



Mr. Robert J. McClain

November 24, 1943 - March 27, 2025

Robert J. McClain, the son of the late Addara Horton and Willie McClain was born November 24, 1943 in Durham, N.C. He departed this life on Thursday morning March 27, 2025 from a prolonged illness.

After relocating to Milwaukee, Wisconsin with his family, Robert was drafted into the U.S. Army at the age of 18 years old. He was a Combat Engineer that advanced to the rank of Master Sergeant/1st Sergeant, who deployed to Vietnam (twice), Germany, Italy, Japan and Korea. Robert was awarded the Master Parachutist Badge, the Combat Infantry Badge, the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal – 4th AWD, the Army Achievement Medal, the Army Good Conduct Medal – 9th AWD, the National Defense Service Medal with Bronze Service Star, the Vietnam Service Medal, the Non-commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon – 3, the Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas Service Ribbon – 3, and the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm.

After 31 years of honorable military service, he settled in Fayetteville, N.C. where he married Gladys W. McClain, his loving and praying helpmate. Together, they enjoyed a peaceful and fulfilling life.

Robert was preceded in death by his mother, father, sister, Mamie L. Horton; brothers, Arthur “Jimmy” Lee Young, Agers Lee Horton, and Willie McClain.

He leaves to cherish precious memories; his loving and dedicated wife, Gladys; daughters, Robie McClain of Wilmington, N.C., Angionette (Jessica Gardner) Bilbrew of Austin, TX, Nycosha McClain of Dover, DE, Danielle Estrella of Greensboro, N.C.; sons, Robert (Yolanda) McClain, Anthony (Albertina) McClain, Richard (Dena) McClain all of Fayetteville, N.C., Johnte (Cristen) McClain of Mobile, AL, and Jose Santana of Miami, FL; sister, Lenetter Hinton of Raleigh, N.C.; sisters-in-law, Olga Williams (Jeremy) DeAguilar and Martiza Williams Martinez of Panama; thirteen grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; three special nephews, Vinson (Shirley) Horton, Larry (Geneise) Horton and Constance (Shirley) Horton all of Durham, N.C.; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends, all of whom loved him.

Previous Events

Viewing

APR **29**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Colvin Funeral Home Chapel
2010 Murchison Road
Fayetteville, NC 28301

Viewing

APR **30**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

All American Chapel
5301 Ardennes Rd.
Fort Bragg, NC 28310

Funeral

APR **30**. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Burial

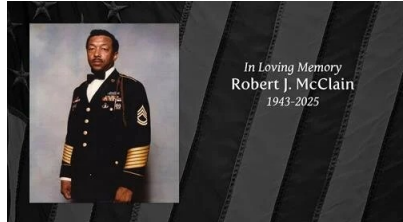
APR **30** (ET)

Sandhills State Veterans Cemetery
8220 Bragg Blvd
Spring Lake, NC 28390

Tribute Wall



“ Colvin Funeral Homes & Cremations created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Robert J. McClain



H. M. Colvin Funeral Home - April 22, 2025 at 03:34 PM

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“ I’m sorry just finding this. SgtMack as I knew him left very lasting impression upon a young ignorant troop. He never ceased to amaze me. Not only was he a wonderful person he was a true professional in every sense of the word. As an old man today I still live by lessons he taught me. And in my career in life I lived and judged by the lessons he taught me. Nigh on fifty years ago. It was truly my honor and privilege to have had him I’m my life. I have many valued stories of our time together. I’m truly sorry to hear of his passing.

Denny Watson - May 02, 2025 at 02:50 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Robert J. McClain.



April 28, 2025 at 05:42 PM



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April 14, 2025 at 03:10 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Robert J. McClain.

April 14, 2025 at 03:10 PM



“ *I am praying and know that your heart will be comforted by our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ. Mac was a good First Sergeant in 307th Engineers and the ideal example of a strong man! Rest in Peace Top!*

Larry Anderson - March 30, 2025 at 09:09 AM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss, Mr, Robert was a soft spoken man that I became to admire in the short time that I have known him and Mrs. Gladys. My heart and prayers goes out to the family and loves 🙏*

LaShon Bridges - March 28, 2025 at 07:08 PM