



Eric Gerald McQueen

October 28, 1947 - September 3, 2025

Eric G. McQueen, 77 of Bloomington, IN, passed away on Wednesday, September 3, 2025 at Grand Brook Memory Care in Greenwood, IN.

Eric was born on October 28, 1947 in Cleveland, OH; to Eugene McQueen and Minnie (First) Woods. He was married to Julie A. Kearby on August 27, 1994. Eric has one son Devin E. McQueen. He was a loving husband and father who loved his family dearly.

He is survived by his wife Julie (Kearby) McQueen, his son Devin E. McQueen, his sister Cynthia Woods-Hill (Craig), and his aunt Catherine Hamilton, and a host of nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister Bernadine Rivers-Blackman and Lillian and Melvin Baker (his aunt and uncle who raised him).

Eric attended Arsenal Technical High School, Indianapolis, IN. After graduating high school, Eric enlisted in the United States Air Force. He was a part of the 57 Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron during the Vietnam War. He completed the Class 68D Aeromedical Evacuation Technician Course at Brooks Air Force Base, Texas. He also completed the Medical Service Specialist Course at the United States Air Force Medical Service School. He attended flight school and became a crew member of the C141A Aircraft. Eric

was stationed at Clark Air Base in the Philippines as an Aerospace Medical Services Technician. The job he performed was to provide patient care for wounded soldiers as they were being transported to hospitals for further treatment. During his time as a crew member of the C141, he qualified as a Flight Instructor for medical technicians assigned to the C141 aircraft. Eric completed his Air Force career as a Sergeant E-4. In September 1977 Eric enlisted as a United States Naval Reservist serving in the Medical Service Corp drilling in Indianapolis. He retired as a Commander on August 1, 2007 with over 24 years of service.

Eric received an Associate degree from Indiana University in Public Health and a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of the State of New York in Environmental Science. Eric worked for the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane, IN from 1982 to 2002. During his career at NSWC Crane he worked as an Industrial Hygienist, then as a Health Physicist working as the Radiation and Laser Safety Officer for the base, and finally as the Director of the Health and Safety Department. Eric left Crane to work for Homeland Security in Indianapolis. Eric retired from Homeland Security in 2014.

Eric also served as a Naval Academy Information Officer for several years. He would go to high schools in southern Indiana and speak with young men and women who were interested in attending the Naval Academy after high school and would give them information on how to improve their chance of getting a nomination to the Academy.

Eric enjoyed playing racket ball, bicycling, hiking, photography, family vacations, and watching his son play baseball, football, basketball and track.

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory, 4155 South Old State Road 37 in Bloomington, will be hosting the visitation and memorial service on Saturday, September 20, 2025. Visitation will be from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. with the

service beginning at 2:30 p.m. His urn will be placed at Valhalla Memory Gardens in Bloomington, IN.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research or to the Wounded Warrior Project.

Cemetery Details

Valhalla Memory Gardens

310 North Johnson Ave.
Bloomington, IN 47401

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 20. 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM (Est)

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory
4155 S. Old State Road 37
Bloomington, IN 47401
(812) 824-5905
<http://www.allencares.com>

Funeral Service

SEP 20. 2:30 PM (ET)

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory
4155 S. Old State Road 37
Bloomington, IN 47401
(812) 824-5905
<http://www.allencares.com>

Tribute Wall

RS

“ Eric and I worked together at Bloomington Hospital in Respiratory Therapy. We became good friends and would play basketball and Racketball often. It's really weird for some reason he popped in my mind today. I looked him up on Facebook and seen his obituary. I don't remember who quit Bloomington Hospital first, but we lost touch after that. I stayed a Respiratory Therapist and retired after 40 years. I wish we had kept in touch.

Ron Stewart - May 26 at 05:50 PM

MA

“ Marie lit a candle in memory of Eric McQueen



Marie - September 20, 2025 at 11:50 AM

SG

“ Eric and my husband Abe "Abram" Garcia were in the 57th AeroMedical Evacuation Group during the Vietnam Conflict. They kept their friendship going throughout the years, sharing how they spent their lives beyond Vietnam, with their families, work, music, and other friends from the 57th Group.

Abe always kept several business cards he had from Eric and posted them around his computer and desk. Eric was always a phone call, one click, or one text message away from Abe. The respect for one another was always there.

Now the two can share their stories on the same cloud in heaven, no more distance, no more phone calls, no more clicks, no more text messages.

Sylvia Garcia - September 19, 2025 at 11:26 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Eric Gerald McQueen.



September 18, 2025 at 07:09 PM

DA

“ Dusty, Chris, Chris, Alex and Avery purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of Eric Gerald McQueen.



Dusty, Chris, Chris, Alex and Avery - September 17, 2025 at 07:59 PM

PD

“ *Paul and Linda Davis purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of Eric Gerald McQueen.*



Paul and Linda Davis - September 11, 2025 at 01:50 PM