



## J. D. McGee

September 23, 1933 - November 23, 2018

J. D. McGee, 85, of Arlington, passed away Friday, November 23, 2018.

J. D. was born September 23, 1933 in Cleburne to Mary Elizabeth and Johnny D. McGee. He was a graduate of Cleburne High School and the FBI Academy. He had received two Masters degrees from the University of Texas at Arlington.

J. D. was with the Arlington Police Department for 21 years and retired as Assistant Chief in 1978. He then served as Chief of the University of Texas Police Department for 10 years and as Chief of Police in Greenville for five years.

J. D. was active in the Arlington community as one of the founders of the Arlington Boys Club and served the organization for many years as President. When he lived in Greenville he helped found the Boys Club there.

J. D. was a member of and active at Tate Springs Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, first wife, Betty Jo McGee and 2 step-sons, Timothy Bryan Carlisle and Michael Gene Carlisle.

Survivors include: His wife, Frankie Laverne McGee; daughters, Eva Beth Shull, Cindy Kay Parsons and Jena Darlene McGee; step-sons, David Wayne Carlisle and Gordon Alan Carlisle; grandchildren, Jimmy Shull, Josh Shull, Charlie Shull, Rachel Parsons, Brandi Parsons, Andy McGee and Jennifer Haag; step-grandchildren, Candace Dawn Triggs, Clay Cunningham, Cameron Carlisle, Jack Carlisle and Max Cunningham and 15 great-grandchildren.

# Cemetery

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**Johnson Station Cemetery**

# Events

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**NOV 28 Viewing 10:00AM - 11:00AM**

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Tate Springs Baptist Church  
4201 Little Road, Arlington, TX, US, 76016

**NOV 28 Funeral 11:00AM**

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# Comments

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“ Chief J. D. McGee believed in me, even though he was old school and women in uniform, much less as patrol supervisors “in those days” was a novelty. With his support, Arlington Police Department and University of Texas at Arlington Police Department co-hosted the Texas Olympics (now Games) one year. He was one of the first Texas police chiefs to support his athletic officers with paid leave and per diem when we competed. Other officers had to use compensatory, holiday and vacation days to compete, as well as pay their own accommodations, entry fees and travel. He was caustic, direct, rough and strict but big hearted. When I was a lieutenant, he had me sit in during a scathing reprimand of one of our favorite patrol sergeants. The sergeant had not broken a law, just behaved foolishly in uniform and on duty. Chief McGee’s oral rebuke was brutal. The sergeant slunk lower in his chair, chin on his chest, thoroughly ashamed, especially since he highly respected us both. When Chief McGee was finished, he told the sergeant, “Now go out there and do the job I know you can do.” With those words, he healed that sergeant and restored his dignity. That day, I learned something about Chief McGee and about firmly disciplining someone with respect. After only a few months as a university police chief in Colorado, I told him I was sorry for every negative thought or word I uttered about him when I was under his command. I told him I learned it was different on the other side of the desk. He just grinned.

**Martha Bacile FINDLAY** - November 27, 2018 at 02:19 PM

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“ J.D. was a role model. He did his dead-level best to serve his community - and insisted that everyone he supervised did the same. Jerry Carrol was right: he would back you when you were right, and chew you out when you were wrong...and have a big smile on his face for you the next day. He'll be missed by a lot of people, and I'm sure one of them.

**JERRY KENDRICK** - November 25, 2018 at 05:45 PM

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“ My grandpa was the most amazing man i will ever know. i have so many memories of him and not enough room on this page to put them but i will carry with me forever. i am so honored my children got to know him and see how wonderful he was. he loved his family with all his heart. my heart breaks to know he is gone.i love you so very much papa and will miss you soo soo very much love your granddaughter and great grandkids,

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**jennifer haag** - November 25, 2018 at 04:49 PM

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“ My Uncle JD was an amazing man. I remember spending the night at his house with Cindy and eating his venison. I remember his big laugh. I remember my family vacationing with his family and him laughing at my daddy for his fear of heights at the Royal Gorge. I remember him telling me about the time he ran "over" me when I was little and crawled under the car. Most of all, I remember desperately needing him in the middle of the night once, and he rushed to my side. He will always be so special to me. RIP, Uncle JD.

**Marie Fine** - November 24, 2018 at 05:16 PM

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“ Heart's Companion Bouquet was purchased for the family of J. D. McGee.



November 24, 2018 at 05:10 PM

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“ JD was a memvof the brass that hired me in 1971. He was easy to approach and talk to. He stood behind me when I was correct and chewed me out when I was wrong. He always treated me fairly. Prayers to his family.

**Jerry Carroll** - November 24, 2018 at 11:58 AM