



Roger Wayne McLaren

September 9, 1942 - December 1, 2024

Roger W. McLaren, 82, died peacefully on December 1, 2024, in Tyler, TX surrounded by family. He was born September 9, 1942, in Magazine, AR to Raymond and Margaret McLaren.

He cherished his family and loved to brag about them to anyone who'd listen. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Pat; his children Roger and wife, Lysa and Toni and husband, John; his grandchildren, Morgan, Denver, Logan, Hannah and Rachel and great grandchildren, Lilly, Ollie and Miles. He is also survived by his brother John McLaren and sister, Jo Ellen Glenn. He is preceded in death by his parents as well as his sister Doris Hankinson.

After proudly serving the US Army, he attended Henderson State University in Arkadelphia, AR before embarking on a 35 year teaching career. Mr. Mac, as he was known by his students, touched the lives of thousands of young people and shared with them his love of music. Roger loved visiting with his former students whenever possible and hearing all about their careers and families.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts can be made to The Hospice of East Texas, 4111 University Boulevard, Tyler, TX 75701 or Wellspring Center for Spiritual Life, PO Box 440, Whitehouse, TX 75791.

Visitation to be held on Wednesday, December 18, 2024 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Stewart Family Funeral Home

7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy

Tyler, TX 75703

Celebration of Life will be held on Thursday, December 19, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

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Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 18. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Memorial Service

DEC 19. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Roger Wayne McLaren



Stewart Family Funeral Home - December 05, 2024 at 04:29 PM

AB

Such a beautiful tribute to an amazing man! The love shines through on so many of the pictures. My family was so honored & happy when Roger joined our family and married my sister Pat. He was such a huge part of our family & always had a way of making us laugh at his goofy faces & hysterically funny stories. We are all blessed with so many memories over the years. I love you Roger & your beautiful adorable family more than I can express in words❤️❤️ Anita

Anita Brown - December 06, 2024 at 01:17 PM

TF

“ The Haney Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Roger Wayne McLaren.



The Haney Family - December 17, 2024 at 09:30 PM



“ 2 files added to the album Life Tributes



Stewart Family Funeral Home - December 17, 2024 at 01:54 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Roger Wayne McLaren.

December 16, 2024 at 02:04 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Roger Wayne McLaren.



December 16, 2024 at 02:04 PM



“ Bhavisha P. purchased the Treasured Memory - 8" x 7" Frame (Holds 4x6 Photo) for the family of Roger Wayne McLaren.



Bhavisha P. - December 16, 2024 at 10:16 AM

WR

“ Wanda & Jack Raymond purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Roger Wayne McLaren.



Wanda & Jack Raymond - December 15, 2024 at 01:35 PM



“ Roger, Pat, Roger and Toni came into our lives when he was the Band Director at Hazen High School in Arkansas. Little Roger and I were the same age. They were often at our house visiting. Roger drove our bus would have his shotgun on the bus when he drove us home to the farm. As soon as the bus got parked, he would arrive back at the farm and head out to the rice fields with my brothers for some duck hunting. The McLaren family have been part of ours since then. God Bless you all and we love you all! Great man... Great Family!

Dwight Duch - December 06, 2024 at 03:44 PM

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“ The Duch Family purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Roger Wayne McLaren.



The Duch Family - December 06, 2024 at 03:22 PM

DC

“ I was the flower girl at Pat and Roger’s wedding when I was 5. Honestly I don’t remember much about the day but I still have the little yellow dress that I wore, thanks to my mother keeping it all these years. What I do remember about Roger is that he loved people and would talk to anyone, whether they wanted to talk to him or not (lol). He also loved babies and kids and always gravitated to them during our family gatherings. He would make his crazy elephant sound and would always make them laugh. He loved getting to know his extended family and was truly interested in what they had to say and how they were doing. Family reunions will be a lot quieter without him and he will be greatly missed.

Debbie Crawford - December 06, 2024 at 10:08 AM

VL

“ I first met Rodger as my new brother-in-law at a young age. I quickly learned how wonderful his humor was, how intelligent he was, especially in history, past wars and of course music, his passion. He loved playing any type of games against me and my sisters, including ping pong in which he mastered in Korea during his time in the war. He would always slaughter me and my sisters. He tried to teach us the game of chess, which was way above me. I later learned and experienced how wonderful a band director he was. His bands halftime shows at high school football games were awesome. His stage bands could always compete with the very best. I especially loved his Christmas concerts, he always picked my favorite songs and hymns. I also learned how great a family man he was, as his family was a central part of our entire family. I loved listening to his stories and all the things that he knew. I learned a lot from him. I will miss him greatly.

Verna C Diebold Lathrop - December 05, 2024 at 01:15 PM



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Stewart Family Funeral Home - December 05, 2024 at 11:26 AM

JO

“ A great Father in Law. We played tennis, hung out at Whataburgers, and talked about World War II... he knew a ton.

JohnRaymondCPA@protonmail.com - December 03, 2024 at 08:35 PM