



Randolph Henry McKee

August 9, 1942 - October 25, 2025

In loving memory of Randolph Henry McKee

Randolph Henry McKee, 83, of Gainesville, Virginia (formerly of Indian Harbour Beach, Florida), passed peacefully at home on the morning of October 25, 2025, surrounded by loved ones.

Born on August 9, 1942, at the Brooklyn Naval Hospital in Brooklyn, NY, Randy was the eldest son of Vivian (Fischel) McKee and Henry Elmer McKee. His father, serving in the Navy, received the news of Randy's birth while on maneuvers in the Atlantic. Randy spent his formative years in Bellerose, NY, living with his grandparents, mother, brothers, Aunt Trudy, and cousins. His cousins, Ronald and Roger Fulop, became his lifelong best friends and were as close as siblings.

Randy graduated from Princess Anne High School in Virginia Beach, VA, in 1960. He enlisted in the United States Navy Reserves as an airplane mechanic. During a flight to Cuba to support Brigade 2506, his plane was turned around following President Kennedy's withdrawal from the Bay of Pigs invasion. Randy often shared stories from his service, including a memorable cheesecake flight from NAS Norfolk to NAS New York, Floyd Bennett Field, for Junior's Cheesecake!

After active duty, Randy worked for Republic Aviation, helping build the hydraulics for the F-105 Thunderchief, affectionately known as the “Thud.” In October 2024, he was reunited with one at the Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center.

In 1968, Randy joined the New York City Police Academy. Following the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr., he was sworn in after just three days of training to help manage the city’s unrest. He served the NYPD for 20 years and 4 months, later working as the night Security Officer for the Connetquot Central School District until relocating to Florida.

Randy was a man of many passions. Whether landscaping, detailing cars, playing dress-up with his girls, or cleaning the house to “Macho Man” by the Village People, he brought joy and dedication to everything he did. A skilled marksman, he served as a Range Officer at the Port Malabar Gun Club and competed in firearm competitions. He hunted deer and boar, though he later questioned the fairness of boar hunting.

A proud member of the Knights of Columbus, Randy was Assistant District Deputy for the East Coast of Florida, past Grand Knight, and a Fourth Degree Honor Guard member. He was known for his storytelling, mechanical skills, and generosity. Though his presence commanded respect, he was a gentle soul who only ever asked for a thank you and a pat on the back.

Randy was proud of his Irish and Austrian heritage, which he carried with honor and joy throughout his life.

After a four-month courtship, Randy married Audrey, his wife of 51 years—because, as he said, “she had great teeth,” though it was her wit and confidence that truly won him over. He is survived by Audrey and their children, Christine (William), Laurie (Joseph), and Jennifer. He was a devoted grandfather to Joshua, William, Daniel, Ryan, Megan, Rosemary, and Quinn,

and a great-grandfather to Julianna. He is also survived by his brother Jeffrey (Rose), nephew Jeremy, great-nephew Jamison, and lifelong friend Carlos Ramos.

Randy was preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Vivian; his brother, Dennis; his cousins, Ronald and Roger Fulop; and his mother-in-law, Rosemary Yudelson, whom he loved and cherished.

His legacy lives on in the stories he told, the lives he touched, and the love he gave so freely. He will be deeply missed and forever r

Tribute Wall

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“ I would like to take a moment to remember and honor someone who meant a great deal to my family and to me - a neighbor and friend, Randy McKee.

It's hard to sum up a person like Randy in just a few words. He was the kind of neighbor everyone hopes but few are lucky enough to have. When we lived nearby, he was always there- ready with a helping hand, a good story or a laugh. He had this way of making any situation lighter, funnier, and somehow better.

Randy wasn't just a neighbor; he became a true friend to my parents and to all of us. Whenever we needed something- whether it was help, or resource to help - he was who we would call. That's just kind of man he was dependable and kind-hearted.

He was also a devoted family man- proud dad, grandfather, and husband to his beautiful wife Audrey. Audrey was every bit his partner in kindness and warmth. Together, they build not just a family, but a home that welcomed others in. Audrey, you and Randy showed what real love and community looks like.

Even after we moved away, the connection never faded. We will miss Randy. May his spirit stay with us- in every laugh he sparked, every kindness he showed, and every memory we hold dear.

We send love and hugs to Audrey, Jenn, Christine and Laurie. We feel your loss and hold your dear in our hearts and prayers.

*Bridget and Tom Mathews and family
The Cassese family*

Bridget Cassese-Kiernan - November 09, 2025 at 05:26 PM

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Thank you so very much Bridg. Your words means so very much to us and some very loved memories. Thank you sweetheart.

Audrey McKee - December 05, 2025 at 10:22 AM

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“ *A good man with a big heart. A rarity. My sincere condolences*

Susan Tan - November 05, 2025 at 05:21 PM

MF

“ *We are so very sorry to hear of Randy's passing! He was a good man and great friend to all who knew him.*

*Deepest Condolences,
The Drost Family*

Mike Drost and Family - November 05, 2025 at 03:44 PM

CJ

“ *I have known Randy for many years. He was a great and funny man. One line always stuck in my head was "Don't go busting my balls." He was always a joker and always had a laugh or quick comeback. He was a great man and will truly be missed from everyone that had ever known him. Till we meet again old friend. Enjoy Heaven and don't bust anyone's balls there till we see you again.*

Charles Johnson - November 05, 2025 at 03:03 PM

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“ *To many to list so I will say this he was great family friend and more like a uncle to me
I will dearly miss him rest easy my good friend*

Eddie Montefusco - November 05, 2025 at 11:36 AM