



Charles Edward "Scott" McNeillie

June 28, 1944 - January 28, 2010

Charles Edward McNeillie Jr., 65, of Columbiana, passed away Thursday, January 28, 2010 at his home. Christened by his Scotland born father and grandfather as another "wee Scottie" at his birth on June 28, 1944 in Midland, Pennsylvania, Charles was known as "Scott" for the rest of his life. Scott was the son of the late Charles and Irene Kwiatkowski McNeillie. He attended Virginia Military Institute where he graduated in Civil Engineering in 1966. He fulfilled his commitment to the armed services and to VMI by completing two years in the U S Army. Scott was commissioned as a First Lieutenant and served, not one, but two tours in the Republic of Viet Nam from 1967-1969. Scott was a member of the 1st Supply and Transport Battalion and the 9th Transportation Company. When asked why he signed up for another tour during the Tet Offensive, Scott replied, "Someone had to serve this country and I knew this country has been a salvation to my parents and grandparents who came through Ellis Island to immigrate from Scotland and Poland." When Scott returned to the US, he went to work for the Industrial Products division of Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company. Scott began his career as an engineer, eventually becoming Technical Manager of the South Georgia Region, selling and engineering hose and conveyor belt. In 1973 Scott was transferred to Birmingham to serve as Technical Manager of the Alabama, eastern Mississippi, and Pan Handle of Florida. Known for his quick wit, as he traveled all the back roads and highways of Alabama, he supplied his Goodyear friends with a weekly "armadillo report" where he kept them

updated on the migration of the armadillo east of the Mississippi River. He informed his friends that he knew the armadillos had safely made it to the Atlantic Ocean and promptly retired in 2005 to his beloved horse farm, Airy Chance Farm in the Four Mile Community. He owned and operated Alabama's only harness and buggy shop and loved to show horse owners how to harness and drive their horses. He operated through www.buggyscott.com. He was a member of St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church in Montevallo, Alabama. He was a member of the Caledonian Society and proudly wore the MacNeil Clan tartan as often as he could, so as to show "my gorgeous legs." Surviving are his wife, Mary Walker McNeillie; a daughter, Amanda McNeillie of Helena; a step-daughter Emily Mann McCollum (Michael) of Benton, Kentucky, and two step-sons Phillip Morgan Mann (Meredith) of Greenville and Charles Mann (Lauren) of Birmingham; and four grandchildren, George Mann, Virginia Mann, Mary Katherine McCollum and Sarah McCollum; his beloved girl cousins, Kimbrly Mershon (Bill) of Prattville, Kelly Peterson (Rocky) of Canton, GA, and Paula Deiters (Michael) of Acworth, GA. Friends will be received Monday, February 1, from 6:00pm -8:00pm at Bolton Funeral Home in Columbiana. Funeral service will be Tuesday, February 2 at 1:00 pm at Bolton Funeral Home, officiated by Father Ray Dunmyer and Dr. Don Wright. Burial will be with full honor guard at The National Cemetery in Montevallo at 2:45 pm. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Shelby County Humane Society, Columbiana, Alabama.

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Tribute Wall

JB

“ Scott will be missed deeply. I knew Scott through my business in Columbiana JB Enterprises. Scott would bring in his lawn equip, for service and repair. Later after I closed my business I went to work for a local trucking company as thier parts manager, Scott was a salesman for Spec. Products. It was delightful for Scott to come by with his smile and his stories about his farm. He will be missed.
Jason Bentley Columbiana

Jason Bentley - February 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

HJ

“ Remembering those days at VMI fondly. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Howard M. Lloyd, Jr. - February 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ Scott was my roommate our first year at VMI. Scott was fun to be with and a wonderful human being. We will miss Scott.

Glenn Michael - February 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ Our deepest condolences to the family of our brother, Scottie. Neil & Shiron Fisher

R. Neil Fisher '66 PE - February 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ My deepest sympathies! My prayers are with Scottie and all of his family. Scottie was a great guy with a wonderful sense of humor. He will be greatly missed. Rob Ritchie VMI '66

Rob Ritchie - February 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ I was a classmate of Scottie's (Class of '66) and a fellow civil engineering student. We attended many classes together. My prayers are with his wife and family.

Donnie Holmes - February 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ I join all of Scottie's Brother Rats in mourning his death. I am praying for his soul and for his family.

Clark Reifsnider - February 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ We are so sorry for your lost. Our prayers will be with you and your family during this difficult time.

JAMIE - TRACY - JAMISON BENTLEY - January 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ Scott was a father figure to me. He was a strong support to my mother (who's mother, Betty, was his cousin), my sisters, Kelly and Paula (Binky), and me. Scott was a man of conviction and strength and a true patriot. I loved him very much and I will miss him. I am thankful that he found joyful & faithful companionship with Mary. I know I am better for having him in my life.

Kimberly Mershon - January 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ God Bless your family. My prayers are with you"ll and I will be thinkig about you.

Monica Warren Wallace - January 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM