



## Linnie Walter McCracken

March 26, 1950 - August 30, 2014

Linnie W. McCracken, age 64, died August 30, 2014 at his home in Orlando, Florida surrounded by family. Linnie loved his family. He was married to his sweetheart, Helen, for 42 years. They have a daughter, Jessica McCracken Weber, and two grandchildren, Elizabeth Weber and Jason Weber. Linnie is survived by his wife, daughter, grandchildren, sister, Illa Hodges, Jacksonville, FL and brother, David McCracken, North Carolina and many nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews, aunt, cousins, in-laws and extended family.

Linnie was born to Leonard and Leonda McCracken 1950 in Chillicothe, Missouri. He recently returned to Chillicothe to visit family. Linnie took one last adventure with family on a trip covering 18 states. The trip include a visit to the Hoover Dam, which Linnie's father had worked on during his youth, and a trip to the Grand Canyon. Linnie said there were no words to describe what the eye could see and no picture to capture the breadth and depth of the world's natural wonder. It was something you had to experience in person.

Linnie served in the United States Army and fought in Vietnam. Linnie believed in the founding principles of U.S.A., freedom. He believed that freedom was a right for all people regardless of the country of origin, and he was willing to fight for that right for all. He said, "Whether you believe in what the other guy is saying or not, he has the right to say it, even if it may make you feel like you want to knock his teeth out."

Linnie was a heavy machine operator and worked on construction sites around the Orlando area over the past 30 years. Linnie enjoyed taking walks

through the swamps of Florida and discovering the wildlife hidden beneath the canopy. He taught his daughter and grandchildren to respect and enjoy the nature around them. He enjoyed visiting forts and teaching his daughter, grandchildren, nieces and nephews the history of the fort, era, battle and tools of the time.

Linnie enjoyed living and had an adventurous spirit. He rode motorcycles and drove muscle cars in his younger years and hiked canyons, climbed mountains and stood on ledges just two months before moving on to the last untold adventure.

Linnie was the remaining patriarch of the family. He will be missed more than words can express.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Gathering

SEP 6. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory Maitland Chapel  
9001 N. Orlando Ave  
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## Reception

SEP 6. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Terry Coxwell & Heather McKinley lit a candle in memory of Linnie Walter McCracken



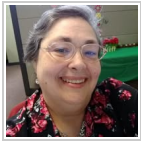
Terry Coxwell & Heather McKinley - September 07, 2014 at 08:34 AM

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“ Anne Brooks lit a candle in memory of Linnie Walter McCracken



Anne Brooks - September 06, 2014 at 09:01 AM



“ I met Linnie through my best friend, Sally. I always saw how he loved his family! He was on the quiet side but when he did speak you usually were laughing like crazy. He was a good man & will be greatly missed. RIP

Sandra Hawkins - September 05, 2014 at 07:44 PM

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“ Liza Lagade purchased the Classic Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Linnie Walter McCracken.



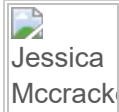
Liza Lagade - September 05, 2014 at 02:36 PM

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“ Linnie was a great uncle. He teased me every chance he got, taught me a lot about history, told funny jokes, and was kind. I used to go stay with Linnie, Helen and Jessica for summers when I was a kid. They took us to Forts, amusement parks, picnics at the Lake, to watch planes take off and land, and many more places. Forts and museums were my favorite because Linnie would tell us about everything we saw there. Those are some of many cherished memories. I will miss him very much.

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**Jennifer Kibbin** - September 04, 2014 at 07:03 AM



Jessica  
Mccracken

*Me too*

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**Jessica Mccracken** - September 05, 2014 at 03:12 AM