



William Hershel McAlister Jr.

September 19, 1932 - January 11, 2012

Mr. William Hershel McAlister Jr.

Mr. William Hershel McAlister Sr., 79, of Bartlesville, died at 7:09 P.M. on Wednesday.

Mr. McAlister was born September 19, 1932 at Weatherford Texas, to William H. and Novalyne R. (Smith) McAlister Sr. He was raised and received his early education in the Dallas area, graduating from North Dallas High School. He later attended Arlington State College, and was a graduate of Southern Methodist University, with a Bachelor of Science Degree.

He began his flying career as a pilot with Trans Texas Airways in May of 1959, and then later as a pilot for Texas International Airlines, and later for Continental Airlines retiring in 1983. To add to his retirement, after his flying career, Hershel became a rancher in Ranger, Texas and retired from ranching in 2006.

They made their home in Houston, Ranger and Keller Texas, Ruidoso New Mexico, and Maui, Hawaii, later they made their home in Bartlesville, Oklahoma to be near to his wife's hometown of Pawhuska.

Mr. MacAlister is survived by his wife Laura (Brooks) McAlister, five sons William H. McAlister and wife Sheila, of St. Louis Mo., Russell McAlister and wife Arlene of Roanoke, Tx., James Wells and wife Audrey of Forney, Tx. Joey Wells and wife Jackie of Azle, Tx., Scott Wells and wife Roxie Odessa Tx., two daughters Sherry Mills and husband Randy of Allen Tx. and Amanda McAfee and husband Kyle of Keller, Tx., and by 13 Grandchildren, and 6 great grandchildren.

He had served in the military in the U.S. Coast Guard during the Korean War.

Full Military honors were presented at the gravesite by members of the American Legion Post # 97 and 198 of Pawhuska, Oklahoma.

Pallbearers for Mr. McAlister were his grandchildren Joey Wells, SSgt Jason Wells, James Wells, Scott Wells, Russell McAlister, Kyle McAfee, Ryan Wells, Ben McAfee, Will McAfee and Chris Wells

Services and interment were under the direction of the Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory, Bartlesville.

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Tribute Wall



“ *William Hershel McAlister Jr.*

October 23, 2023 at 04:40 AM



“ *William Hershel McAlister Jr.*

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *Hello Laura and family,
So very sorry to hear about Hershel passing. Will dearly miss him. A true gentleman and friend. Remember the great memories you have and that will keep him in your heart forever.*

Nancy Bacon - January 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *William Hershel McAlister Jr.*

HWSM - January 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *got acquainted with Hershel in Ruidoso, NM many years ago --sorry to hear he has gone "WEST" & sending condolences to a fellow Pilot at CAL.*

*REspectfully,
R.V. (Virg) Hemphill*

Virgil Hemphill - January 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AJ

“ *Capt McAlister was a true gentleman as TTA/TXI Capt.*

*I was a Flight Dispatcher during 1965-1980. GOD Bless his soul
in heaven. Isaiah 40:31*

Algy F Giles Jr - January 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *Good man. Good pilot. It was a pleasure to work with you.
STELLY/HOUDD*

John Stelly - January 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ *It is with great sorrow to learn of one of our former TTA aviator. I
had flown many flights with Hershel and enjoyed them all. He was a
Gentlemen's Gentlemen and a true professional.*

CLYDE DOMENGEAUX - January 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ *My favorite pilot to fly with and a good friend. Bob McKinney*

Bob Mckinney - January 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *Hershel was always wearing a smile, easy going and a true
professional.
My prayers to the family.
God Bless!*

Jack Somerville - January 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ Joey and Jimmy, Just want to offer our prayers at this time of loss. Sorry my family and I could not be there to attend the funeral to due location.

*Deepest sympathies
The Perouty family*

John Perouty - January 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ Deepest Sympathy to Laura and the family in this most difficult time.. I have fond memories of flying with Hershal during the Texas International Days..

Keith Smith - January 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ A sympathy card has been sent to the family of William Hershel McAlister Jr..

January 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Sorry for your loss.

Troyce and Effie Mae Boone and Family - January 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CY

“ I am so sorry for your loss, my thoughts & prayers are with your family.

Cindy Youngblood - January 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ *My condolences to you and your family, thoughts and prayers are with all.*

John Arnspiger - January 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EM

“ *GREATEST THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS WITH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY AT THIS TIME!*

ELLIE MILLER - January 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

FM

“ *our deepest condolences to the family.*

Fred and Celine Mitchell - January 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM