



Lawrence Edward 'Skip' McGranahan, II

January 1, 1946 - October 1, 2016

Obituary

Lawrence Edward McGranahan, II, (Skip) of Coweta, OK passed away on October 1, 2016. Skip was born on January 1, 1946 in East Cleveland, Ohio, the only son of the late Lawrence and Virginia McGranahan. Skip loved the outdoors from the time he was a child and was an avid hunter and fisherman. He received his first rifle at age 6 and learned survival skills at a young age at the side of his father. Multifaceted, he worked from 2000 feet underground in the Morton Salt mine to 20,000 feet above piloting a OV1 Mohawk in the Army. Skip served 2 tours in Vietnam, trained Vietnamese rangers and flew for the embassy flight detachment; he was highly decorated and did receive the Bronze Star. He was stationed at a Nike Hercules firing battery in Wisconsin at the height of the cold war. He proudly stated he served in the Reserves and completed his career with 28 years 9 months and 3 days. His Reserve Army career included instructor at the Command and General Staff College, and military intelligence as a highlight. As an engineer in private life, worked in salt and tronna mines, completed outages at refineries, built burial boxes for nuclear waste, worked in manufacturing and process improvement for Tru Temper and DuPont. He logged land, owned a casket company, was project manager in energy production, particularly the coal fired power plants throughout the country. Skip's interests included Astronomy, Physics, Science and Marine Biology, as well as raising Champion Polled Herefords. He instructed his three daughter's Kelly, Heather and Meghan in all these

disciplines. He had many lifetime mentor's and perpetuated this with people of all ages. Skip is survived by his wife, Katherine Laura McGranahan of Coweta, OK; his daughter, Heather McGranahan Mayer; grandsons Julian Douglas Mayer and Nathan McGranahan Mayer of Simpsonville, SC; and daughter Megan Jessica McGranahan of Mexico City, Mexico. He was predeceased by his first wife, Bonnie Harnist McGranahan, a daughter, Kelly Lee Gunter and a son Elmer McGranahan. Viewing will be from 6-8 PM on Monday, October 3, 2016 at the funeral home. Services celebrating Skip's life will be at 2 PM on Tuesday, October 4, 2016 at Wright-Brown Family Funeral Home Chapel in Coweta, OK. Family and friends may share memories online at www.brownfamilysfuneralhome.com. The family of Lawrence Edward "Skip" McGranahan, II entrusted his care and services to Wright-Brown Family Funeral Home, 210 S. Broadway, Coweta, OK 74429, 918-486-5515. To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Lawrence Edward 'Skip' McGranahan, II, please visit our floral store.

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AE

“Katie, The obituary that you wrote was wonderful. So was the man. I'll never forget that when you met him, he treated you like the queen that you are. You were always the cutest couple with the same sense of humor. I enjoyed being around him very much. I'm sorry that you had to go through such an emotional passing and I know that if Dan had the choice he would have wanted the same things. Now the hard part for you is beginning. You will hear from him again until he knows that you are all right. Being without him will be very hard but you will survive. I did. I still cry and think of Dan often. Just know that I am thinking of you and that I love you.. If you need to talk, I'm here. I don't want to prey upon you but I will call after things calm down for you and you have time to gather your thoughts. With great sympathy and love. Aldia

Aldia Elash - October 07, 2016 at 01:00 PM

JM

“Skip was a hoot at the outage we both worked in ColfaxLa. We shared many a beer and laughs after work. Prayers for his wife and familyz

Jim McCoun - October 07, 2016 at 01:00 PM

BM

“So sorry to hear about the passing of Col. Skip. I am thankful that I got to know him over the years. He was a brilliant man.

Brian Milam - October 07, 2016 at 01:00 PM

CG

“Katie, one more Angel to watch over us.

Chris Goin-Anderson - October 04, 2016 at 01:00 PM

AL

“Katie, I am so very sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you for grace, comfort and peace during this time. Angel

Angel Litz - October 03, 2016 at 01:00 PM