



Danny Eugene McGraw

April 14, 1937 - March 7, 2017

Danny Eugene McGraw, 79, of Mount Dora, Florida went home to be with the Lord and fly with the angels on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 following a short illness.

A proud Veteran of the United States Army, Mr. McGraw was preceded in death by his wife of 52 years: Barbara Ann Thomas McGraw; his father: Whitley Eugene McGraw; his mother: Ethel Marie Mullens McGraw; a sister: Virginia Alice McGraw Hope; and a daughter in law: Carol Wills McGraw. Born on 4/14/1937 in Glen White, W.V., to Whitley Eugene McGraw and Ethel Marie Mullens McGraw, he was raised in Fierco, W.V. and was a 1956 graduate of Stoco High School. Danny McGraw was a fan of the game of baseball, playing for many years in his youth and coaching youth in the game for many years. Danny was a proud member of the only baseball team sponsored by Beckley College and kept in touch with many of the other players on the team through the years. He was also an avid fan of West Virginia University sports teams, especially football.

A family man, Danny and his wife retired to Mount Dora, Florida, where they enjoyed the warm weather and spending many hours with friends and neighbors. In his later years Danny enjoyed spending many hours on social media connecting and communicating with many other residents from small coal towns in his home state of West Virginia.

Those left to cherish Danny's memories are 3 sons: Robert R. McGraw of Mount Dora, FL, Michael Allen McGraw and his wife Theresa Wills McGraw of

Kennesaw, GA, Gary Dean McGraw and his wife Judy Ransom McGraw of Greenwood, SC; 6 grandchildren: Christopher McGraw, Maygann McGraw Griffin, Nicholas McGraw, Tyler McGraw, Michaela McGraw Phillips and Logan McGraw; and 6 great grandchildren: Jakob McGraw, Trenton Griffin, Carter Dean McGraw, Brice Donovan, Cayleigh McGraw and Kayleigh Phillips. He also leaves behind 2 siblings: Louise Marie McGraw Duncan of Lake Worth, FL and Willard McGraw of Fierco, WV, along with many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Per his wishes, Danny McGraw will be cremated and laid to rest with his wife at the Bushnell Veterans National Cemetery in Bushnell, Florida. A memorial will be planned for a later date.

Tribute Wall

AR

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Anna Reeves - March 16, 2017 at 12:49 AM

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Anna Reeves - March 16, 2017 at 12:48 AM

WW

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the McGraw family as they lay their loved one to rest. We will miss Mr.Danny,he was definitely one of a kind. The porch just won't be the same without him. 🙏❤️🌸



Wm. and Glenna Williamson - March 11, 2017 at 11:12 PM

JB

“ My life was richer because of your friendship. I will miss you and our sharing of memories. Save me a rocker on God's porch and hide a jar of blackberry jam just for me. Until we meet again.....



Joyce Anne Bacon - March 10, 2017 at 01:57 PM

CP

“ *Danny fly high ole friend, what a reunion you are enjoy, we will meet again on some bright morning, Robert and family you will remain in my prayers just as the Mayor was. stay in touch on the porch.*

Carrol Puckett-Holland - March 10, 2017 at 12:26 PM

PG

“ *Rest in Heavenly Peace, dearest Danny. You are SO loved by so many. Fly high with the Angels!*



Patti Garnett - March 10, 2017 at 10:35 AM

JG

“ *I am sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.*



Jewelene Gilley - March 10, 2017 at 10:22 AM

BS

“ *So very sorry for your loss. He will be missed on the porch.*



Brenda Stover - March 10, 2017 at 09:36 AM

JB

“ Goodbye to you my trusted friend
We had joy, we had fun
We had seasons in the sun

These words taken from the song Seasons in the Sun express some of my thoughts about Danny. He was my virtual friend but I felt closer to him than many of my actual friends.

I met Danny on the front porch of the I Miss West Virginia Coal Towns site. Conversing back and forth we found out that we both went to Stoco but at different times. He was best friends with my cousin Dale Henley and spent lots of time with Aunt Elizabeth and Uncle Fred at Whitby. He also knew my cousin Wright Hampton from Lillybrook.

He became Mayor of the "porchers" and appointed himself as the Welcome Ambassador. He got up early every morning, swept the porch, wiped down the rockers, put on the coffee and laid out breakfast on the sideboard. It was different every morning but always included cathead biscuits as big as your fist, cow butter and lots of homemade jams and jellies.

He was the first to know if one of our "porchers" was ailing and pass on the word so that we could all offer up a prayer of healing. If anyone was going thru a difficult time, he was there to lift them up. If anyone had an accomplishment he always responded with a big "you rock"! If anyone posted the news of a new grandchild, he was the first to offer congratulations.

I will miss our times on the porch but I know he is with loved ones gone before, especially his wife Barbara. If dogs are allowed in heaven, I know Danny right now is playing fetch with Joe Dilley. RIP dear friend.

Joyce Bacon - March 10, 2017 at 09:35 AM

WC

“ *REST IN PEACE MY FRIEND, YOU FOUGHT A GOOD FIGHT..*



WILLIAM COX - March 10, 2017 at 05:54 AM

SH

“ *Rest in Peace Mountaineer*



Sharon Hodock - March 10, 2017 at 04:51 AM

EJ

“ *I never met Danny but we were "porch" friends on social media. He was affectionally known as "The Mayor" and I thoroughly enjoyed his postings. I will miss our lively debates about the Stoco/Sophia rivalry and his memories of his beloved "Farco". RIP Mayor and fly high with the angels.*



Eddie M (Sellards) James - March 09, 2017 at 11:09 PM

JB

“ Danny was raised in the same area of my husband, Mickey. They attended the same high school. They were long time friends. My husband passed away in 2014 and Danny reached out to me on facebook with his kind words and encouragement after he heard about Mick'death. He never had anything but uplifting words to say to me or about my husband, but he was an encourager to everyone as was evidenced when you read comments that he made to others on facebook. The "front porch friends" who referred to him as the Mayor will miss him more than he will ever know. Rest in Peace my good friend.

Judy Bolen - March 09, 2017 at 10:57 PM

JS

“ To my West Virginia Facebook porch friend, from another West Virginian, Danny, rest high on that mountain buddy, and keep an eye on your many porch friends. You were truly a blessing and an inspiration to us all, and the porch will not be the same without you! Until we meet again on that heavenly mountain, enjoy your new found home.

Johnny F Cannoy Sr - March 09, 2017 at 10:15 PM

JS

“ RIP Facebook Friend Danny McGraw.



Johnny F Cannoy Sr - March 09, 2017 at 09:57 PM

JH

“ Rest In Peace Danny. We will miss you on the porch. Your humor and kindness will live on in our hearts. We will meet one day in Heaven.



Joan Sizemore Harsanyi - March 09, 2017 at 09:40 PM

FB

“ Fly high above those West Virginia mountains and be at peace, you're home now.



Frank and Mary Anne Brazell - March 09, 2017 at 09:10 PM

AD

“ I only knew Mr McGraw through his FB posts and came to look forward to each one every day. They made me smile and many more virtual friends like me. I am much appreciate of his sharing of himself and his memories with us. Sincerest condolences to the family.



April Miller- Dietricg - March 09, 2017 at 08:54 PM

DW

“ I'll meet you on the porch one of these glorious mornings when the Lord returns..... you will be missed.....🙏



Debbie from WV - March 09, 2017 at 08:48 PM

BD

“ *Our Mayor will be missed by so many. He was my ray of sunshine every morning and I loved having breakfast and setting on the porch with him every morning, even if it was only a virtual visit. Sure felt real to me. He will be deeply missed.*



Brenda Ferrell Dyess - March 09, 2017 at 08:47 PM

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