



Burk D. "Mac" McGreevy

November 1, 1929 - August 5, 2016

Burk D. "Mac" McGreevy, 86, of Port Arthur, TX, passed away Friday August 5, 2016. Burk was born November 1, 1929 in Port Arthur, TX to the late Burk and Cecilia Stevens McGreevy. He was a graduate of South Park High School, class of 1947. He served in the United States Army during the Korean war. He has three Bachelor's degrees from Lamar University in Beaumont, TX, also a Master's degree from University of Texas. He taught at Port Neches-Groves High School for 30 years and after retirement he became a world renowned Koi breeder and winner of over 750 championship trophies throughout the United States. He became known as the "Koi Doctor".

He is survived by his son, Mike McGreevy and wife Cheri of Port Neches, TX, Monty McGreevy and wife Rachel of Katy, TX; step-son, Jim Miller and wife Carla of Arizona; step-daughter, Johanna Morisey and husband Jim of Waco, TX; 11 Grandchildren, 1 Great Grandchild and numerous nieces, nephews, family, former students and many close friends. Burk is preceded in death by his parents and wives, Elynor Erwin Heath and Tolene Davis McGreevy and sister, Annette Rambin.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Port Neches, TX, Thursday, August 11, 2016 at 5:00 p.m., a visitation will follow at the church immediately after the service.

Events

AUG **Celebration of Life** 05:00PM

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Holy Trinity Episcopal Church
2425 Nall St., Port Neches, TX, US, 77651

Comments



“ An external video has been added.



Melancon's Funeral Home - August 10, 2016 at 10:57 AM



“ I first met Mac about 18 years ago when I purchased my first Koi . It was quite an experience for me as this was something new. Thru the years I have purchased some beautiful fish from Mac and he helped my husband and I when we built a new home and created our pond and and Mac gave us instructions on how it should be done. During the years he visited our fish when we needed a Doctor. Once he gave Mouth-to-mouth CPR. We were stunned and will never forget the experience my husband and daughter and myself had. It was something out of a movie. We still talk about it. He once did an autopsy on one of my koi and she had thousand of eggs in her that we did not know.

Mac always had a new koi for me when he returned from a show and would make me a "DEAL" which I could not turn down. I loved driving down to his house to see his fabulous fish and all the new little ones he had in separate containers. It was hard to choose which one.....like a kid in a toy shop. But I loved my trips to see him. They were special.

One of my fond memories of Mac was if I brought people with me, he did not want them to speak. He only wanted to talk to me, not my husband or my friends.

I was blessed to be a friend of Mac's and I will greatly miss him. He was always there when you needed help and that was sometimes often, hurricanes, etc. I am sad to say our mortality rate was not always great but the joy of communicating with your koi is always there. It is so soothing and relaxing and calming. My Grandchildren and all the neighbor children love to come see our fish and feed them if they are very careful!!!

My Koi will miss their good friend, Mac!!. So will I.

Kay Outlaw Neild

Kay Outlaw Neild - August 11, 2016 at 11:43 AM



“ Your father was one of my favorite customers at Williams Florist. He would bring in pictures of his prize Koi fish. I so enjoyed our conversations, he was so interesting. He was always so proud to send the flowers from South Park to his fellow classmates. We will truly miss him. Our condolences to you all.

Alli Meaux, Williams Florist

alli meaux - August 11, 2016 at 10:30 AM



“ He was my Civics & Driver Ed teacher. He was always full of life. RIP Mr Mac.



Shirley Williams Musgrove - August 10, 2016 at 06:54 PM



“ Donna Windecker lit a candle in memory of Burk D. "Mac" McGreevy



Donna Windecker - August 10, 2016 at 10:55 AM



“ Paula Saulsberry Piazza lit a candle in memory of Burk D. "Mac" McGreevy



Paula Saulsberry Piazza - August 09, 2016 at 03:59 PM



“ Mac installed my Koi pond several years ago at my home in Iowa, LA. He had drawn the plans years before that while we still lived in Lafayette. He was a very hard worker and once you were his friend, you were his friend forever. Tolene and I shared bromeliads with each other and enjoyed traveling to the Guild Shows to exhibit our plants.
They were really fine people and my husband, Jim and I will miss them dearly.

Margo Racca - August 06, 2016 at 04:06 PM



“ On behalf of all the men of the Dick Dowling Camp #1295, we offer our prayers and condolences to Micheal and his family on the passing of his father.

“For the Christian, heaven is where Jesus is. We do not need to speculate on what heaven will be like. It is enough to know that we will be with Him.” William Barclay

Bruce A. Hamilton - August 06, 2016 at 02:14 PM



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Upon meeting him I was immediately obsessed with koi and water quality. I would wait until I thought Mac had a new shipment of koi for sale to call him and was intimidated in doing so. He was gruff and abrupt but had a passion for learning and for koi.

After several visits to his home to look at his stock, I was invited to go along with him to San Antonio to visit Water Garden Gems. That trip was a life changing moment. I was completely captivated by the koi and the technique of keeping them. I remember going home and reliving the trip to my parents. Mac made everything a learning experience and made the experience come to life.

After that trip there were many ponds, pond expansions and trips. From Florida to California all the way to Japan we went in the search of koi and expanding the koi experience.

I will never forget Mac's words as he dropped me off after one of our trips, "what have you learned". The teacher was always present with him, and he always made you yearn to learn more.

My koi days were some of the most memorable days of my life. But during those times Mac was secretly teaching me life lessons that I will always remember and treasure.

Unfortunately, the time came after college and establishing myself that we drifted apart. Not intentionally, but simply due to busy schedules.

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I treasure the times I had with Mac and the memories that we made. I look forward to the day that we meet again, where I can see him walk over to me with his bouncy walk hollering "where have you been!".

Rest easy my friend, I will miss you. Your legacy and knowledge will live on!

Shawn Sparrow - August 06, 2016 at 12:07 AM



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Shawn Sparrow - August 05, 2016 at 10:22 PM



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Micheal McGreevy - August 05, 2016 at 07:45 PM