



# Louis Charles McGill

December 30, 2023

Blacksburg, VA – Louis Charles McGill, beloved father and grandfather passed away surrounded by family members on the 30th day of December 2023, in his apartment at English Meadows Assisted Living in Blacksburg, Virginia. He was 94 years old.

Born in April 1929 in Greensburg, Pennsylvania, Lou had been a more than 50-year resident of Virginia Beach before relocating to Blacksburg in 2022. He is survived by three sons, Christopher McGill and wife Donna of Placitas, NM, Dr. Thomas McGill and wife Stefani of Lubbock, TX and David McGill and wife Tina of Blacksburg, VA. He is also survived by numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren. Lou was predeceased by a daughter, Sue Ann Cowen, and his wife of 58 years, Rebecca Lucille McGill.

Louis McGill was raised in western Pennsylvania and with the onset of World War II made every effort to enlist for service in 1944 but was returned home each time due to his young age. Finally, in 1946 at the age of 17 he was permitted to enlist in the United States Marine Corps, in which he served for 20 years until 1966. Primarily, Lou was based at the Marine Corps Air Station El Toro in Tustin, CA but deployed to Japan and other locations in the Pacific during his tenure, reaching the rank of Gunnery Sergeant. He was a Korean War veteran.

In 1967, he relocated his family to Virginia Beach and began a two-decade career as a civil servant with the Naval Aviation Engineering Service Unit at NAS Oceana. Lou coached his boys in baseball and took them fishing, guided his daughter in rebuilding her 1967 Chevy Camaro and was a doting grandfather. He loved working in his wood shop and, in addition, Lou and Becky became dedicated members of Spring Branch Community Church in Virginia Beach.

The McGill family would like to especially thank the many friends and military veterans that enriched the lives of Lou and Becky for so many years during their time in Virginia Beach together. Lou will be remembered by his family and many friends as a man who touched the lives of everyone he met. A celebration of his life will be held Thursday, January 25, 2024, at Blacksburg Christian Fellowship Church, 2300 N. Main Street, Blacksburg, VA 24060 at 2:30pm. The Celebration of Life will follow burial with Military Honors at the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery, 5550 Bagging Plant Road, Dublin, VA 24084, which will take place at 1:00pm the same day. In lieu of flowers the family requests that

donations be made to the Humane Society of Montgomery County ([hsmcshelter.com](http://hsmcshelter.com)).

# Previous Events

## Burial

JAN 25. 1:00 PM (ET)

Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery  
5550 Bagging Plant Rd  
Dublin, VA 24084-3490  
(540) 674-6893

## Celebration of Life

JAN 25. 2:30 PM (ET)

Blacksburg Christian Fellowship  
2300 N. Main Street  
Blacksburg, VA

# Tribute Wall



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Louis Charles McGill.*



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January 13, 2024 at 12:22 PM



“ *Uncle Lou was my uncle. And he is the last piece of the older generation of my parents and relatives to pass. I have not more Uncles or Aunts. He always told me I was his favorite niece, which I am sure he told to all his nieces. I loved my Uncle Lou. I spent some summer time with him, Aunt Becky, and my cousins. My brother Cliff spent even more time with them because he and my cousins spent time surfing. Uncle Lou and Aunt Becky helped me out significantly by letting my husband and other members of the family stay with them when we were moving my father out of VA Beach to PA. That was a rough time for all of us. But we knew we could talk to Uncle Lou about what was going on and he always helped us out. He was a rock... always accepting and never judging. I have not seen him in a very long time, but I will always be thankful for him. He will be missed.*

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**Sherrill Rae Neale** - January 06, 2024 at 12:37 PM