



Gregory Allen McKinney

August 29, 1953 - November 11, 2022

Gregory Allen McKinney, 69 of Barclay, MD passed away on November 11, 2022 after a lengthy battle with Type II diabetes and its side effects. He is preceded in death by his mother, Paula (Plugge) Teehee and two sisters, Glenda Clough and Karen Sue McKinney and lifelong friend, George Walls of Ingleside, MD.

Greg was born at Argenta Naval Base, Newfoundland, Canada to military parents, G.A. and Paula McKinney and as a military “brat” was stationed at many different air bases around the country but they always came back to the Eastern Shore to be with family in Ingleside and his life- long friend George Walls. After completing his years of service in the Army (1970 to 1973) where he achieved Rank of SP4 where he was a Medical Corpsman and Orthopedic Specialist stationed at the Return Center at Fort Sam Houston, Fort Hood, TX during the Viet Nam Conflict. Upon his Honorable Discharge, he once again returned to the Eastern Shore attending Chesapeake College obtaining his AA degree and a degree in horticulture.

After his college years he worked various jobs around the shore and eventually met his wife, Robin Stem of Kent County at a Valentines gathering at the Loft in Chestertown in 1984 and they have been together ever since and became parents to a son, Ian Patrick at the end of the year. After 13 years of working as a maintenance mechanic for various food processing industries in Caroline, Kent, Queen Anne’s and Talbot counties, he said “if I have to go across that bay bridge to get a decent paying job, I am going to

keep on going” and thus, took the family to Arkansas to be near his family. It was there in Russellville, AR where his talent for being able to fix just about anything came in handy with the local school district and when they built a brand, new Junior High School, he was offered the position of keeping it running.

He was diagnosed with Type 2 diabetes in his early forties and soon after he became disable due to the loss of his eyesight. Eventually he and Robin returned to the Shore, settling in Barclay.

He leaves behind to cherish his memory his wife of 38 years, Robin Stem McKinney, father G.A. McKinney of Clarksville, AR, son Ian McKinney of Russellville, AR; sisters Brenda (Stump) Page of Benton, AR and Alicia (Travis) Fellingner of Honolulu, HI and his ever faithful dog, Ziggy who is already missing their Porch Time sitting in the sun. Nephews Jamie Page and Jeff Page and their families in Arkansas and all the friends he made thru the years.

He was the kind of man that would help anyone who asked and could strike up a conversation with anyone.

He asked for no service but do feel free to raise a glass in his honor.

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