



Sgt. First Class, Francis Milton 'Frank' McBride

December 21, 1948 - February 14, 2021

Sgt. First Class, Retired, Francis " Frank" Milton McBride, 72, of Clendenin passed away Sunday, February 14, 2021 at CAMC Memorial Division, Charleston, WV.

He was born on December 21, 1948. As a young child, he enjoyed playing music with his brothers and family. A passion for music was a golden thread that was woven through the tapestry of his entire life. He was challenged by learning to play the steel pedal guitar, which he perfected and played all over alongside of well known country artists.

Frank was a Veteran with the U. S. Army, Special Forces with 20 plus years of service having served during the Vietnam War and other conflicts. He was in the 101st Airborne Division and was part of taking back the Embassy in Saigon. He received many medals with honorable awards including a Bronze Star, National Defense Service Medal and an Army commendations to his dedication and bravery for his patriotism and bravery. The discipline and patriotism he learned in the Army never left him, as friends and family will attest.

His love for his country, God and music exceeds many.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Raymond and Vera McBride, Aunt

and uncle who raised him, Robert and Francis Carter and his brother Rev. Darrell McBride.

Left to cherish his memories are his children, Misty McBride Young (Christopher) of Monroe, Georgia, Christy McBride Cox (Mercer) of Madison, Georgia., Paul McBride (Paula) and Jason Frank McBride (Jennifer) both of Winder, Georgia., and a brother, Raymond McBride of Cross Lanes, WV and also surviving are 11 grandchildren.

We rejoice in celebrating his life and legacy and the peace that we will see him again. He is truly a Hero.

The family has asked that you wear a mask and that social distancing be observed throughout the visitation and services.

Funeral service will be held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, February 19, 2021 at Donel C. Kinnard Memorial State Veterans Cemetery, Dunbar, WV.

The family will receive friends from 12:00 to 1:30 p.m. Friday prior to the funeral service at Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home, St. Albans.

You may visit Frank's tribute page at BartlettNicholsFuneralHome.com to share memories or condolences with the family.

Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home, family owned and located at 409 Sixth Ave., St. Albans is honored to serve the McBride family.

Cemetery Details

Donel C. Kinnard Memorial State Veterans Cemetery

130 Academy Drive
Dunbar, WV 25064

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 19. 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home
409 Sixth Avenue
Saint Albans, WV 25177
(304) 727-4325

Graveside Service

FEB 19. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

PW

“ I met Frankie as a young girl, we attended church together for many years. He was a funny, lovable guy with a big smile. Frank was a loner at heart. I valued his friendship & respected his privacy. Last time I saw him was at my guy's funeral. I'm sorry I didn't check on him more frequently. His earthy journey is over, I shall miss him, but I know he is resting in the arms of our Lord - after all that's where we all long to be. ♡♡♡

PatAnn Nary White - March 31, 2021 at 10:05 AM

JA

“ As musicians, we typically form friendships within the musical landscape of our communities and more often than not these friendships last a life time. This is how I met an knew Frank. He will forever be one of the most unique individuals that I've ever know. To describe Frank, I would use the pedal steel guitar that he so loved. A very complex, intricate instrument that added so much to this song we call "Life". Somewhere between my memory and imagination there is a road that leads to a Steel Guitar Convention behind the sunset. With the pedal to the floor an classic country on rotation, I see two buddies heading that way. Looked like Hook was driving an Frank was in the passenger set, but I'm not sure. I wonder if a Harley has every been parked in the living room of a mansion in heaven? If not that's about to change. RIP Frank, thanks for everything

james - March 12, 2021 at 01:27 PM

DS

“ Frank was a special friend. He used to travel with me playing music a few years back. One song we played as a duet was, “He Looked Beyond My Faults” He gave me a guitar which I will always treasure. I will miss you dear friend.

David Simmons - February 19, 2021 at 06:57 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sgt. First Class, Francis Milton 'Frank' McBride.



February 18, 2021 at 04:06 PM

GM

“ We enjoyed the memories when he came and played steel guitar and piano at our church. He was very talented. Sorry we cannot be there because of knee surgery. He will be missed greatly. Our prayers are with the family. Glen, Mildred, and Karen McBride.



Glenville P McBride - February 18, 2021 at 03:06 PM

BS

I'm so sorry I didn't make it to the walk through. I got the time wrong. I thought I had until 2. I spent time with Frankie when He stayed with Bro. Harrah. He would always do silly things to make Debbie & me laugh. I'm so sorry for your loss. (Harmon)

Barbara Sampson - February 19, 2021 at 12:59 PM

RL

From Robert Leighton:

He was my neighbor and friend for about 15yrs while I lived in Clendenin. He was always willing to help,, whether with lending a hand, tools, or advice.. I always enjoyed Frank's music, and listening to him brag about his cars. He'll surely be missed....

Robert Leighton - February 21, 2021 at 12:35 AM