

Mac will be remembered for the life-long sacrifices that he made for others. Mac was a man that never met a stranger, a man who loved his family and a man who thoroughly enjoyed all of his family gatherings. "Granddaddy Mac" looked forward to and especially enjoyed his famous Family Fish Fry - which was held yearly, come rain or shine! It is a tradition that will be carried on in his memory.

A graveside service for Mac will be held at Tallahassee Memory Gardens on Saturday, September 19, 2020 at 2:00 P.M. In lieu of flowers, the family asks for donations to Big Bend Hospice, 1723 Mahan Center Blvd Tallahassee, FL 32308 bigbendhospice.charityproud.org/donate. The online guestbook can be found at www.abbeyfh.com.

Cemetery Details

Tallahassee Memory Gardens

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

Previous Events

Service

SEP **19**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ It's hard to believe my grandad and my dad are both gone. I'm miss them

Terribly and know they are up in Heaven enjoying the the heavy gates with all their family as waiting on family. My heart hurts and my dad lived upstairs. My granddad was a HOOT!!!!



Ellis Brady - April 27, 2021 at 11:21 PM

KS

“ I'm so thankful to have known Mac for almost 40 years. My heartfelt condolences to my niece Jen, "the boys": Kent, Tracy, Jeff & Jason, Jeff's wife Judy (God bless you for all you did to help Mac) and the rest of his family. He was never without a smile or a witty comment. Even in the hardest times, he had a joy for life that spread to all of us within reach whenever we saw him. He gave his heart and soul to his family, friends, his country and his community. RIP Mac, you will surely be missed.



Kathy Shirley - September 29, 2020 at 11:37 AM

BT

“ My condolences to the family members that I knew best (Patsy, Joy, Judy and Daniel Perkins) and all other relatives of Sgt. McAlpin. I got to know him well during the mid - 1970's when I worked at the Leon County Traffic Court. Sgt. McAlpin worked for the LCSO and assisted the State Attorney assigned to prosecute traffic offenders. I always enjoyed being around him and I'll never forget his unique sense of humor. I am sorry that I did learn of his passing prior to his funeral. Sincerely, Bill Tharpe, Tallahassee.

Bill Tharpe - September 26, 2020 at 02:12 PM

PA

“ You are missed, until we meet again! Love you so very much.



paige - September 19, 2020 at 09:17 PM

SH

“ Dear Family, I am so sorry to read about the passing of your dearly beloved, father, grandfather and friend. He was truly a giant among men. Loving and caring and Always ways looking out for others. He made your life better and more enjoyable just knowing him. May God embrace all of you knowing that Mac is in Heaven, as he is a true Angel.

Love and condolences to all his beautiful family, Sue Hall

Sue Hall - September 19, 2020 at 09:10 AM

SW

“ Uncle Thomas I miss you already love you and in my a prayers.
Sallie Poston Westenbarger

Sallie Westenbarger - September 18, 2020 at 01:40 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the
family of Mr. Thomas J McAlpin.



September 18, 2020 at 12:39 PM

SM

“ You will be missed by so many, you always had a smile on your
face and you never met a stranger. Hugs love and prayers to you
all. RIP Granddaddy !!

Sherra W Mears - September 18, 2020 at 12:08 PM

SF

“ Mr. Mac was a good man who lived his family.

Sheree Fletcher - September 18, 2020 at 11:27 AM

DP

“ Mac will be missed by his loving family and
everyone who had the opportunity of enjoying
his kindness. May the gates of heaven be
open to receive him. Our prayers are with
Mac. Warmest condolences to Patsy, Joy,
Kim, Tara and all in the McAlpin family. Love you, Daniel Perkins,
Julia Perkins and family.



Daniel Perkins - September 18, 2020 at 11:02 AM



“ *With Distinction* was purchased for the family of Mr. Thomas J McAlpin.



September 18, 2020 at 10:42 AM



“ *OLIVIA MCALPIN, ROSE, SHERRY AND ANITA & FAMILIES* purchased the *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant* for the family of Mr. Thomas J McAlpin.



OLIVIA MCALPIN, ROSE, SHERRY AND ANITA & FAMILIES -
September 18, 2020 at 10:25 AM



“ *Annie McAlpin, Jeff, Rita, Jud and Michele* purchased the *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant* for the family of Mr. Thomas J McAlpin.



Annie McAlpin, Jeff, Rita, Jud and Michele - September 18, 2020 at 10:24 AM



“ *Our warmest condolences-your friends at FDLE CHRM* purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Mr. Thomas J McAlpin.



Our warmest condolences-your friends at FDLE CHRM -
September 18, 2020 at 09:29 AM

JU

“ *We Love and miss you like crazy Granddaddy*
💕
Jeff & Judy Grantham



Judy - September 17, 2020 at 10:22 PM

BR

“ *Bama Diesel Repair purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mr. Thomas J McAlpin.*



Bama Diesel Repair - September 17, 2020 at 02:29 PM