



## Robert Hugh McConnell

September 18, 1948 - April 2, 2016

Robert Hugh McConnell, 67, of Warrior, Alabama, passed away April 2, after a courageous battle with cancer. He was preceded in death by his father, William McConnell and survived by his mother Ruth - Wellman McConnell. Bob is survived by his wife Patti (Nee Mueller) McConnell and children: Sean (Amanda) McConnell, daughters Amanda (Jeff) Westbay, Irene "Micki" (Larry) Brown and Cheryl (Tony) Adam. He is also survived by brothers James (Vikki) McConnell, John McConnell and sister Karen (Joe) Bennett. Special Aunt Agnes McConnell and Uncle James McConnell. Grandchildren Ella and Maddox McConnell, Tyler, Dalton, Tristen and Lexi Westbay and Chris Diamond and many special nieces and nephews.

Robert was born in Gary, Indiana, son of William and Ruth (Wellman) McConnell. He grew up in Gary, Indiana, and graduated from Emerson High School and on to Lewis National University where he earned his Masters degree. Bob was stationed in Alaska when he joined the army and got Honorably discharged in 1974 and continued his career at U.S. Steel. Bob retired as Purchasing Manager at USX Fairfield Works, in Alabama.

Bob was on the Board of Directors for the National Minority Business Council and also Chairman of the Gary Chamber of Commerce. He sang for years in the Alabama Symphony Orchestra Chorale Group and was invited to perform in Syros, Greece. He was always a member of his church choir as well as Deacon and Elder. He most enjoyed coaching his children's soccer and basketball teams. He was a lover of trivia and golf.

He was a loving husband and father who always smiled and gave upbeat blessings.

Special love and thanks to his caregiver who he called "Manny", Troy Wayne Startley, Sr., and to the Alabama Alacare Hospice. Appreciation and love to Dr. Joanna Siegel who cared for Bob not only as a perfect professional but also with love and compassion.

The wake will be held at The New Gardendale Funeral Home on Tuesday, April 5, 2016, from 4:30 PM to 7:30 PM. The interment will be held at Chapel Lawn Memorial Gardens in Schererville, Indiana on Monday, April 11, 2016.

# Previous Events

## Wake

APR 5. 4:30 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

Gardendale Heritage Funeral Home  
2214 Decatur Highway  
Gardendale, AL 35071  
(205) 631-8810  
gardendalefuneralhome2@gmail.com

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Heaven's the richer, we the poorer. Tony and I are so grateful for the blessing that Dad was in our lives and for the love he shared with Mom. Thank you, Jesus, for bringing Dad safely Home into Your arms. Love, Cheryl and Tony*

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**Cheryl Adam** - April 06, 2016 at 09:04 AM

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“ *Bob will truly be missed. I always enjoyed his smile and upbeat personality. He always had something funny or uplifting to share. He was a genuine person, and there's not many in this world. Thanks Patti for sharing Bob with us!*

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**Tiffany D Norman** - April 04, 2016 at 08:10 PM

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“ *I remember laughing with Bob and Patti. Talking about Harry Potter. I also remember him singing in that wonderful voice. Most of all I remember sitting in the back seat of the car going somewhere, and watching Patti and Bob talk back and forth in that way a couple shares words. They had no idea I was watching them and seeing their love so clearly.*

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**LSamanas** - April 04, 2016 at 06:38 PM