



Virgil Wayne McElwee

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Virgil Wayne McElwee, 89 of Newark passed away after courageously fighting a long battle with heart and kidney disease.

A funeral service celebrating his life will be held Thursday, September 11, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. at the Newark Chapel of Vensil & Chute Funeral Home with Jerry Dawson, Keith Kull and Scott Rice officiating. Burial will follow in Hanover Cemetery with military honors conducted by the Licking County Veterans Alliance.

He served 2 years in WWII as a seaman in the Merchant Marines having tours of duty in the Pacific, Atlantic and Indian Ocean. He was honorably discharged from the U. S. Coast Guard. Mr. McElwee was born May 15, 1925 in Cambridge, Ohio to A. Judson and Elizabeth A.(Hunnel) McElwee.

He retired in 1986 as a research machinist at the Owens-Corning Technical Center with 28 years of service. He was employed for 10 years with American Electric Power and 4 years with Universal Pottery. He was a lifelong member of the Church of Christ and a member of the Southgate Church of Christ for the past 25 years, serving in various capacities as teacher, elder and deacon. He enjoyed traveling, camping, OSU Buckeyes and many times to Crow Lake in Ontario, Canada to fish. He and his wife visited all 50 states and traveled through Europe. He recently delighted in celebrating their 70th wedding anniversary. His greatest joy was spending time with his family. He was a "grandfather" figure to many of the children he knew.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth M. (Hawkins) McElwee, whom he married August, 2, 1944; children, Patricia (Jim) Auxier of Ankeny, IA, Linda (Jerry) Dawson of Sherrodsville, OH, Jeff (Lisa) McElwee of Newark; six grandchildren, Cindi Moore, Lauri Auxier, Todd Dawson, Julie Bennett, Aaron McElwee, Shannan McElwee; seven great-granddaughters, two great-grandsons;



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one great-great-granddaughter; three sisters, Helen Gregg of Cambridge, Emma Tedrick of Canton, Ruth Holmes of New Concord; several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Lester McElwee and his brothers-in-law.

Calling hours and a brunch will be observed Thursday from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the VENSIL & CHUTE FUNERAL HOME 1850 W. Main St.

The family requests memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, Ohio Valley Affiliate, 333 Guthrie Street, Suite 207, Louisville, KY 40202 or National Kidney Foundation, 2800 Corporate Exchange Drive, Suite 260, Columbus, Ohio 43231. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.



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Anonymous posted:

Dear Ruth and family, So sorry to hear of Wayne's passing. We were on vacation when we got the news and our hearts were sad to know we would not see him again. But, so happy he is completely whole and healed and having a great time in heaven! I have so many memories of Wayne & Ruth from over the years and so appreciate the light you both have been in my walk. Love and prayers, Matt & Sandy Gienger

September 16 at 4:02 AM



Peggy Tuttle posted:

Dearest Ruth and family, I just heard over the weekend of Wayne's passing. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you. Peggy

September 15 at 3:48 AM



Sandra Dill posted:

Dear McElwee Family, there is no words to say how sad it is that we have lost such a loving and wonderful person. I remember growing up at South Gate and going to church Sunday, Sunday nite and Wed and seeing Wayne and Ruth there. I loved going to the McElwees home for bible study and dinners, such great memories. Wayne and Ruth have always been in my heart and made a lasting impression on me. My parents Dave and Mary Dill along with Brenda and Bryan, loved spending time with Wayne and Ruth and the Family. May God give you the peace and love in this time of need. Just know he is well taken care of in Heaven and awaits all of us one day.

September 11 at 6:51 AM



Jan Boring posted:

Ruth, Jeff and families, I am so sorry for your loss but I am so glad for Wayne's victory. He was always a soldier...for this country but most of all for Jesus. His love for God and the church have always been an inspiration to me. His legacy will live on for many, many years to come. He will be deeply missed. May God's peace rest on all of you and comfort you in the days ahead.

September 11 at 6:39 AM



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AA

American Heart Association posted:

May your memories of the wonderful times you shared with your loved one comfort you and your family, today and always.

September 10 at 10:45 PM

BK

Brandy Kelley posted:

Ruth & Family-I still remember growing up and always telling Wayne that my Papaw Frank would pay for him and I to go to Myrtle Beach. He was like a grandpa to me. I will miss that tall teddy bear. He was the sweetest man. Lots of fond memories I have with him and Ruth with my grandparents. Rest in heaven Wayne. Love you.

September 10 at 8:41 PM

AS

Atha Shrivvers posted:

Sending my deepest sympathy for the lose of your loved one. May God be with all of you.

September 10 at 4:47 PM

MN

Monte Nagy posted:

WAYNE WAS A REAL SPIRITUAL INFLUENCE ON ME. I JOIN YOU ALL IN THE JOY WE HAD TOGETHER,AND NOW THE SORROW IN KNOWING HE IS GONE FOR NOW. MY BROTHER IN CHRIST.

September 10 at 2:42 PM



Anonymous posted:

Wayne was a wonderful person and am sorry he is gone. He fought a long fight.Carole and Roberta

September 10 at 4:41 AM

SM

Shella Miller posted:

Dear Ruth and Family,So sorry to hear of Wayne's passing. I am sure the angels are rejoicing. He was a good man. Shelly (Colvin) Miller

September 10 at 4:38 AM



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Janelee Thompson posted:

Dear Ruth and Family, We are so sorry to hear of the passing of Virgil. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Love The Residents and the Staff at The Abbot Home.

September 10 at 4:17 AM



Anonymous posted:

So sorry for your lose. He was a good person and he loved you so much. Judy Liston

September 10 at 3:01 AM



Jim & Lisa Hardy posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this difficult time.

September 10 at 2:55 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Virgil by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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