



## Mr. Stephen Merick McGaughey

December 24, 1945 - May 5, 2018

Mr. Stephen Merick McGaughey, 72, passed away Saturday, May 5, 2018. Mr. McGaughey was born Dec 24, 1945 and named after his father Merick McGaughey, the school superintendent for their district. His mother Ruth Ford McGaughey taught 2nd grade. Steve's birth was always celebrated with Christmas and he recalled that he never had a birthday party until he was aged 22. He's made up for this over the past 20 years, his children have gathered for a combined Christmas/Birthday celebration and Steve always had the largest pile of gifts to open. Steve is best known among the family as SkeeterPa. He's been the go to man for fixing things, strategizing, and problem solving. His children have coined the word "Skeeterpawing it" for a makeshift solution that gets what's broken working again. Steve was born in Knox City, Texas and raised on a small homestead farm in Benjamin, Texas. He was voted Most Likely to Succeed in the 1963 Benjamin High School Yearbook. He attended McMurry University in Abilene, Texas and completed graduate studies with an MA in Chemistry from Texas Tech in Lubbock, Texas. He served for 4 years active duty in the US Army and 6 years in the Reserves. He worked as a Chemist at Dow Chemical and as a Regional Manager of Sales in the Southwest for Waters Corporation out of Milford, New Jersey.

Steve is best remembered for his gentle Curmudgeon Nature, his sense of humor, his amazing energy, and his "get 'er done" style.

Steve is survived by his wife, Patti McGaughey; his sister, Barbara McGaughey; his daughters, Amy (JT) Proctor of Friendswood, and Angela (Kevin) Terry of Helena, Montana; sons, Robert (Melissa Laura) of Boston, Massachusetts, Matthew (Melissa Renee) of Dallas and Canuche (Mercy Rome) Terranella of Samara, Costa Rica; and grandchildren, Kyrstin, Tracey and Johan Proctor; Jacob, Logan, and Daxton Terry; William and Nathaniel McGaughey; Madison McGaughey; and Cosimo and Adele Terranella making a clan of 21 children and grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Houston SPCA - Memorial Gifts using the following website: <http://www.houstonspca.org/give/memorials-and-tributes.html>.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Stephen Merick McGaughey*

October 05, 2023 at 01:51 AM



“ *I and my sister, Joyce (deceased in 2019), grew up in Los Angeles, California, with our mom, Nannie McGaughey Trainham, , so did not get to know our cousin. We did hear news through the years, and I remember particularly when his mom died. We always referred to him as Skeet. What a wonderful, large family he left behind! I know you will all miss him very much but will have many happy memories of the times you shared together. Sarah "Anita" Trainham Trick*

Sarah "Anita"Trainham Trick - April 16, 2020 at 10:41 AM



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Karen Nadalsky - May 21, 2018 at 08:33 PM

RB

“ I was 4 years behind Skeet in school as he was a senior when I was in the 8th grade. All us younger boys looked up to Skeet as he was quite the athlete and very fast. Skeet and his friend David Gentry made quite the pair on the football field. Skeet always treated us younger kids with respect and would always take time to teach us how to be better. A few years after graduation from High School I had the pleasure of having Skeet as my Chemistry Lab Instructor at Texas Tech University where he was a graduate student. Skeet was a good man and I will always remember his kindness. I also had the pleasure of having Skeet's mother Mrs. McGaughey as my first and second grade teacher.

*May GOD grant you the family courage, strength and love during this time.*

*Robert Brett Bumpas*

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**Robert Bumpas** - May 10, 2018 at 10:29 PM

CD

“ We have fond memories of all The McGaughey Family.

*We lived just down the road, west of their home in Benjamin, Texas, during the 1940s and 1950s. We knew Stephen as "Skeet" back then. He and my sister, Cheryl Headrick Daniel, were in the same class at school. Johnny McGaughey and my husband shared their high-school years at Benjamin Independent School District. .*

*When I was 8 years old in 1949, I began walking the short distance to the McGaughey home once a week with my fifty cents to pay Mrs. McGaughey for giving me my 30-minute piano lessons. I remember many times Vera making delicious fudge or other special treats for us all to enjoy.*

*After we married in 1958, Mr. McGaughey hired me to do some typing for him at the courthouse when he was Knox County School Superintendent.*

*We are thankful for our "Mayberry RFD" quality of life in Benjamin, Texas, and for the friends and family who shared those years with us.*

*God Bless You All,*

*James and Carol Headrick Duke*

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**Carol Duke** - May 10, 2018 at 09:50 AM

CW

“ Remembering Mr. MaGaughey and sweet, Mrs. MaGaughey from my seeing them as a little girl. They were both so respected, and loved by all who knew them. May the families and friends always lean into the Lord and let the Holy Spirit strengthen and comfort them now and in the days to come.  
Carolyn Joy Stone Welch

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**Carolyn Stone Welch** - May 09, 2018 at 10:49 PM

JH

“ So sorry to hear about Skeet. I was a year below him in school. He was a great guy. My condolences to him family.

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**Janis Hall Gentry Hunt** - May 09, 2018 at 09:09 PM

JR

“ Skeet and I shared our high school years! He was a great guy. I am so sorry for your loss.

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**Jo Carol Dowd Riordan** - May 09, 2018 at 08:48 PM

CA

“ Skeet was my cousin. My fondest memories of him was when we spent some time together at his brother's Johnny and Barbara McGaughey in San Antonio. Johnny was stationed there while in the army. We went on lots of adventures together. Another fond memory was the summer he drove the tractor for my dad on our family farm. He was a hard worker and always brought up the time he accidently plowed up a row of little pecan trees that my daddy was nurturing. He will be missed.

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**Carol** - May 09, 2018 at 06:30 PM

JC

“ *Patti and the McGaughey family,*

*We are so sorry for your loss. Steve was a true friend and I will always cherish the many hours of "gym chat" we shared over the years.*

*Joe Capizola & Peggy Thomas*

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**Joe Capizola** - May 09, 2018 at 01:47 PM

PM

*Thanks Joe. I know he treasured your friendship and conversations on the bikes. He kept going to the gym even after he needed a cane.*

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**Patti McGaughey** - May 15, 2018 at 06:14 PM