



Lewis Samuel 'Scooter' McBride

March 31, 1935 - February 18, 2023

On March 31, 1935, in Hyde Park Muskogee, Oklahoma a baby boy was born to Goldie and Louis McBride. While still an infant, Lewis (Scooter) lost his father. His mother, Goldie remarried Pete Broome. Scooter had three sisters, Eva Mae, Betty Lou and Barbra Ann and four brothers, Albert Eugene, James, Forest, and later Johnny Broome. There was also a village to help raise this rambunctious boy, many aunts, uncles, and of course Aunt Aliene. In 1953, he joined the United States Navy to see the world and he served 20 plus years honorably, retiring in 1973 as an E-6 1st Class. Scooter battled in both the Korea and Vietnam Wars. During his travels, he met and married an Oakland girl, Leontine (Lou). This marriage was blessed with two children, Denise (DeDe) and Nadine McBride. After his service in the Navy, Scooter missed his hometown and retired from of service to Muskogee, Oklahoma to return to his roots. He then accepted the job with the City of Muskogee. Sadly after 29 years of marriage, he lost his wife, Lou to cancer. But God had plans for Scooter, he smiled down and gave him the last love of his life, Wanda Jean. They were married on May 16, 1987, in Muskogee, and she added to the family Jackie (Marietta) and Bryan Leslie. This brought Scooter's child count to four wonderful, spectacular children. Through DeDe and Nadine, he embraced the role of Dad to Jacqueline (Jacquie) Rollins and Donna Zarnke who he considered his bonus daughters. Through the four wonderful, spectacular children, he became Grandfather fourteen times to Jennifer, Bethaney, Julia, Mary, Jonathan, Lillianna and Jilliana, Amanda, Matthew, William and also Jack, Sam, Savannah and Stephen. They were all his pride and joy. He was also blessed with twenty-five great and nine great-great grandchildren. After working for the City of Muskogee for 20 plus years, he retired in 1993, but found many things to keep him busy. He became active in church and enjoyed singing with his love, Wanda and his very good friends, Mary and Preston Smith. God would shine through his voice, and he would light up the room and lift your spirits. He loved fishing and golfing, which he was fortunate to experience all over the globe. Often, he would wake his daughters, DeDe and Nadine at 5AM to drag them out with him to participate. Scooter has a member of the VFW, American Legion, the DAV in Muskogee, and was a Purple Heart Recipient. Although most of his family has gone ahead of him, he remembered them daily. During a visit in his last remaining days, he was heard singing, "Amazing Grace how sweet the

sound.” Soon after on February 18th, 2023, he joined that family and took his place to be with God. Now he sings with a choir of angels, watching and praying for us as we trudge through this world feeling the loss of his presence, but knowing that he saves a seat for us at the table. We will rejoice again as a family in love, faith and peace. We say goodbye to a Husband, Daddy, Brother, Papa, Uncle and friend and although we are sad, he rejoices. We know at In Heaven, there is a familiar face.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Louie McBride in 1936 and Goldie McBride in 1976. Those left to cherish Scooter’s memories are his wife, Wanda of the home; daughters, Denise L. McBride of Muskogee and Nadine A. McBride of Muskogee; stepdaughters, Marietta (Jackie) Winkle of Muskogee and step grandsons, Samuel Winkle of Tahlequah and Jack Winkle of Savanna, TX; and brother, Johnny Broome and his wife Glenda of Muskogee, sister, Barbara Ann Fillman and husband David, extended family and many friends.

A Celebration of Scooter’s Life will be held 11:30AM Thursday, February 23, 2023, at Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home Chapel with Rev Roger Pratt officiating. Committal prayers and interment will follow at Fort Gibson National Cemetery with Billy McBride, Jonathan Cheater, Sammy Winkle, Mary Cheater, Julia Cheater, and Jennifer Alexander serving as casket bearers. Honorary casket bearers are Preston Smith, D.C. Smith, Joe Buckmaster, Phillip Morris, Henry Holland, Larry Smith, Bethaney Torix, Matthew McBride and Amanda McBride. Full military honors will be observed. The family of Lewis ‘Scooter’ McBride has entrusted his care, service and burial to Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home,

Fort Gibson. 918-478-2555. Online condolences may be left for the family at clifforddgarrettfamilyfh.com

Cemetery Details

Fort Gibson National Cemetery

1423 Cemetery Road
Fort Gibson, OK 74434

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

FEB 23. 11:30 AM (CT)

Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home Chapel
1224 E Poplar
Fort Gibson, OK 74434

Tribute Wall

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“ *Lewis Samuel Scooter is & was my uncle my name is (LW) Lewis Wayne Cunningham I am the only son of Eva May McBride Scooter sister my mother pass on in 2011 & she was married to my father Frank Lewis Cunningham my dad passed on in 2000. I am sure they are all together now in Heaven. Eva had 3 daughters Florence Gail ,Alice Marie, Rosalee the youngest. I remember Scooter diving us back to Madera,CA when we all youngens when we visited grandma Goldie. In 2015 me and my bride Florence Jean stopped in to visit Scotter & Wanda on our way to Branson,MO & than again in 2017 when we went to Texas to visit Alamo. Unlike the 1st visit we took some picuters which we forgot to do the. Uncle Scotter wanted me to come back so me & him could go do some fishing together My dad Frank tell me how he go fishing with all of the McBride brothers & how Aunt Bee take him to movies in he was a little boy :) Today I call Dee to tell her to wish Scooter a happy father day only to hear he had pass on in Febuary. Dee sent me a text message but do to phone troubles I did not get it. Otherwise I been there in heart beat. God Bless Scooter memory & God Bless al I who read this.*

LW Cunningham - June 17, 2023 at 06:59 PM



“ *Daddy with his baby girl. On one of his last days he kissed my hand and said, "I love you and I'm proud of you." I love you too Daddy. Kiss mommy for me.*



Nadine McBride - February 21, 2023 at 11:09 PM

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We met Scooter at church. He was such a kind person. We always enjoyed having lunch with him. He told such interesting stories of his life. A true man of God I know he is rejoicing with Jesus now.

Wanda and Archie Colston - February 22, 2023 at 02:14 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Lewis Samuel 'Scooter' McBride.*



February 21, 2023 at 01:50 PM