



Duane D. McGee

April 1, 1950 - September 28, 2017

Duane McGee of Tustin died Thursday September 28, 2017 at his home. He was 67. Duane was born on April 1, 1950 in Detroit to Douglas C. & Helen E. (Lintula) McGee and they preceded him in death.

After graduating from high school Duane worked for Ford Motor Company for a brief time and then enlisted in the United States Army and served in Korea during the Vietnam War. He returned from his service to our country and went back to work at Ford Motor Co. and retired in 1993 after 24 years of employment.

On July 7, 1990 in Onekama, Michigan he married the former Sylvia A. Kudla and she survives him along with 5 sons: Jason (Haley) McGee of Comstock Park, Ryan McGee of Plainwell, Beau McGee, Justin McGee and Adam McGee all of Cadillac; 18 grandchildren; a brother, Pat (Jackie) McGee of Trenary, Michigan; a sister, Alicia Matthes of Sparta; many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

Duane dearly loved his family; he was a very considerate and thoughtful man. He was always ready to lend a helping hand to family, friends and even to those he did not know. He was a hard-working and honest man who walked with Our Lord. Duane loved our country and was a true patriot.

He had a passion for deer hunting; gun, bow, and muzzle loading. When the woods called, he was gone. He introduced and shared his love of deer hunting with both the young and mature of the family. Fall will always be his season.

Memorial services will be held Wednesday, October 11, 2017 at the Cadillac Elks Lodge at 122 ½ S. Mitchell Street (parking and elevator entrance in rear). Family visitation will be at 11:00 AM with general visitation starting at Noon. Chaplain William "Bump" Peters will conduct the spiritual service. In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations be made to Veterans Serving Veterans to help fund the building of Freedom Park in Cadillac. An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Tribute Wall

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“ They say time heals, and it does but when it comes to time, I wish I could have had more time with Duane. I could have learned so much from him, especially all about hunting. I was checking some videos I shot with my drone and the footage caught glimpses of Duane when he and Sylvia visited us last. It was so kewl to have them both here at the same time. However like the video we only had glimpses of time throughout the years and I just wish there could have been more. Through the glimpses I could see what a good man he was and his willingness to help anyone in need. In these times, my hope is that we are all reminded of how precious and fleeting our time here on earth is. That we examine our own mortality through the lens of spirituality. Prayers to all, especially Sylvia and the boys. Love you Bro, God bess, Pam & Gary-

Pam and Gary - October 15, 2017 at 12:20 AM

JB

“ Duane....always a smile or laughter...even in the last months. He amazed me, deer hunting after treatment. My thoughts and prayers are with Duane's family; especially Sylvia and Alicia, love you girls. I am sorry I could not be with you today. Julie

Julie Beardslee - October 11, 2017 at 11:39 AM

BL

“ Duane and I met in the Army in Korea, we were both from nearly the same area in Michigan and found that we got along very well. We spent many evenings in the EM club and traveled Korea together. After returning home we moved in together until marriages and family life drew us apart. Duane was best man at my wedding and i was best man at his. After many years we found each other on the internet and would exchange emails Daly, advising each other on how to get by in this world. We shared many phone calls, during the day I'd think of him and the phone would ring. He was a good man who courageously took on the challenge of cancer. When he found he was losing the battle he accepted it and vowed that he would fight till the end, as he did. He was a true friend and his spirit will be with me forever.

Bill and Lynn - October 10, 2017 at 11:33 AM

JT

“ Love you so much.. Always there to help...We will miss you dear friend but know you are with the Master... Joy is in our hearts that you made it through.. Only happiness and no pain from now on... Till we meet again.. Your friends and neighbor...

Love and peace be with Silvia and her family.. We are here to help in anyway we can..

Jim&Rosie Tuttle - October 09, 2017 at 07:31 PM

LD

“ We both have many fond memories of Duane when we were kids and as adults. He loved to joke and have fun and also had a serious side that would help anyone that needed it and cared deeply for those he loved. He will always be with us and we know that he will continue to watch over his family from afar. We send our deepest sympathies to Sylvia, the boys and the rest of the family and hope that the memories you have will make his passing easier. Love to all, Linda & Dave

Linda & Dave - October 09, 2017 at 02:48 PM

WW

“ The one story I remember most clearly is one summer I got employment at Fords trim plant where Duane was working. The supervisor there was riding me ruthlessly and kept telling me to hurry up. When I finally got tired of his harassment I told him I was going as fast as I could and he threatened me for speaking back to him. Duane said he would stand by me no matter what happened. I felt deep respect for his loyalty and never forgot it. Every time I saw him I would think of this time even though nothing happened. He was someone that could be counted on.

Wayne Wiitanen - October 08, 2017 at 03:51 PM

JM

“ My dad will and always will be my SuperHero.. My thoughts and prayers go out to the friends and family. Definitely lost one hell of a man. But we will never forget him.

Justin McGee - October 08, 2017 at 11:57 AM

BK

“ Duane was a stand up guy who will dearly missed. He threw a pretty mean horseshoe too! Going to miss you buddy. :(

Brian and Kathy - October 07, 2017 at 06:17 PM

LY

“ My deepest sympathies to all of Duane's family. Duane was a wonderful man and I have many fond memories of him.

Lydia - October 07, 2017 at 10:18 AM

RE

“ Duane is not only a Good person, he is Kind, and Fun to be around. He Joined us, in Texas a couple times for the week long Trail Ride, he was our camp cook...:) one year he lost Sylvia's camera, he literally held up a sign, as we rode in that day, it was comical, and the camera was returned.

Sylvia my heart aches for you, we hope your memories will bring you, and the boys Peace.

Love Ya

Valarie & Rick

Rick & Valarie Elliott - October 05, 2017 at 11:29 PM