



Thomas Ray McNeely

October 14, 1945 - March 19, 2021

Thomas Ray McNeely, 76, passed away at his home in Baneberry, Tennessee following a long battle with Multiple System Atrophy (MSA -C). He was surrounded by his family. In 1983, Mr. McNeely moved to East Tennessee to play an active role in opening Eastern Plating in Newport, TN. He was instrumental in making Eastern Plating an essential part of the community. He cared about each of the employees and always worked hard to ensure that Eastern Plating was a quality company. He served in the role as Plant Manager for Eastern Plating for 30 years before retiring. Mr. McNeely was born October 14, 1945 in McDowell County, North Carolina. He was the son of the late Joseph Cephus McNeely and Sue Emma Hawkins McNeely. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Carol McNeely of Baneberry, TN ; his daughter Teresa Hardy of Knoxville, TN; his sons Mike McNeely (Christie Oakley) of Conover, NC and David McNeely of Talbott, TN; his sister Mary Wahisnant of Morganton, NC; and several grandchildren, great-grandchildren and nieces and nephews. He is also survived by a special brother in law, Danny White (Susan White) of Allardt, TN.

In addition to his parents, Mr. McNeely was preceded in death by his brothers, Junior, Paul, Joe, James and Clyde McNeely; and sisters Ruby Chapman and Ada Norman all of Morganton, NC. The family will have a viewing on Monday March 22, 2021 from 5-7pm at Manes Funeral Home, Newport, TN. There will be an additional service at 11:00am on Wednesday March 24, 2021 at Sossoman Funeral Home in Morganton, NC. Graveside

Service will follow at 2:00pm on March 24, 2021 at Burke Memorial Park. Family and friends may sign the guest register online at www.manesfuneralhome.com. Arrangements by Manes Funeral Home and Sossoman Funeral Home. Per CDC guidelines please practice safe social distancing and please wear a mask.

Previous Events

Viewing

MAR 22. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

Service

MAR 24. 11:00 AM.

Sossoman Funeral Home

Graveside Service

MAR 24. 2:00 PM.

Burke Memorial Park

Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas Ray McNeely*

November 17, 2022 at 06:00 PM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Tommy and I grew up together and graduated together. I had not seen him in all those years until our last high school reunion. He was the same as he had always been, kind, considerate and very soft spoken. Tommy had the sling cut before people ever knew what it was. We use to laugh about him tossing his head for all that hair. I will have you in my thoughts and prayers. Take care, God Bless and Much love.*
Becky Biggerstaff Ligon

Becky Ligon - April 16, 2021 at 08:31 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Thomas Ray McNeely.*



March 23, 2021 at 12:00 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Thomas Ray McNeely.*



March 22, 2021 at 11:21 AM

BL

“ Mike, you have spoken many times of your love and admiration of your Dad. We know you will miss him terribly. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Brenda love - March 22, 2021 at 09:19 AM

ST

“ Tom was a good man and will be missed by all who knew him. Rest in peace and God bless the family.

Steve & Loretta Taylor - March 22, 2021 at 04:58 AM

CH

“ What id give to hear him impersonate Slingblade one more time.

cara hardy - March 21, 2021 at 10:20 PM

CB

“ Tom was my boss at Romarco in Morganton in the plating dept . My first job back from Vietnam Tom was very understanding and taught me about electroplating . I had the great honor of working with him for five years He was a great friend . Prayers to His family. Charles and Linda Barrier

Charles Barrier - March 21, 2021 at 09:58 PM

SB

“ Im so very sorry to hear about Tom.He was a wonderful man.A wonderful friend. Carol Teresa, Mike, David .I love you all very much and you will be on my thoughts and prayers.

Love Sandra Drury Barnes.



Sandra Barnes - March 21, 2021 at 11:58 AM

SC

“ Susan Chapman sent a virtual gift in memory of
Thomas Ray McNeely



Susan chapman - March 21, 2021 at 09:40 AM

DD

“ So sorry for the loss of Mr McNelley. I have missed seeing him out
mowing his yard as he always greeted me when I was on my daily
walk. Praying for the family during this difficult time. Doris Douglas

Doris Douglas - March 20, 2021 at 08:35 AM