



Bill R. McElroy

November 5, 1950 - December 19, 2022

Bill R. McElroy, 72, of Chambersburg, PA passed away at his home on December 19, 2022 from a three-year battle with cancer.

He was born on November 5, 1950, to Thomas M. McElroy and Mary J. (Sheeder) McElroy in Huntingdon, PA.

Bill attended Huntingdon Senior High School and later enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps in 1968. After his tour of duty, he returned to the Huntingdon area and worked at a local manufacturing company.

He later opened and operated a firearms and sporting goods business for many years in Mill Creek, PA. Bill was an expert gunsmith and performed not only repairs but specialized in custom work and restoration. He was also an avid bass fisherman and offered Raystown Lake guide services to customers.

Bill went on to do government contract work at the 4 th Army 123 rd ARCOM in Livonia, Michigan in arms repair and on towed, self-propelled, and turret artillery. His work included instruction on regulatory procedures concerned with weapons, ammunition, and explosives to all assigned units in ARCOM.

In later years, Bill earned his Associates Degree in Information Technology and retired from the U.S. Army War College Carlisle Barracks, Carlisle, PA.

Bill is survived by Trudy A. Wesley, his partner of 32 years. He is also survived by Dr. Aaron M. Wesley and wife Dr. Emma Bowers of Fayetteville, PA, Abbey M. Wesley of North Carolina, a brother, Harry P. Edwards, Jr. of Washington state, and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father and mother, brother Joseph McElroy, sister Phyllis (McElroy) Luckadoo, sister Angela Edwards, brother Jeffrey McElroy, and stepfather Harry P. Edwards, Sr.

A memorial will be held at a later date.