



John "Jack" McGhee

January 1, 1930 - May 29, 2011

Bluefield, WV John R. "Jack" McGhee 81 of Bluefield, WV died Sunday May 29, 2011 at his residence. Born January 1, 1930 in Huntington, WV he was a son of the late John Saunders McGhee and Roberta Bickle McGhee. Jack was a member of Christ Episcopal Church and was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II and also a U.S. Army veteran, serving during the Korean Conflict. Jack received his undergraduate degree from the University of Kentucky and law degree from West Virginia University. He was a member of and past president of the Mercer County Bar Association, member and past vice president of WV Bar association and member of the American Bar Association. A resident of Bluefield since 1959, Jack Worked with Dan Wells, Attorney at Law and joined Ed Stone and Sidney Kwass as Kwass, Stone and McGhee which later added John Feuchtenberger. He was a former Eagle Scout and served as city attorney for Cass and Durbin, WV. Jack did the title work to establish the Greenbank Radio Astronomy Project. Jack served as Municipal Judge for the City of Bluefield 33 years, then became Sr. Retired Judge, was a United States Commissioner for eight years and served as Fiduciary Commissioner. Jack was past president of Bluefield Jaycees, Bluefield Rotary Club, and was the recipient of the Paul Harris Fellow award. In addition to his parents, Jack was preceded in death by his first wife and mother of his children, Georgia Motz McGhee. He is survived by his wife Jennifer Hontz McGhee, children Allison McGhee Hile and her husband Dr. Matthew G. Hile and their son Simon Robert Hile of St. Louis, MO, John

Robert McGhee, Jr. and his wife Kelly Connolly McGhee and their children John Robert McGhee, III, Perry Louisa McGhee and Virginia Elizabeth McGhee of Charleston, WV. Also Lynn Julie Goulet and her husband Robert and their sons Robbie, Jacob, and Lucas of Marlboro, MA, Lisa Pate Bilik and her husband Joseph and their children Katie and Christy of Norfolk, VA and foreign exchange student Roberta Linhares. Memorial services will be conducted Wednesday June 1, 2011 at 4:30 p.m. at Mercer Funeral Home with Fr. Michael Snider officiating. There will be a celebration of life at Fincastle Country Club following the service. The family suggests that in lieu of flowers, donations in Jack's memory be made to the Rotary Club or Boy Scouts of America. Those wishing to share memories or condolence messages with the family may do so by visiting www.MercerFuneralHome.com Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory is serving the McGhee family.

Tribute Wall



“ *John "Jack" McGhee*

October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ *My heart goes out to Jennifer and to the family of Judge McGhee. He was a very dear friend to my family and he will be greatly missed. Our prayers will be with you during this most difficult time.*

Kimberly Kiser Snyder - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM



“ *Johnny - my condolences on the loss of your dad. We ran into him in Bluefield last year during a family visit. He had the same great smile I remember from our days in school & at the former Bluefield Country Club. My dad (John Hudson) also recently passed away (5/2010)and I know he always had a great liking and respect for your dad. Kindest regards, Martha*

Martha Hudson (Butler) - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Will & Elizabeth Greenwood - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM



“ *Judge McGhee touched my life in so many ways in my youth. I was his caddy for three years at Fincastle Country Club. Who could imagine what a great bond could develop between a man and a pre teen/teen with a simple "caddy sir". Although I was young he treated me like a young man.*

Douglas W. Collins - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

PM

“ Jennifer, I am so sorry to hear about Jack. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. Pat

Pat McMillion - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

PY

“ To Jennifer and all of Jacks Children and other relatives: We all have lost a great friend, a true civic minded person with great understanding of people and life. We have only known Jack for the past seventeen years, but those years were great, not only from being a "Golfing Buddy", but a true friend socially. Jack will be missed by not only us local people but so many lives had touched the world over. We'll miss you Jack. Prayer and Condolences to the entire McGhee family. Pete and Judy young

Pete Young - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

CP

“ Jennifer and family; our hearts go out to you and although we cannot be in Bluefield for Jack's service our thoughts and prayers will be with you. Jack was an absolute delightful man and we both will miss him - the world won't be quite the same without him. Love, Karin and Clare Poehlman

Clare & Karin Poehlman - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

SC

“ We are both saddened to hear of Jack's passing. However, it is our belief that he is in the presence of Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ and is enjoying the companionship of those that went before him. We know that you will be reunited as a family some day, never to be parted again. May God send his spirit to comfort you all. We love you, Susan and Pat

Susan and Patrick Casdorff - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

AF

“ So very sorry for your loss. Don't remember seeing Jack without a smile on his face. He will be greatly missed.

Angie Foley - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

DS

“ We have lost a great friend. The Judge was one of the best story tellers. It was with great honor have known him for only a few years. He made us feel like he had known us all his life !! A good man and a dear friend we have lost. May peace be with him.

David & Ginger Siegel - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

DW

“ My condolences to family members and friends. Jack will be greatly missed. I learned a lot from him and always found him to be fair to deal with in the practice of law. He will be missed.

Dave White - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

BG

“ Our condolences to the whole family. I have fond memories of "The Judge," always making jokes and making us feel welcome when we invaded John's house in high school. John, when you feel up to it, I would love to reconnect. Babu

Babu Gupta - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

JC

“ Jennifer, I am so sorry for your loss. It has been many, many years since we were in touch. It is very sad that this is the way I find you. May God bless you.

Jeanne Haynes Crockett - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

DM

“ I am sorry to hear of John's passing..My parents and I knew him for many years.He will be sorely missed by many.

Debbie "Smith" Morris - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

SH

“ Jennifer, Judge McGhee was my attorney and he was a person you could talk to and most of all made you feel important and at ease. I am a former Sam's Club employee and I enjoyed talking to you both at the membership desk. He will be greatly missed.

Sharon Hyndrich - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

ML

“ So sorry to hear about your loss. My mother may have worked with him when she was a legal secretary at Kwass, Stone and McGhee back in the 1960's. At any rate, I am thinking of you at this difficult time and wanted to let you know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. I have many memories of you during our growing up years in Bluefield. Martha

Martha Crockett Lancaster - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

GK

“ Dear Jennifer, 32 of your very oldest firends are on facebook together and we all would like to send our condolences. We all have very fond memories of you and several of our old friends have lost spouses and share in your grief.We wish to send our love and, when the time is right, ask that you join us on facebook.

Gene Kirk - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

DM

“ Jennifer, Allison and John, please know you and your families are in our thoughts and prayers. I have many loving memories of Jack and growing up in Bluefield. Love, Dana and Jim

Dana Leckie/Jim Mallison - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM