



Justin Wade McNealy

September 8, 1976 - June 25, 2024

Staff Sergeant (Ret.) Justin Wade McNealy passed away on June 25, 2024 at the age of 47. Born on September 8, 1976, in Greeneville, TN, to Arlis McNealy and Cheryl Hill (Cates), Justin grew up in Newport, TN and was a graduate of Cocke County High School.

On April 16, 1996, Justin began a career in the US Army where he went on to proudly serve and defend his country for twenty years, later retiring on April 30, 2016. He was stationed overseas in Korea and Germany, as well as numerous stateside assignments across the country. His combat deployments included Iraq (two tours) and Afghanistan (two tours). Justin was a decorated soldier, receiving recognition for his dedication to duty and meritorious achievements. He was known to many as a mentor, leader, friend, and father-figure, but the title that will forever resonate with his memory will be that of a hero.

In the years following his honorable service, Justin continued to touch the lives of everyone around him. He never met a stranger and his laughter could fill a room.

Justin is survived by parents Cheryl & John Hill and Arlis & Glenda McNealy, of Newport, TN, son, Jeremy McNealy, of Newport, TN, and daughters Skylar McNealy of Clarksville, TN and Samantha McNealy of Sneads Ferry, NC. He is preceded in death by grandparents Dottie & Kenneth Cates, Flora & Arlis McNealy, and Marie & J.C. Hill, of Newport, TN.

A celebration of life is being held at Manes Funeral Home in Newport, TN on

Friday, July 5, 2024. Visitation begins at 11:00, followed by Military Funeral Honors at 1:00 pm in Manes Funeral Home Chapel..

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations be made in Justin's name to Sierra Delta, a nonprofit organization that supports Veterans and their K9 service dogs. If you would also like to include a message to the family, it will ask for an email (geneva.mcnealy@gmail.com) www.sierradelta.com.

Family and friends may sign the guest register online at: www.manesfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements with Manes Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Receiving of friends

JUL 5. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Manes Funeral Home Inc.
363 East Main Street
Newport, TN 37821
(423) 623-6952
manesfuneralhome@bellsouth.net
<https://www.manesfuneralhome.com/index.cfm>

Celebration of Life

JUL 5. 1:00 PM (ET)

Manes Funeral Home Chapel
363 East Main Street
Newport, TN 37821

Tribute Wall

BB

“ *Arlis and Glenda Dean - I am so sorry for your loss. Praying God will wrap you in His loving arms bringing you the peace, comfort, and strength that comes only from Him.*

Bea S. Brady - July 13, 2024 at 07:25 PM

TW

“ *I'm so sorry to learn of Justin's passing. So sorry for your loss. Sending prayers to both families. May GOD give you strength and peace.*

Trudy Wright - July 12, 2024 at 06:00 PM

LG

“ *So very sorry for your loss*

Lisa Giles - July 05, 2024 at 01:26 PM

JC

Peace be with you ALL at this time of loss.. 🙏 my deepest sympathy and condolences} JenniferFC

Jennifer Caro - July 07, 2024 at 10:44 PM

SO

“ *Cheryl and all the family... I am so saddened to hear about Justin. What a TRUE HERO he is to have served and defend our country for 20 years. I know your hearts are shattered. I am so sorry. Many many prayers for this precious family. God be with you. Rest In Peace Justin. You will never be forgotten. 🇺🇸 💔*



Susie O'Dell - July 05, 2024 at 12:09 PM

JB

“ Arlie and Glenda so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family in this difficult time.
Jimmy and Charlotte Blazer



Jimmy and Charlotte Blazer - July 05, 2024 at 09:36 AM

SS

“ I'm so very sorry for your loss. Prayers for the family 🙏

sherry stazzone - July 04, 2024 at 04:06 PM

SO

“ I am so very sorry to read this. Thoughts and prayers

Susan Owenby - July 03, 2024 at 11:26 AM

TL

“ Cheryl & Family...hearing this about Justin just left me speechless. I have you all in my prayers. Sending continued prayers and love to you all.

Tracy Langston-Grigsby - July 03, 2024 at 01:30 AM

SB

“ Sgt. Richard. Aka BDB. purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Justin Wade McNealy.



Sgt. Richard. Aka BDB. - July 02, 2024 at 08:13 PM

CM

“ Cherilyn Mcnealy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Justin Wade McNealy.

Cherilyn Mcnealy - July 02, 2024 at 10:51 AM

CM

“ Cherilyn Mcnealy purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Justin Wade McNealy.



Cherilyn Mcnealy - July 02, 2024 at 10:51 AM

YF

“ Your Hampton Inn Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Justin Wade McNealy.



Your Hampton Inn Family - July 02, 2024 at 09:02 AM