



James Edward "Ed" McConnell Jr.

September 15, 1954 - July 8, 2020

Edward McConnell died suddenly on July 8, 2020. He was born September 15, 1954 to Joyce Mayes McConnell and the late James Edward McConnell Sr. He was a graduate of McEachern High School and Kennesaw College. He was happily married to Jan Smith McConnell for 46 years until her passing in 2017.

Edward was employed at Lockheed Martin for 36 years. He retired as UID & Customer Property Management Program Manager. He loved working and received numerous awards throughout his career.

Edward was a very social person who loved people. He never met a stranger, was kind and generous to all. In his youth, he earned and was awarded the rank of Eagle Scout. He enjoyed travel, music, fishing, and cooking. Ed had an incredible memory and could easily recite facts about music, beer, college football, cooking and many other topics. He was an avid University of Georgia Football fan who never missed a game.

Ed lived his life to the fullest and spread love generously. He knew that "Those who died yesterday had plans for this morning and those who died this morning had plans for tonight. Don't take life for granted. In the blink of an eye everything can change. So, forgive often and love with all your heart. You may never get that chance again."

He leaves behind his mother Joyce Mayes McConnell, two brothers Wesley (Sally) and David (Christy), and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation and Memorial Service are being delayed until it is safe for public gatherings.

Comments



“ Oh my goodness I was so saddened when I heard of Ed’s passing. We talked every few months since Jan passed away and I retired. We met over 30 years ago at Lockheed, traveled a lot together over the years. We witnessed the good and bad times of each other’s lives. The last time we talked about a month ago, we spoke a lot about God and His goodness. My heart is so sad, but, spirit knows he is with His maker and Jan. Will miss our conversations. RIP Ed!

Patrice Smith - July 20 at 04:52 PM



“ Ed was very special! He always made you feel like friend you had known for years. I loved his expertise on fishing, food, music and of course the Georgia Bulldogs. It was an honor to have known Ed. Prayers for the McConnell family.

Carole Ann Mitchell - July 18 at 09:53 AM



“ I shall miss our conversations over a beer at Henry’s. Ed was a good man, but missed his wife so terribly it was heartbreaking. May his loved ones find comfort in the knowledge they are now reunited!

Jane Anderson - July 17 at 01:21 PM



“ I was so saddened to hear of Ed’s passing. He was a true friend and a pleasure to work with over our many years at LM. As many have posted, he was a genuine person and loved his friends. If you knew Ed, you were blessed. Ed will truly be missed. Rest In Peace.

Harry Campagna - July 17 at 10:08 AM



“ Wow, Ed was such a down to earth guy. He always kept it real and just gave you the straight talk. I only got to work with him for a few years, but I enjoyed the time I got to know him. Rest in Peace Ed!!

Chris Jones - July 16 at 04:57 PM



“ I was heartbroken to learn of Ed's passing. I extend my deepest sympathy to his and Jan's families. Over the thirty-plus years of working with Ed at Lockheed Martin, he spoke of many of you so fondly. It was clear to me that he loved you all very much. He called me (by mistake!) a month ago, and we ended up talking for an hour. It was always a pleasure working with Ed, but a much greater one having him for a friend.

Sandra Abbott - July 15 at 10:11 AM



“ For the few years I knew Ed I came to understand why my buddies loved and appreciated his companionship. Ed was a TRUE friend whose love of music was second to none. Our mutual appreciation of music (and bands) was our common denominator. He will sorely be missed at our gigs! He had all the qualities of a great guy. My sincere sympathy to the family.



Peter Heintz - July 14 at 10:06 PM



“ I'm so sorry to hear about Edward. I last saw him at a funeral several years ago. I've always loved you McConnell brothers and have fond memories of you at Lost Mountain Church. My sincere sympathy to all the family.

Mary Stanley - July 14 at 07:39 PM



“ To all of Ed's family. I worked with Ed at Lockheed and enjoyed the interactions he and I had. I considered Ed a friend. He was always nice to me and provided me a safe refuge when I was going through some turbulent times. Ed was energetic, smart and personable. We didn't have much interaction after he retired but he will always remain with me. Prayers to you all. Ed was a good man and a good friend.

Donnie Carnes - July 14 at 07:11 AM



“ Wesley and other family: I am so sad to hear of Ed's passing. He was a good friend and gave me many hours of laughter especially at KJC. Prayers for you all. Jan Wigley Dalton

Jan Dalton - July 13 at 07:05 PM



“ Dearest Ed, we miss you so much. Such a kind hearted soul you had and a way about you that brighten up everyone you met, as you didn't know a stranger. I can just see you sitting at the feet of the Lord talking away to Him! I know that one day I'll see you again. Until then, keep the heaven choir on there toes!



Trisha Cook - July 13 at 01:31 PM



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David Blunski - July 13 at 12:51 PM



“ I cannot believe my good friend of 53 years is gone. But I know Ed, that you're happy now that you're reunited with Jan. AND, I know that she is SO happy to have you back!

We sure had a lot of good times and laughs together. Thanks so much for all the memories you provided in our lives. Marianne & I are going to miss you so much and our hearts go out to the entire McConnell clan.

David & Marianne Blunski



David Blunski - July 13 at 12:51 PM



“ I was saddened when I heard the news today that Ed had passed away. I worked with Ed over the years at Lockheed Martin Aeronautics and enjoyed his positive, friendly and kind personality. He was always a professional and all around great gentlemen. It was far too early for Ed to go, but I'm sure he's smiling down at us and saying, "see y'all later". Ed, we will miss you my friend.

Jeff Bracken



Jeff Bracken - July 13 at 12:12 PM



“ I was so saddened to hear of Ed's passing. We worked together for many years at Lockheed Martin and I don't think I ever met a more decent guy. We shared many laughs over the years and retired about the same time. My deepest sympathy to his family. The world has lost a shining light.

Marsha Childs - July 13 at 11:58 AM