



Roy G. McGaha Sr.

August 15, 1928 - March 2, 2011

Roy G. McGaha Sr., 82, of New Castle, went home to be with the Lord surrounded by his family on Wednesday, March 2, 2011 at Hickory Creek of New Castle.

He was born at home on the corner of 25th and Broad Street in New Castle on August 15, 1928 a son of the late Dallas Roy "Tennessee" and Rose (Ramey) McGaha.

Roy attended New Castle High School before joining the U.S. Army. He served his country during WWII with the 11th Reconnaissance Company. He was employed at Chrysler Corporation, retiring in 1970. He then worked for the city of New Castle under the Bud Ayres Administration as a trouble shooter in any department as instructed. For many years he and his wife June were very active in the Democratic Party. He also worked at several local grocery stores, Walmart as a greeter, Wray - Dehart Auto Sales and for Uptown Auto. Roy never met a stranger and had a love for people especially children. He greatly enjoyed going to his grandchildren's activities and spending time with his great-grandchildren. He attended Northside Church of God and especially enjoyed Wednesday night prayer meeting. He was a member of Local UAW 371 and a lifetime member of the V.F.W. post 1282. He is survived by four children, Sandy (husband: Bill) Appeldorn of Nocona, Texas, Steve (wife: Mary) McGaha and Roy G. McGaha Jr. both of Augusta, Georgia and Terri (husband: Dennis) McKinsey of Mooreland; eight grandchildren including Clint (companion: Emily Fields) McKinsey of

Lawrenceburg and Michelle (husband: Rick) Lamb of Muncie; 20 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Rosemary (husband: David) Hilbert and Christina (husband: Phil) Brown both of New Castle; three children whom he raised as his own, Larry (wife: Sue) White of Dallas, Texas, Ruth Sutton and Brent White both of New Castle; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a beloved sister and brother-in-law, Katie and Carl McClure; two brothers, Robert "Bobby" McGaha and Jackie McGaha; and a wife, June (Daffron) McGaha and her son, Patrick White.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, March 5, 2011 at the Northside Church of God with Pastor Phil Brown officiating. Burial will follow in Mooreland Cemetery. Military Honors will be provided by a contingent from the U.S. Army and the American Legion and VFW.

Friends may call from 4 – 8 p.m. Friday at Sproles Family Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Grandma Katie McClure's Reading Fund or the Northside Church of God Youth Group with envelopes available at the funeral home.

The family wishes to thank the staff of Hickory Creek At New Castle for their excellent care and love shown to Roy and his family during his stay there.

You may send the family a personal condolence at www.sprolesfamilycares.com. Sproles Family Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Roy McGaha Sr.

Tribute Wall

BS

“ *Sandy, Steve, Junior, and Terri, I am so sorry to hear of your dad's passing. I was out of town and unable to attend the viewing. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers as you deal with this loss in your family.*

Bud Shore - March 08, 2011 at 08:14 PM

SW

“ *Dear McGaha family, I was so sorry to read that Roy had passed away and must apologize that I was unable to attend the calling and speak with you in person. I babysit for my daughter in Fishers on Fridays and tonight I didn't get home until after 8 p.m. You certainly have my sympathy and all of you are in my prayers. Sheila Wooten (daughter of Charlie and Barbara Purvis)*

Sheila Wooten - March 04, 2011 at 10:09 PM

ME

“ *Terri, Steve, Sandy and Junior, Wanted you to know that your in my thoughts and prayers. Much love, Mickie*

Mickie Reuter Estes - March 04, 2011 at 06:20 PM

CR

“ *Dear Christine & Phil, I was visiting my uncle who lives across the street from you (JoeLee) and after a wonderful sermon we were invited to the dinner afterwards. There we talked about Roy and I was even able to visit with him for a few minutes. I remember him as a wonderful man that cherished his family deeply. I am so sorry for your loss and my prayers are with you. Chris*

Chris Lee Ryals - March 04, 2011 at 02:12 PM

PA

“ Terri & Family, i am so sorry about your loss. Roy was so very special; i enjoyed seeing him every month at my programs. he always hugged me and asked about the family. when i would ask about Terri he would say she is the best daughter, he would also talk about the times my girls would stay at his house with Michelle. i loved him and will miss him; i love you all as well. i am praying that God gives you the peace that only He can give. God Bless and Comfort you all.

pam - March 04, 2011 at 09:25 AM

SU

“ Terri and family...I am so sorry to learn that your precious Father passed away yesterday afternoon. My heart breaks for you and I am so thankful he had you in his life. The love you give everyone is totally comforting and nurturing and you made his life so much better...as he did yours. Love you, Susan

Susan - March 03, 2011 at 02:09 PM