



Charles W. McClain Jr.

December 3, 1939 - January 21, 2019

Charles W. McClain, 79, of Riverview, FL., passed away on Monday, January 21, 2019. Born December 3, 1939 at Scottsburg, Indiana, he was the son of the late Charles W. and Ethel (Fonk) McClain.

Survivors include his loving wife, Aldena (Baker) McClain; his children, Michael S. (Robyn J.) McClain and Tanya M. (Ryan) Piller; his sister, Alice McClain; as well as his grandchildren, Hannah, Aidan, Sarah, Megan, Brooke, Noah, and Erin.

Memorial Service will be held at Sunset Funeral Home, 11005 N US Highway 301, Thonotosassa, FL 336592 on Sunday, January 27, 2019 at 2pm (Visitation 1-2pm). Interment will be held at Sunset Memory Gardens at 3pm. In lieu of flowers, Memorial Contributions can be made in Charles' memory to the Shriners Hospitals, www.donate.lovetotherescue.org.

Comments



“ Charlie and I were friends in our hometown of Scottsburg, Indiana, and thereafter. He is greatly missed.... There are many fond memories... here is one. We lived within walking distance of the "corn factory." Owned by Morgan Packing Co., this canning factory was operated annually for the sweet corn pack in late summer. Area farmers trucked loads of picked corn to the factory which ran pretty much non stop until the pack was in. The call went out for workers and Charlie and I presented ourselves at the age of 16. Since they needed all the help they could get for the intense few weeks, we were hired. It wasn't a full-time job, wasn't even a steady temporary job. The factory sprung to life when the farmers showed up at the gate with corn and stayed on the job until all the corn on hand was received and canned. It went quiet when the flow of corn paused temporarily due to rain hindering field work, and, of course, it halted for good when the season ended. To call workers and signal that there was work, the factory whistle blew and blew until enough hands reported..

Sometimes I think I still hear that whistle calling and see Charlie and I grab our work gloves and head out, practically at a run. Generally, we'd meet on the way and report for work with the eager expectation of earning a dollar per hour. A few times when the factory was running all out we'd be asked to stay on for a second shift. Punching out at 2 a.m. once after completing newly two continuous eight-hour shifts, we stumbled home in the dark, weary from the long hours and monotonous labor.. Looking back, I realize we were "coming of age" that summer.... Charlie may you rest in peace.... My condolences to Aldena and your surviving family.

Your friend: Joe Holwager, Scottsburg H.S. class of '58.

Joe Holwager - January 26, 2019 at 03:05 PM



“ Always told me stories when he was in Germany. Which I could relate to. Good Stories. Good times. Great man. There will be a giant void in our hearts. Sorry for your loss to the McClain family.

Roger Eversole - January 25, 2019 at 08:01 PM



“ Kathy Baker purchased the Simply Happy Kalanchoe Plant for the family of Charles W. McClain Jr..



Kathy Baker - January 24, 2019 at 04:55 PM



“ There are just too many memories to share, Charlie was not just a brother in law he was a friend. I loved his sense of humor, he could tell the best stories and you laughed till you cried. Charlie, you will be greatly missed.
Vina

LaVina Elliott - January 24, 2019 at 07:44 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Charles W. McClain Jr..



January 23, 2019 at 05:09 PM