



Robert Allen McNeese

June 11, 1950 - May 25, 2019

Robert Allen McNeese, aged 68, passed away Saturday, May 25, 2019 in Georgetown, SC after a brief illness.

Bob, as he was known best by his family and broad circle of friends, was born June 11, 1950 to Bill and Ruth McNeese at their home on a tobacco farm in Bracken County, Kentucky. Bob was raised in a family of five brothers and a sister, the second born son. He attended and graduated from Bracken County High School, well known for his love of automobiles, motorcycles, meticulous attention to detail, and respected for his hard work. Bob served in the U.S. Army with a tour of combat duty in Vietnam in 1970-71, as part of an helicopter assault unit in the Central Highlands region near the border of North Vietnam. He earned numerous medals for his service.

After discharge, Bob enrolled in the University of Kentucky, working his way through school while studying mechanical engineering. He earned a Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering in 1980. He went on to build a career in the construction industry in Lexington and later worked designing construction plans in South Carolina.

In 1982, Bob married the love of his life, Debra Jones from Louisville, Kentucky, a marriage that lasted 36 years. From this union, Haley Jean McNeese was born. Haley was Bob's little girl and whenever a picture was

taken of the two of them together, Bob's smile was bright and happy for his daughter. Haley was the pride of his life and was most proud when he had the pleasure witnessing Haley receive her degree from Clemson University this spring.

In 2005 Bob, Debra and Haley left Lexington to live in Pawley's Island, SC. Bob and Debra loved the beach and golf, spending these years carving out a good life with new friends plus old ones from Kentucky and other parts, opening their home to everyone. Bob loved to cook, and so the kitchen and grill became his domain. His golf clubs were always ready for a round and to those who played with him understood how much he loved the game.

Bob McNeese made everyone feel better about themselves and was a man whose friendship was to be cherished. His life can be measured and admired by how he lived, the example he set for his family and daughter, and how close he was to his friends. Loyalty to his family and friends was instinctive and second nature. He was a man who was direct in his conversation, plain spoken, and incredibly honest. Ask his opinion and you would get one, but always an honest thought.

In addition to his wife and daughter, Bob is survived by his mother Ruth, his sister Barbara of Lexington, his brothers Billy (Sally) of Columbus, OH, Barry (Connie) of Cynthiana, KY, Benny (Darlene) of Lexington, KY, and Brian (Sharon) of Mt. Sterling, KY, along with numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father William, and a brother, Brent (Georgette).

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 PM Wednesday, May 29, 2019 at All Saints Church.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to: The V Foundation for Cancer: jimmyv.org or to The First Tee: thefirsttee.org/donate.

Tribute Wall

DS

“ We are so sorry for your loss. We were not able to go to your home after the memorial service, but you are both in our prayers. Bob and Diane Santee



Diane Santee - May 30, 2019 at 04:05 PM

DE

Thank you so much for your kind words and prayers.
Debra & Haley

Debra - June 02, 2019 at 10:07 PM

JS

“ Our deepest condolences to all the family! So saddened by your loss. 🙏 Wayne & Judy Satterley



Judy Satterley - May 29, 2019 at 09:45 AM

GC

“ So sorry to hear this . I knew Bobby back in High School and our days of working for Kent Corp. Went camping with him and some of the other guys from Perkins and Buser ridge several times when we were teenagers. I'm glad I ran into him last summer in Augusta. We had not seen each other in over forty years. I'm sure he will be missed, he was a good guy. I'm very sorry for the family's loss.

Greg Cummins - May 29, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Robert Allen McNeese.*



May 28, 2019 at 08:57 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert Allen McNeese.*



May 28, 2019 at 08:12 PM



Deborah Morrison

“ *Many happy memories and godfather to our son, Ben. We are truly heartbroken. So many years and not enough time spent together.*

Deborah Morrison - May 28, 2019 at 05:32 PM



“ *Couldn't meet a nicer man than Bobby Mac. Enjoyed playing golf last 3 years with him and having a couple cold ones after. Think I played the last round of golf he played. Prayers for Bobby Mac, wife Debra and daughter Haley and all his family and friends. He'll surely be missed. Playing founders he would run over to house and grab a couple cold ones, living on a t box. A buddy, Big Al*

Alan Martin - May 28, 2019 at 03:39 PM

RJ

“ Debra and Family,

*Those we love remain with us
For love itself lives on,
And cherished memories never fade
Because a loved one's gone.
Those we love can never be
More than a thought apart,
Far as long as there is memory,
They'll live on in the heart.*

*Our deepest sympathy and prayers.
Rick & Linda Jordan*

Rick & Linda Jordan - May 28, 2019 at 03:24 PM

KH

“ *I only had the privilege of knowing Bob for the last several years. We met through the golf group that played every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. While only knowing Bob for a short time, it seemed like we had been friends forever! That's just the way it was with Bob. Bob loved his wife and daughter to the moon and back! He also loved golf and enjoyed a good beer now and again. I will always think of Bobby (as I called him) whenever I make a really good chip shot as he gave me some pointers and he was one of the best in getting the ball up and down for par !
I am truly saddened to lose such a good friend and wonderful man.
Rest In Peace my Friend !!*

Kenny

Ken Huber - May 28, 2019 at 03:08 PM

MD

Bob and Debbie moved across the street from us shortly after we moved to Hagley. Bob was an instant friend and his smile lit up the world. He transformed his yard into a paradise of flowering shrubs, trees and a pool garden with seeming ease and certain joy. Golf was his game and family his first passion. I will remember Bob as a great friend who would do anything for you. I'll remember him most shooting baskets with Haley in their driveway. I will miss my neighbor and friend, Bob.

Myra Dingle - May 29, 2019 at 07:44 AM

GD

We send our love and sympathy to Bobby's family! He was one of the nicest people we ever knew. He always had a ready smile for everyone and made you feel special. He will be missed! Jim and Gail

Gail Davison - May 29, 2019 at 10:35 AM

MS

*I am so sorry to hear about your husband Debbie. Vic and send our condolences.
Vic and Marcia Kiper Stansberry*

marcia stansberry - May 29, 2019 at 09:26 PM