



## James Douglas McLean

September 1, 1948 - August 3, 2020

James Douglas McLean of Chester, MD, Passed away on August 3, 2020, at his home. He was 71 years old.

Born on September 1, 1948, in Richmond, VA, he had the misfortune of losing his parents, John Gamble McLean and Margaret Ellen Clayton McLean, at an early age and was subsequently raised by his loving grandparents, Ross M. Clayton, Sr. (who died not long afterwards), Ellen B. Clayton and his older siblings in Point Pleasant Beach, NJ. After graduating from high school, James joined the U.S. Army where he served two tours in Vietnam with the 173rd Airborne. Early in Mr. McLean's adulthood he realized he loved people and loved working with his hands. Building and remodeling homes, rebuilding and repairing mechanical and electronic devices and rejuvenating old cars, trucks and boats became his passion. He was incredibly good at it and did much of it for little or no compensation, many times stating, "I don't want anything. . .It's okay."

When not lending a hand to family, friends, neighbors and strangers, Mr. McLean loved outings with his family (especially his daughter's equestrian competitions as a young girl), crabbing in Crab Alley and watching Sunday football with his wife. But even more passionate than these things are the past five and half years he spent with his granddaughter Giavanna. They were inseparable buddies! This Godly, loving man touched many people with his

honesty, kindness and generosity, a legacy many of us would love to leave behind.

James is survived by his Wife, Annette Lanfranchi McLean, of Chester, MD; Son Don Robert McLean, of Quebec, Canada; Daughter Madison Rose McLean of Chester, MD; Stepson Joseph Lanfranchi of Chester, MD; Grandchildren Oliver McLean; Samuel McLean; Lia McLean, William McLean; Aiden Lanfranchi; And Giavanna Robinson. Sisters Majorie M. Bell of Ohio; Marilyn McLean of New Jersey; Nieces Alexis, Elyse, Dara and Nephews CJ, Christopher, and Vincent.

Mr. McLean was predeceased by his brother John R. McLean, Sister Mary Howard and Nephew Marcus Smith.

Services will be private, and a celebration of Mr. McLean's life will be announced later.

In lieu of flowers, the family is asking for donations to be made in James's memory. Funds will be used to assist in final expenses. If you would like to Donate please do so through this Link [paypal.me/pools/c/8scjfPIOO3](https://www.paypal.me/pools/c/8scjfPIOO3)

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January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Happy first Birthday in Heaven dearest Jim. You have been a blessing in our life with your love, kindness and strength. You have dedicated your life to your family and friends, always being there and never saying no. You always found time in your schedule to help someone in need. You never complained with your suffering and always showed that wonderful smile and never lost your quick wit. Your love for your children and grandchildren were to be admired, especially your little princess Giavanna Rose who the apple of your eye. Rest peacefully our brother-in-law in Jesus' arms and hug our beautiful son Marcus.*

*Love,  
Lorraine and Marcus Smith*

Lorraine and Marcus Smith - September 01, 2020 at 12:56 PM