



Edward T. McClain

October 11, 1952 - February 6, 2023

Edward T. "Mac" McClain, 70, of Miola, passed away Monday evening, February 6, 2023 at his home following a lengthy illness.

He was born on October 11, 1952 in Brookville; son of B. Louise Mercer Henry McClain of Miola and the late Thomas B. "Tussy" McClain.

Mac graduated from Clarion Area High School in 1970. Out of high school, he worked at Knox Glass for a year and a half and then attended Butler Community College. He enlisted in the US Army in 1974 and quickly advanced through the ranks. He was the distinguished graduate of numerous Army schools and recognized by the Secretary of the Army for being a top recruiter, averaging twelve enlistments per month in consecutive years. Mac served in the US Army and the Alaska National Guard for 22 1/2 years and was honorably discharged at the rank of Master Sergeant.

Mac started a successful distribution company in 1996 that provided supplies to convenience stores in and around Seward, Alaska. He sold the company to his business partner and went to work for the Alaska State Department of Corrections in 1998. He retired, after 12 years as a corrections officer, and returned to his home of Clarion in 2010. Mac endured an extended battle with cancer and kept the fighting spirit until the end. He loved people and always kept in touch with a long list of his friends.

Mac was a proud life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, and he supported Saint Jude and the Shriners Hospital.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and watching football and baseball. Mac also loved Chevrolets.

In addition to his mother, Mac is survived by his brother, Joseph Henry and his sisters, Linda Gesin and her husband, Larry, and Laura Kitchen and her husband, Don, all of Miola; along with numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father; Thomas B. "Tussy" McClain, his biological father, Clyde Dean Henry, a Brother-in-Law, Ronald Grimm Jr. and his beloved Dog, Blade.

Mac's family sends a grateful thank you to; Dr. Luderer, the Cancer Center Nurses, the VNA, Don and Carol Shultz, Al and Mary Ganss, Buzz and Mary Best, Rollie Burns, and all the many friends who took time to stop in to help Mac or just visit with him.

Mac always expressed a special thanks for Steve Porter LTC, USAR, Ret., who came to the aid of a military brother, friend, and neighbor, during his final months and days. Steve and his wife, Jin Jin, also kept oversight of Mac's essential care needs, lifted his morale, and provided final liaison with his Alaska friends; Randy, "T", Art, and numerous others.

Family and friends will be received from 3 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. on Friday, February 10, 2023 at the Robert V. Burns Funeral Home in Clarion where Military Honors will be accorded at 5:45 p.m. by the American Legion Post #066 of Clarion. Funeral services will follow in the funeral home at 6 p.m. with Rev. Harold Jacobson, pastor of the Grace Lutheran Church in Clarion. Interment will take place in the Miola Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Miola Cemetery

Clarion, PA

Previous Events

Viewing

FEB 10. 3:00 PM - 5:45 PM (ET)

Robert V. Burns Funeral Home
638 Wood Street
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<https://www.rvburnsfuneralhome.com>

Military Service

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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Robert V Burns Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Edward T. McClain



Robert V Burns Funeral Home - February 08, 2023 at 02:47 PM



“ I met Ed at MP school and served with him at Fort Jackson, SC 1975-1978. He was my best friend. We did a lot together and even shared a mobile home rental. He was also my best man at my wedding. My heart goes out to the family, but do not despair of his passing. He is with Jesus now! God Bless you all.

Bruce Michelin

Bruce-Tami Michelin - February 10, 2023 at 11:06 AM

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I was stationed at the Ft Jackson Confinement Facility. Him and I were great friends and ran around together off duty! I just found out of his passing. I had tried to locate him a few years ago without any luck! He was a great friend and a dedicated soldier! I'm so sorry for your loss.

Albert Swank - January 19, 2024 at 12:01 AM



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Robert V Burns Funeral Home - February 08, 2023 at 02:47 PM



“ Aaahhh Mac going to miss those phone calls.....A lot of great memories from Army to Corrections and staying at your place in Wasilla Alaska taking care of the one and only Blade dog....got to meet your mom there what a treasure she is.....we still make the soup you gave us the recipe from her....vegetable and hamburger and about thirty other ingredients.....it's a big hit wherever and whenever we make it....we give out the recipe to friends and it's titled simply Mac's Soup.....Well from Marty and I we're going to miss you buddy Rest In Peace with no more pain....Love ya brother....God Bless

JD Karsten and wife Marty - February 07, 2023 at 02:38 PM



Thank you so much for sharing this ❤️

Lori kitchen - February 08, 2023 at 07:27 AM



Ed was a good friend and served with me in the Army Military Police at Fort Jackson and Fort Riley Kansas RIP my friend

John Tedder - February 08, 2023 at 09:14 AM

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*I will miss my young & older buddy.
So many great & fun times we both remembered.
Travel Well My Friend*

Ed Spindler

Charles E Spindler - February 08, 2023 at 06:40 PM

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Ed and I were classmates from first grade till graduation 1070. when i talked to him last he told me he lived his dream by living in Alaska RIP ED.

Henry A Troese - February 10, 2023 at 02:34 PM