



Joseph Lee McCoy

December 4, 1930 - February 12, 2021

Joseph Lee McCoy, 90, Sheffield, died February 12, 2021. There will be a graveside service at 12:00 p.m. Saturday, February 20, at Oakwood Cemetery, Sheffield, with Dr. Zach Richards officiating.

Joe was preceded in death by his wife, Frances. He also was preceded in death by his parents Vonley and Chloe McCoy; his brother Jim, his wife Mona, and their son Jimmy; and his brother-in-law Ron Newborn.

He is survived by daughters, Regina McCoy (Larry Brumbeloe), Sheffield, and Rhonda McCoy, Muscle Shoals, along with his beloved Yorkie, Jock, and his “grand-dogs”, Wally and Rosie. Joe was also survived by his sister-in-law, Doris Newborn; nieces and nephews; and extended family.

“Little Joe” never met a stranger and was always willing to help people if he could. He was an avid Alabama fan. He enjoyed driving his Corvairs and “tinkering” with them. He also enjoyed golf, bowling, and NASCAR. One of his favorite past-times, until it burned down, was visiting Stanfield’s with his buddies, Phares Birdwell and Ellard Greene.

Joe was a proud Korean War veteran and retired from Reynolds Alloys and the Army National Guard.

Pallbearers are Johnny Borden, Nelson Casiday, Lloyd Jackson, Terry Lester, Alex Newborn, and Bobby Rutledge. Honorary pallbearers are Larry Brumbeloe and Buster Isbell.

The family would like to thank Visiting Angels and Comfort Care Hospice for their caring assistance with our Dad.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Joe’s memory to Small Paws Rescue, Tulsa, Oklahoma, or to St. Jude, Memphis, Tennessee.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

FEB **20**. 12:00 PM (CT)

Oakwood Cemetery, Sheffield
3523 Jackson Hwy
Sheffield, AL

Tribute Wall

CS

“ I send my heart and prayers to you on the loss of your Dad. He will always be in your heart.

Sincerely, Carol Snyderman

Small Paws Volunteer,

Marblehead, MA

Carol Snyderman - February 24, 2021 at 04:34 PM

BL

“ Regina - Just saw the notice regarding your father online at Small Pets. With so much upsetting news out there these days, it is nice to remember people of the greatest generation. My father was too, and I am so proud of him today and will be as long as I am alive.

When my father passed, one of the mourners said “Becky, as long as you are alive, your dad lives on.” I believe that, and try to honor him in my behavior and actions. Given your job, you are a credit to him in helping the vulnerable and helpless. Sounds as if he loved dogs too and he will live on through you.

Becky Leonard

Birmingham, AL

becky leonard - February 22, 2021 at 06:02 PM

CD

“ Dear Regina - I didn't know your father but I do know that losing a loved one is painful. May the Lord give you the peace that surpasses earthly understanding. What an honour to have had a father for that many years. Blessings
- Cristina in Oro Valley, Az.



Cristina DiMurro - February 20, 2021 at 08:46 PM

GF

“ Thank you for your service to our country, Mr. McCoy. Please watch over your sweet daughter, Regina. Bring comfort to her through all your precious memories. I will be sending prayers and love to your friends and family. Rest In Peace, and God Bless Regina.

Gretchen Faulhaber Member of Small Paws Rescue

Gretchen Faulhaber - February 19, 2021 at 12:27 PM

LB

“ Regina, I am so sorry for the loss of your dad. I will be praying for your comfort. Much love to you, Louie B

Louie B - February 19, 2021 at 10:09 AM

KS

“ Blessings and Bright Lights to Guide and Comfort each of you during this Time of Transition.

Kathryn M Smith - February 19, 2021 at 09:26 AM

VB

“ Dear Regina and family—You have my deepest sympathy in the loss of your father. He was a great patriot and served his country valiantly. May you find comfort in your memories. Virginia Sory Brown, Small Paws Michigan volunteer

Virginia Sory Brown - February 19, 2021 at 07:11 AM

LG

“ Regina - I am a member of Small Paws and saw the note about your Dad. I am so sorry for your loss. It's obvious that he was a hero and a member of the Greatest Generation. My Dad was too, and I lost him 9 years ago -- but I miss him everyday. Please know that you and your family are in my prayers for this loss. God Bless him and you. Linda Garrison, Henderson, Nevada

Linda Garrison - February 18, 2021 at 11:14 PM

JM

“ Rhonda, I'm so thankful that Carolyn and I were doing her memory lane ride through the neighborhood and there stood your daddy. We stopped and had a little talk with him and laughed. It was so good to see him. We loved him so much. He was a wonderful, kind man. You were blessed. We're so sorry for your loss. We love you so much our dear friend. God bless you and Regina. Much love, Philip & Julie McCreary

juliana mcreary - February 18, 2021 at 06:49 PM

RH

Thank you so much sweetheart. We were truly blessed. I love you- Rhonda McCoy

Rhonda - February 19, 2021 at 09:25 AM



“ Thank you sir for your service to our country and for your kindness to the Small Paws babies. Rest in Peace.

Joan Hutchinson - February 18, 2021 at 02:37 PM

GL

“ Regina and family, sending prayers of comfort to you all on your loss. What great memories you have to remember your dad.
Geri Leland, Small Paws IL - Foster and Adopter.

Geri Leland - February 18, 2021 at 02:33 PM

BB

Dear Rhonda and Regina:

So sorry to learn of Joe's passing. We extend our sincere sympathy. He was a great friend and we were so glad to have had him worship with us at Cox Boulevard for many years. We are grateful for his service to our country.

God bless.

With love,

Billy and JoAn Banks

Billy Banks - February 18, 2021 at 04:42 PM

AM

“ Regina,

We are very sorry to hear of your terrible loss of your daddy. Healing thoughts are with you from CO, and we send you and your family peace and love.

Love,

Amy Venable-Murphy

Amy - February 18, 2021 at 01:34 PM

PA

“ Regina and Family - Our heartfelt condolences on the passing of your Daddy. He was indeed a member of the Greatest Era of the United States. We thank him in prayers for his service to our Country and we know he was a blessing to you and your entire family. I have been a member of Small Paws Rescue since 2004 when I adopted my beloved (and now deceased) Bichon "Miss Daphne Moon". Everyone who is dedicated to SPR is very special and very essential. God speed your Daddy to Heaven! We will keep him in our prayers. Warm thoughts from Penny and Ray Alvarado, Daly City, CA



Penny Alvarado - February 18, 2021 at 12:24 PM

GW

“ Regina - was saddened to hear about your father. Although I never knew him you helped us with several Small Paws adoptions and based on your actions I'll bet he was one hell of a dad! You, your family, your Dad will be in our prayers and remember he lives on in the memories of all of us...
Geoff Ward
Bandon, Oregon

Geoff Ward - February 18, 2021 at 12:21 PM

HP

“ Regina and family, I am so very sorry for your loss. Sending hugs and prayers your way. God bless.

Heidi E. Peter
Alabama



Heidi E. Peter - February 18, 2021 at 12:04 PM

JP

“ Regina, so sorry to hear of your loss. I have been a foster for Small Paws for years and appreciate your involvement. My dad died at 52 from health issues attributed to injuries he received in WWII France in 1944. I will leave you with a slogan on my wall. "Old as she is she still misses her Daddy," God bless. Janice Trostle in Texas



Janice PylesTrostle - February 18, 2021 at 10:38 AM

TT

“ Regina. I never had the pleasure of meeting your dad, but I'm sure he was an awesome father. I'm so sorry for your loss. We're praying for your family in this sad time.

The Taylors, small paws adoptee

The Taylors - February 18, 2021 at 09:32 AM

LH

“ Regina and Family, I am deeply sorry for your loss. I honor Joseph for the service he gave his country. As an 11-year veteran, I understand the cost of being separated from family especially during a war era. I am sure all of you are very proud of him. I wish your family peace and comfort. Blessings...

*Lin Hilliard
Small Paws Rescue Adoptee*

Lin Hilliard - February 18, 2021 at 09:18 AM

LS

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I thank your father for his service. I pray for comfort and strength for all of you during this most difficult time.

Lynn Schneider Small Paws Rescue adoptee

Lynn Schneider - February 18, 2021 at 08:58 AM

JB

“ Thanking your Father for his service, and for helping the world be a better place through You and Yours. God blessed us through Joseph McCoy then, and continues now, and forever to come.

*Small Paws, very, very large Hearts.
Bless you,*

Pat and Joan Borders

John Borders - February 18, 2021 at 07:47 AM

GW

“ So sorry for your loss. Want to thank your dad for his service. I am sure your dad was proud of you. He raised an exceptional daughter.

Gwen Winkler - February 18, 2021 at 02:08 AM

TL

“ Dear Regina and family, I'm so sorry for the loss of your dear family member. It's soooo hard to lose someone you love. My prayers are with you.
Terri Whipple

Terri Whipple. Dog lover - February 18, 2021 at 12:43 AM

KO

“ As a fellow Small Pawser, I send condolences and the wish for you and your family to find peace along with your sorrow. And as a military man, his service to our great country is appreciated. So many brave men around his age are leaving us for their eternal rest. God bless you all.
Katherine Overby



Katherine Overby - February 17, 2021 at 10:48 PM

RH

“ Dear Regina, Rhonda and Family

I am so sorry to hear of the loss of cousin Joe, the memories I have are all of a happy and out going person. The few times we had together in our younger years are remembered about the gatherings with our Grandparents at Christmas and family reunions. My military career and job assignment kept me away so visits were very few, my memories of him will always be happy ones and I know Joe Lee is with our Lord and Saviour.

Robert Hendrix

Robert Hendrix - February 17, 2021 at 09:59 PM

JM

“ Dear Regina and Family,

My condolences on your loss. Although you don't know me, I feel a shared connection to your dad from his military service and as a Bama fan. I regret that our paths never crossed and there was no opportunity to hear his war stories. I salute him for his service to our country and mourn his passing.

Roll Tide, "Little Joe"

*Jan Maderios
USAF Retired*

Jan Maderios - February 17, 2021 at 09:36 PM

SH

“ Dear Regina, my condolences to you and your family on the passing of your dad. He must have been a very special man to have raised a caring individual like yourself. Thank goodness that SPR has you to see that these babies go to their best homes.

Love is eternal,

Sharon Hildebrand

Charlie (aka: Abel 2014)

Sharon Hildebrand - February 17, 2021 at 08:54 PM

CB

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Sending prayers. Celia Baiel (Small Paws Foster Volunteer)

celia baiel - February 17, 2021 at 08:49 PM

JM

“ Regina, we're so sorry for your loss. Dad's are so special. God bless! We have rescued two precious babies from Small Paws and can't thank you enough for your part in that. You are a special person. And I know your Dad is so proud of you!

JoRose Melchiorre - February 17, 2021 at 08:47 PM

KM

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. May the special memories of your father bring you comfort at this difficult time.

Kathy Martin, Small Paws adopter.

Kathy Martin - February 17, 2021 at 08:39 PM

NP

“ Regina....I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your dear father. As a long time SPR member (and frequent foster failure) I'm sure our paths have crossed somewhere in the past. But more importantly, we are family, joined by our love of Small Paws. And when one of us hurts, we all hurt. Know you are in my thoughts and prayers...may your wonderful memories bring you comfort in the days ahead.

Norma Pruss - February 17, 2021 at 08:29 PM

KH

“ I am so very deeply sorry to hear of your father’s passing. Regina, I feel as I know you as we are both part of The Small Paws family. I have adopted two pups from Small Paws so I’m sure our paths have crossed. I pray for comfort for you and all your dad’s loved ones as he is now resting in peace. Peace be with you as well.

Kathleen Harris - February 17, 2021 at 08:16 PM

SA

“ So sorry for the loss of your father. My Dad served at Pearl when it got hit. Those men were special breed. May he rest in the peace he so richly deserves. Sending comfort and prayers

Sandie smallpaws adopter - February 17, 2021 at 08:16 PM

PH

“ So sad to hear about the death of your dad I remember the morning my dad passed away. He too was a member of the greatest generation. My parents got married right after Pearl harbor because they were afraid they would be separated. It was a wonderful generation. I carry a multitude of memories with me every day and you will too.

phyllis Howell - February 17, 2021 at 08:12 PM

DS

“ So sorry to hear of your father's passing. Thank you for your service to our country.

Darlene Slawson - February 17, 2021 at 08:09 PM

RC

“ I saw the news of your Father's passing via Small Paws rescue newsletter. Having adopted twice, you were likely my adoption processor. Sending my heartfelt thoughts from Ontario, Canada, to you and your family.

Ruth Cooper - February 17, 2021 at 08:05 PM

FH

“ Regina, didn't know your dad but want to thank him for his service to our country. My prayers for you and your family.
Fran Halley

Fran Halley - February 17, 2021 at 08:01 PM

LH

“ I was so sorry to hear about Joe's passing. I served in the National Guard with him for about six years, then transferred to the Army Reserve and then later moved away. My wife and I moved back to Sheffield when we retired about six years ago and started attending York Terrace Baptist Church. I was overjoyed to run into him again as a fellow church member! I used to get so tickled at him in the Guard because his name for me was "Little Man." Now I only weighed about 130 pounds back then, but I was bigger than him and looked down on top of his head! I also knew his brother Jim and worked with Mona at Sheffield Utilities, but always looked forward to seeing Joe at church. He was always so pleasant and had a smile on his face. I never once heard him complain about anything. His sweet soul has gone to his reward. God bless you all!

Lynn Helton

Lynn Helton - February 17, 2021 at 06:54 PM

RH

Such kind words and stories are making this difficult time a little easier. It was funny that daddy called people 6 feet tall " little man", but that was "little Joe". Thanks again for the kind words and great story and blessings on your family during these troubled times. Rhonda McCoy

Rhonda - February 17, 2021 at 08:11 PM

SJ

“ Regina and Rhonda,

I am so very sorry for your loss. You and your family will be in my prayers.

Susan Cleveland Johnston

Susan Johnston - February 17, 2021 at 12:26 PM

RH

Thank you so much Susan

Rhonda - February 17, 2021 at 06:16 PM

JW

“ Regina, although I never met him, I know that your father must have been a remarkable man full of strength, determination, resilience, compassion and love. Because his daughter...you...is just that. Your daddy is smiling down upon you. Sending love and hugs and prayers.

Jan Weatherred

Jan Weatherred - February 16, 2021 at 06:35 PM

HC

“ So many memories of Little Joe. Rhonda as we talked the other day, Joe and Moe their high school days and the Famous James motor cycles. Not to forget corvair king. Remembering the trips to NASCAR and trips to Indy. Number of times Moe and Joe bailed out the Church busses. I am sure that mu!



Harvey Nelson Casiday - February 15, 2021 at 07:12 PM

DH

“ Oh my, at the times Rhonda and I prayed for our dads! Once or twice a month our dads and Phares Birdwell would take a ride out to Ford City to eat fish at Stanfields. The people there were awesome to the three old men out for fun and good food and fun they did have. Rhonda and I exchanged phone numbers one day at the bank so we would at least have a number to start searching for the old guys in case they didn't make it back home.

They rotated driving until dad and Phares could no longer drive. Stanfields burned down and they had to stop that little trip but by then only Joe was driving. It worked out ok because fitting three men and two walkers into Joe's little car was a challenge. That was happy times for three old buddies. They had many golfing tales that they shared with us often.

God bless you Rhonda and I pray you have many happy memories.

Debbie Greene Howard

Debbie Howard - February 14, 2021 at 02:23 PM

RH

Debbie, thank you so much for that fond remembrance and great laugh. Just like Grumpy Old Men and the blind leading the blind but truly blessed by sweet old dads that could still get around as well as they did for so long. May God Bless you and Mr Ellard

Rhonda - February 14, 2021 at 04:45 PM

JY

The world won't be the same, I thought a lot of that Old Man !
Jim Youngman

Jim Youngman - February 15, 2021 at 08:12 AM

WB

“ Mr. McCoy was the highlight of anyone’s day who got to spend time with him. I deliver mail for the post office and have been lucky to deliver his mail for the last three years. Every time I walked up to his porch he greeted me and the other carriers with a smile and a Dr. Pepper. He will be sorely missed and everyone at the post office wants to express our love and condolences to his family.

Will Brown - February 14, 2021 at 11:08 AM

RH

Thank you for those sweet kind words Will and thanks for always taking care of daddy and being a Frontline hero but you should have taken me up on that dr pepper I offered couple of weeks ago

Rhonda - February 14, 2021 at 04:52 PM

RM

Thanks for your kind words and thanks to you, the other carriers, and staff for keeping an eye on Daddy.

Regina McCoy - February 14, 2021 at 10:42 PM

EC

“ Ronda and Regina, I am sorry for your loss. Joe was my friend and co-worker at Reynolds for many years. On Flag Day, June 14th, I always think of him and how proud he was that his flag once flew over the Capital in DC. I have so many good memories of him and hope they are your good memories too.

Edith Cabaniss - February 13, 2021 at 08:04 PM

CL

“ Regina, am so sorry to hear of the loss of your father. After such a long life I imagine he is enjoying a pain-free rest, I’ll be praying for you and your family with much love. Cindy Leigh

Cindy Leigh - February 13, 2021 at 01:52 PM

JR

“ Dear Regina,
My heartfelt sympathy on the loss of your dad. My thoughts and prayers are with your family during this sad time.
Joanne Raus

JOANNE RAUS - February 13, 2021 at 01:26 PM

BO

“ Regina, I'm so very sorry to hear about your dad. Thoughts and prayers for you and your family.

Hugs,

~Bonnie Feguson

Bonnie - February 13, 2021 at 01:16 PM

GS

“ Regina...

You know this story, but I want to share it again. Years ago, when the commemorative state quarters were put into circulation, I was collecting them for my kids. One time, I commented to you that I was having trouble finding some of them when they were released. You told your dad, and he took it upon himself to find the quarters for me...and every one that was released thereafter. I never had to worry about finding them...always got them in the mail. He did this for a person that lived 200 miles away, and a person that he had never met. Even though I never had the chance to meet him, I could tell he was a man of kindness, integrity, and class.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Gary Springston & Family

Gary Springston - February 13, 2021 at 01:09 PM

RM

Gary,

I remember the story well. Once I mentioned it to Daddy, he felt it was his mission to ensure your kids had their quarters. Thanks for the kind words.

- Regina

Regina McCoy - February 14, 2021 at 08:12 PM

RP

“ Regina,
Your Small Paws family is praying for and your family, for comfort at this sad and difficult time in your lives.

We love you.

Blessed are those who mourn for they will be comforted.
Mathew 5:4

Robin Pressnall
Executive Director
Small Paws® Rescue

Robin Pressnall - February 13, 2021 at 12:43 PM



“ Loved Uncle Joe so so much! He was such a loving and caring man of God. He will be missed so much! Prayers for you Regina & Rhonda.....



Melinda Cagle - February 13, 2021 at 10:21 AM

VN

“ Rhonda, So sorry to hear about your dad. Thinking and praying for peace and comfort for you



Vicki Nicholson - February 13, 2021 at 10:07 AM

JC

“ Jan Cornelius lit a candle in memory of Joseph Lee McCoy



Jan Cornelius - February 13, 2021 at 08:08 AM

RH

Thank you Jan, you have always been such a dear to me and especially to daddy, God Bless You

Rhonda - February 13, 2021 at 08:58 AM

CN

I'm so sorry about Joe. We loved him. It hasn't been long since Julie and I stopped out in front of his house and talked to him.

Carolyn Nash - February 13, 2021 at 10:17 AM

RH

Thank you Carolyn, you and Winston, the Jeffrey's and Denton have always been dear friends but more like family, love ya'll

Rhonda - February 13, 2021 at 12:23 PM

PL

Joe was one of the most loving and caring people I have ever known. I will miss our visits. He was full of stories, past and present every time I went through on my way to Tennessee. I remember how funny he thought it was when he got his last new car. He said there were so many like his in town and Regina and Rhonda couldn't tell his from the rest. So he went down and had a racing stripe put on it from front to back!!! Praying for comfort for all.

Pam Levron - February 17, 2021 at 04:15 PM



Regina, we are so sorry for the loss of your dad. You and I probably go back 17 years with Small Paws Rescue. I will never forget when I was fostering Kymba and I received your application and was asked to call you. I don't know if I was interviewing you or you were interviewing me about Kymba. When I got off the phone, I knew that you and Larry would be the best home for sweet Kymba and I was so right. Kymba definitely brought us together and because of Kymba, we became very good friends. Praying for you and Larry and your sister Rhonda as you grieve the loss of a great dad as well as a friend to so many.

*Lori and Andy Foster
Small Paws Rescue
TN Team Leader*

Lori Foster - February 17, 2021 at 09:34 PM



Regina, prayers and condolences for you and your family in your loss. I can thank you for any part you played in my adoption of Bedford (now known as Pudge) back in 2015 in TX, very soon after I lost my bichon Fizzie. Pudge is a daily joy and blessing to me. I now volunteer for Small Paws in eastern NC.

Penny Lockhart - February 18, 2021 at 03:19 PM