



## John Forrest McGee, Jr.

April 14, 1947 - February 4, 2026

John Forrest McGee Jr., 78, of Leary, Georgia, passed away peacefully on February 4, 2026, at Archbold Memorial Hospital in Thomasville, Georgia, surrounded by his loving family.

Born on April 14, 1947, in Albany, Georgia, to John Forrest McGee Sr. and Stella Stripling McGee, Johnny lived his entire life rooted in southwest Georgia. He proudly served his country in the United States Air Force, where he developed the discipline, integrity, and quiet strength that defined him.

After his military service, Johnny worked as an insurance agent for Gulf Life Insurance before joining the Marine Corps Logistics Base in Albany, Georgia, as a procurement officer. He retired in 2008 after two decades of dedicated service supporting the Marines.

Johnny's faith was the foundation of his life. A charter member of Beacon Baptist Church in Albany, Georgia, he served faithfully for decades as its long-time minister of music, leading worship with a voice and spirit that touched countless hearts. He was also a devoted deacon and, prior to his illness, served as chairman of the deacons, guiding the congregation with wisdom, humility, and steadfast commitment.

Above all, Johnny was a devoted family man. He met the love of his life,

Cecelia, in 1966, and they married in November 1971. Together they built a beautiful life grounded in faith and mutual devotion. His greatest joy came from Cecelia, whose partnership was the cornerstone of his life; from his son, Shawn; and from his grandchildren, Austin and Lauren McGee, whose laughter and energy brought him endless happiness. John's love for his family was deep, unwavering, and expressed in quiet acts of care and presence.

Johnny was preceded in death by his parents, John Forrest McGee Sr. and Stella Stripling McGee; his sister, Jan; his brother-in-law, Larry Morey; and his nephew, Brad McGee.

He is survived by his loving wife, Cecelia; his son, Shawn McGee; his beloved grandchildren, Austin and Lauren McGee; his brother, Barry McGee (Betty); his sister, Stacey Morey; his nephews, Jeremy Morey, Jarod McGee, and Lane Morey; and extended family members who will miss him dearly.

The family will receive friends on Tuesday, February 10, 2026, from 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. at Kimbrell-Stern Funeral Directors in Albany.

Funeral services, officiated by Dr. Rodney Carr, will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 11, 2026, at Beacon Baptist Church in Albany, Georgia, with interment to follow at Patmos Free Will Baptist Church Cemetery.

It was Johnny's wish that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Beacon Baptist Church, 5818 Newton Road, Albany, GA 31721.

John Forrest McGee Jr. leaves behind a legacy of love, duty, faith, and quiet devotion. He will be deeply missed and forever remembered.

# Cemetery Details

## Patmos Free Will Baptist Church Cemetery

1165 GA 216  
Leary  
Leary, GA 39862

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 10. 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

Kimbrell-Stern Funeral Directors  
1503 Dawson Rd.  
Albany, GA 31707

## Funeral Service

FEB 11. 2:00 PM (ET)

Beacon Baptist Church  
5818 Newton Rd.  
Albany, GA 31721

# Tribute Wall

NB

“ Nick, Mandy, Mason, Ronnie and Brenda purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of John Forrest McGee, Jr..



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**Nick, Mandy, Mason, Ronnie and Brenda** - February 09 at 09:11 PM



“ Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Forrest McGee, Jr..



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February 09 at 01:41 PM

SH

“ The ladies at Renasant bank in Newton Ga would like to send our heartfelt condolences to Mrs. Cecelia and the entire McGee Family. Tracy,Alee,Missy and Shaunte'

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**Shaunte'** - February 09 at 10:56 AM

DJ

“ We are so sorry to hear of Johnny's passing.

*David Johnson*

*God looked around His garden and He found an empty place. He then looked down upon this earth, and saw your tired face. He put his arms around you and lifted you to rest. God's garden must be beautiful, He always takes the best. He knew that you were suffering, He knew you were in pain. He knew that you would never get well on earth again. He saw the road was getting rough and the hills were hard to climb So He closed your weary eyelids, and whispered, Peace be thine. It broke our hearts to lose you but you didn't go alone, For part of us went with you the day God called you home*

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**David Johnson** - February 09 at 10:43 AM

MR

“ *Cecelia, my heartfelt prayers go out for you and your family. Johnny and I grew up as neighbors and went to school together. His family and mine were good friends. Johnny was always a true Christian friend. I lost my husband and best friend two months ago so I can truly appreciate your loss. I pray that God will bless you peace and grant you with strength.*

*Mary Ann McDowell Rogers*

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**Mary Ann Rogers** - February 07 at 08:43 PM

DH

“ *May light perpetual shine upon him. Peace and love to his family who were dear friends of my mother.*



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**Debbie Hambley** - February 07 at 05:55 PM

JM

“ Johnny was a long time friend and I am so to hear about his passing. We will be praying for peace and comfort for his family. Johnny was a true man of God in his teaching and through song. He will truly be missed by his family and community.  
God bless his family.  
Love y'all, from John and Teresa Moore



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**John and Teresa Moore** - February 07 at 02:51 PM

SC

“ We are so sorry for your loss Cecelia and Shawn. Many fond memories of Johnny, but I remember him mostly for being a wonderful song director at Beacon when my family ( The Spell Family) joined Beacon. He always had a big smile and the love for his family and for Jesus shined through him.

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**Sandy Spell Cox** - February 07 at 01:07 PM

KP

“ May God bless and comfort you all during this difficult time. We all loved him.

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**Kesha Parish** - February 07 at 11:51 AM

CD

“ He was definitely a fine Christian man and an inspiration to us. We are very blessed to have known him. He will be missed. Prayers for Cecelia and family. Rev. Carl and Janice Dunn

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**Carl Dunn** - February 07 at 09:51 AM

DF

“ *Fond memories of John McGee. We were co-workers @ MCLB for several years. We shared some awesome stories about our life experiences, our families and the love and blessings of God in our lives.*

*Cecelia & Shawn I am so sorry. Please know you are in my thoughts & prayers. 🙏🙏🙏*

*Don Ford*

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**Don Ford** - February 06 at 11:03 PM

EW

“ *I had the phenomenal opportunity of working with John from 1991 until 2003 @ MCLB Albany. John was an honorable and compassionate man who embraced his Faith, family and his Beacon Baptist Church family.*

*I'm thankful for having met him and his beloved Cecilia and Shawn. He and his fellow Deacon Faircloth visited by ailing mom @ Phoebe prior to her demise in 2000. John was more than a coworker, he was a friend. I'll forever appreciate his friendship. Rest in Power my friend.*

*R/*

*Eyvonne "Von" Williams*



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**Eyvonne Williams** - February 06 at 08:02 PM

GS

“ *So sorry i wont be there for the familybut my prayers are with the family . Johnny was a special man, i will miss getting my johnny mcgee hug. He will be missed. Love to all gloria smith*

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**Gloria Smith** - February 06 at 05:59 PM

ES

“ Remember Johnny when we all started Beacon Baptist back in the mid 60s. Lots of great memories from that time. I use to talk to him on the phone when he was at the Marine base. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Betty McCorvey let us know of his passing. Didn't know of his illness. Find comfort in knowing he is with Jesus and we will see him again.

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**Edward Scott** - February 06 at 05:49 PM