

CLAYTON N. McRAE



Clayton N. McRae, 90, affectionately known as Mr. Mac or Clay, passed away November 28, 2022, at Community Hospice Hadlow Center. He was a Christmas baby, born in Jacksonville to the late Jack Walter McRae and Louise Mae Bell McRae. Clay's birth



mother passed away when he was very young. His father married Viola Irene Wall, who loved and raised him well, and was the only mother he ever knew. He enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and served around the world for over 22 years, retiring as a Master Sergeant. He returned to Jacksonville and started a second career with the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office and served faithfully for 20 years, retiring as a Sergeant.

Clay shared his life with his one true love, Jackie McRae, who sadly passed away in August of 2022, just short of celebrating their 70th wedding anniversary. He and Jackie were avid antique bottle collectors. Mr. McRae shared his love of the outdoors with family and friends while bottle digging, camping, fishing and hunting. He was preceded in death by his wife Jackie; son Michael George; brother J.W. McRae, Jr.; and grandchildren Gina Mabry McGee and Nathaniel Oliver Mabry, Jr.

Surviving family include his children Jenine McLarty, Denita Herres and Mark (Sharon) McRae; grandchildren Crysta (Mark) Roberts, Sean (Dessica) Mabry, Jennifer (Joel) Long, Carly (Johann) Forrest and Kyle McRae; great-grandchildren Dalton (Connie) Roberts, Brooke Roberts, Audrey Long, Lucas Long and Celia Mabry; and great-great-grandchildren Trenton Thompson and Baby Clayton Roberts, arriving in 2023.

A graveside funeral service was held Monday, December 5 at Jacksonville National Cemetery with Chaplain Jackie Hayes officiating. Final Military Honors were reverently bestowed by the Moody Air Force Base Honor Guard.