



Robert E. McCoy Jr.

April 12, 1950 - November 2, 2024

Robert E. McCoy Jr. "Mac" passed away Saturday, November 2, 2024, at his daughter's home in Oak Ridge, MO.

He was born April 12, 1950, in St. Louis, MO, to Robert E. McCoy Sr. and Glenda Hamlyn McCoy. He and Mary Beth Evitts were joined in marriage on Dec 16, 1978, in Gordonville, MO.

Robert worked for some time at Missouri Utilities, then for the Cape Girardeau Police Department for 29 years until retiring. He was a self-defense instructor for the Cape Girardeau Police Department and was a leader in the newly emerging Scientific Investigative Unit. After retirement he worked as a court security officer for the Federal Courthouse in Cape Girardeau and for a short period at the Department of Corrections, Probation and Parole Division. He enjoyed spending time on the farm, with his wife, and their numerous animals. He enjoyed woodworking, wood carving, hunting and working on his treehouse with his son and grandson. He was a jack of all trades who could build anything out of spare parts.

Robert is survived by his wife, Mary Beth; a son, Bryan (Wendy) McCoy; a daughter, Jenni (Chuck Haupt) McCoy; Seven grandchildren, Taimen (Marie) Taylor, Michael (Lillie) McCoy, Holly (Samuel) Rees, Morgan Rutherford, Kim (Robert) Haupt, Brandon Kohrman, and Stacey (Joey) Sides; eleven great-grandchildren, Devyn, Aidyn, Graisyn, and Nolyn Haupt, Margaux Rees, Ava and Ellie Kohrman, David, J.J., Zoie, and Braxton Sides; four brothers, Gerald (Paula) McCoy, Charles McCoy, Danny (Paula) McCoy and Todd (Ellen)

McCoy; four sisters, Florence (Melinda) McCoy, Kathy (Albert) Locke, Cindy Gaebler, and Kelly (Patrick) James; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Michael and Glenn McCoy; and four nephews.

A memorial visitation will be Friday, November 8, 2024, from 10 AM- 12 PM at Ford and Sons Funeral Home, Mt. Auburn Chapel. Memorial service will follow at Noon with the Rev. Francis Cantwell officiating.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com <<http://www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com>>.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 8. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Funeral Home
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Memorial Service

NOV 8. 12:00 PM.

Ford and Son Mt. Auburn Chapel

Tribute Wall

JF

“ I met and instantly knew Mac only last year. I feel his loss acutely.

john ford - November 08, 2024 at 03:00 PM

JK

“ I started at Cape Girardeau Police department in 1982. As part of the field training a new recruit would go to the different PD divisions to learn what they did. When it was my time to be in communications / dispatch for one month of training, Bob McCoy wanted to know if I would work with him undercover instead of my training in communications. So I worked with him undercover for a time. I remember Bob teaching PR-24 over the years. Once he was showing all the officers a PR-24 move on me & dislocated my L shoulder. Steve Shields, an officer was standing next to me and said he could hear the sound of my shoulder being dislocated! Some of the retired officers from CGPD get together weekly for lunch & Bob & Betsy would too. We will miss him, gone too soon. Prayers for peace and comfort to Betsy, family & friends. 🕊️🙏❤️
Judy Klaproth-Gentry

Judy Klaproth-Gentry - November 08, 2024 at 12:08 PM



Thank you for sharing, Judy. I too was a PR-24 "practice dummy". Dad will be missed.

Bryan McCoy - November 15, 2024 at 09:44 AM

CU

“ Cape Girardeau USBC purchased the Beautiful i
n Blue for the family of Robert E. McCoy Jr..



Cape Girardeau USBC - November 07, 2024 at 04:01 PM

JW

“ Mac was so kind, humble, thoughtful, and amazingly skilled in so
many areas; he perfected any skills he attempted. The pictures are
of two of the beautiful wood pieces he carved and crafted. We loved
seeing him enter the Dojo and will forever love and miss him. He
came in one night and said "my neighbor's tree fell down so I made
a homemade lathe and made you a bowl". Outstanding...just like
Mac. 💔😭💔 Prayers for his sweet wife and soul mate, Betsy, and
family.



Jani Williams - November 05, 2024 at 09:38 PM



Thank you for sharing, Jani.

Bryan McCoy - November 06, 2024 at 01:04 AM



I have a wood carving he did when I was 7 years old. I have held onto
it for 43 years and now I will hold it even closer.

Bryan McCoy - November 06, 2024 at 01:06 AM

JA

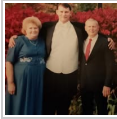
Bryan, my absolute pleasure. Wow, 7 years old; and what a treasure to hold onto physically as well as in your heart. God bless and continued prayers for you and yours. 🙏

Jani - November 07, 2024 at 12:23 AM

RO

“ *Bob was a good friend and a good officer. Kevin respected the heck out of Bob. He was quietly excellent: Doing his job with expertise but always humble.*

Ruth Ann Orr - November 05, 2024 at 02:16 PM



I can tell you the respect was reciprocated as he spoke fondly of Kevin also.

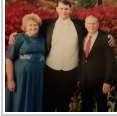
Bryan McCoy - November 05, 2024 at 03:57 PM

CC

“ *Mac was my good friend and frequent partner at Cape PD. Always known as reliable in any situation, and generous to a fault, you felt better when he showed up.*

He wasn't beyond being frustrated, however, as I found out when we went frog gigging in my pond one hot summer night. With Mac in the prow of the canoe, I paddled us around the shoreline and manned the spotlight while he wielded the gig. We had success, with the exception of one very large bull that sensed our approach every time and backed away into the reeds. On our fourth approach, when the frog began his retreat, Mac dropped the gig, pulled his off-duty .38 revolver, and at an impressive distance blew the bull into Froggy McNuggets. Since Mac wasn't one to waste game, he made sure to recover the legs. Good times.

Curt Casteel - November 05, 2024 at 01:19 PM



Thank you for sharing Curt. I got a good chuckle and a subsequent cry from your story.

Bryan McCoy - November 05, 2024 at 03:55 PM

KB

*“ , I worked at CGPD with Mac. He was always kind and generous with his time and talents. I was 21 years old driving a patrol car when I had a flat tire about a block from Mac’s house. I didn’t have a clue to how to change the tire and too proud to call the station for help because I knew I would be laughed at. I walked a block back to Mac’s house and asked him for help. Mac just laughed at me and walker back to help me. When I arrived back at the station with car the male officers were impressed. McCoy never told a soul about my lack of abilities and how he had changed the tire! He saved me from embarrassment and endless jokes . I so appreciated his kindness to me on that day and since then.
Rest in Peace, my friend*

Karen Buchheit - November 05, 2024 at 11:26 AM



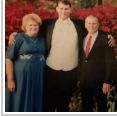
Thank you for sharing, Karen. I remember one day I was over for a visit and we were driving on Kingshighway, when ha saw a man collapse in the parking lot of the "do it yourself store" (don't remember the name) but he stopped, told me to stay in the car, ran inside told them to call 911, then went and stayed by the man's side until paramedics arrived.

Bryan McCoy - November 05, 2024 at 04:04 PM

JH

“ Mac was an amazing officer that I truly respected. When he learned I knew how to develop film he put me to work in the dark room - long before the digital days. My prayers are with his family during this time. May he rest in peace.

Janice Ham - November 05, 2024 at 10:34 AM



He was good about recruiting help when he needed it. When he started teaching self defense at the academy, when I would be over at the house, he would use me as a practice "dummy" for PR-24 holds. Thank you for sharing.

Bryan McCoy - November 05, 2024 at 04:10 PM

BM

“ *One morning we went out hunting and dad locked the keys in the truck, so when we got back to the truck, he had to walk to the nearest house to call mom to bring out spare keys. When he got back to the truck we sat and talked and joked about the situation until mom showed up. I will miss those talks and I am really glad I got to spend so much time with you the past few weeks. I love and miss you already. Rest easy dad.*

Bryan McCoy - November 04, 2024 at 09:25 PM

KL

this past family reunion, i sat down at the table and talk to Bobby and Besty, i know it was God way of letting me say goodbye, i will miss my oldest brother

Kathy Locke - November 04, 2024 at 09:49 PM

LS

I met Bob in 1990, as a student in the academy. Bob taught me more than just knowledge for the job, he passed on a lot of good "life" advise that I would recall on over my 25 years in law enforcement. So sorry to hear of Bob's passing. Rest easy "David 35"

Loyd Shaffer - January 22 at 10:45 PM