



Michael Stalker McKerral

June 24, 1960 - September 7, 2013

A memorial service for Michael Stalker McKerral, 53, of Roswell, NM, will be Wednesday, September 11, 2013 at 3:00 pm at Anderson Bethany Funeral Home. Michael passed away Saturday, September 7, 2013.

Michael was born on June 24th 1960, first son of Neil and Moira McKerral, in Campbeltown, Argyll, Scotland. Michael was a member of the Roswell 18# Masonic Lodge. He belonged to Her Majesty's Scots Guards Pipes and Drums of the 1st Battalion Scots Guards, and became one of the Queens own Pipers. On leaving the Military he became a Public Servant, working for the Police Force in London and later in the Emergency Services.

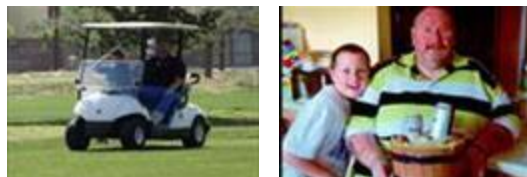
He enjoyed golf, especially being on the course with his two boys, he loved a fine Scottish Whisky, travelling, socializing with friends and family, and nothing made him happier than meeting new people, who then also became friends. He was the type of person you had to meet just once, and you became friends for life.

Michael is survived by his wife Cathy, of the family home, three sons, Neil and his wife Kelly and Grandson George of Bristol UK; Callum and Luke of the family home; his brother Martin of Campbeltown Scotland; cousins Kenneth and Ann McConnachie of Dumfries Scotland, and cousin Charles Graham of Poole, Dorset UK, as well as his many brothers from the Scots Guards.

Tribute Wall

LM

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Luke Mckerrall - September 29, 2013 at 01:25 AM

LM

“ Dad, I love you and miss you very much, but I promise I will still make you very proud of me, and I will look after Mom, driving the golf carts will never be the same again. I will remember the laughs we used to have, I am trying to be strong, just like you



Luke Mckerrall - September 29, 2013 at 01:23 AM

KM

“ Taken far too soon and sadly missed. A larger than life character - Michael was a very determined individual and would support you, family and friends alike, through thick and thin. First and foremost however he had an undying love for his family and a determination they should all do well. He had his plans - some of which have come to fruition - others that have fallen by the wayside and others still to follow through. They were not fanciful dreams but a willingness to explore all opportunities for betterment and enjoyment for his family. Live his dream.
Kenneth, Ann & Family, Dumfries

Kenneth McConnachie - September 18, 2013 at 05:12 PM

CM

“ *Cathy Mckerrall lit a candle in memory of Michael Stalker McKerrall*



Cathy Mckerrall - September 18, 2013 at 03:16 PM

JC

“ *From the first time that we were able to get together Mick, Cathy and the family always treated us as family as we were. Mick personality was bigger than life. He was the other hubby and Cathy a true sister. I have missed the "Pub" Friday nights since we have had to move to lower elevation. Mick always was a person with open arms.*

Jean Collins - September 11, 2013 at 10:47 AM

NM

“ *Mick will always be in my heart. Mick was a true family man who love his wife and boys. He was the man that you would meet once and become true friends for life...Or in my case family. Mick I cannot say thank you enough for everything you have done for Amy and I. You took us in and treated us like family. I love you and will miss you. However, there is a big place in my heart and you will never be forgotten.*

Nick Millard

Nicholas Millard - September 11, 2013 at 10:38 AM

JB

“Cathy, Neil, Callum, & Luke, Though I only had the honor of being with Mick a couple of times he had a way of moving right into your heart. I will always remember him playing the bagpipes at Chelsey's wedding. What an honor! Jerry, Abbey, and I will continue to pray for you all during your time of deep sorrow. God's blessings to you all. We love you.

Johnnie Baker - September 11, 2013 at 08:58 AM

JR

“Thoughts and Prayers are with you all on this sad day. Mick was a Brother, Fellow Piper, and Scots Guardsman. He always spoke about his family with great pride, and how he was going to bring them to Scotland, and show them the land of his youth. Rest In Peace Mick. "We Will Remember You".

Jock Ritchie - September 11, 2013 at 04:49 AM

JN

“Luke & Callum & Family- I just want you to know it was an honor to your Dad. He was so very proud of his family and a sweet man. I pray you will always keep your best memories of him in your hearts forever. Blessings to your whole family.
Jan Neff

Jan Neff - September 10, 2013 at 11:08 PM

LS

“Luke & Callum & Family- Never Met Your Dad, But he helped Raise 2 of the Best Kids I have had the pleasure to know- God Be with you and your Family- Keeping you in My thoughts & Prayers

Ms. Shipman

Lisa Shipman - September 10, 2013 at 08:45 PM

FS

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with Cath, Neil, Callum and luke and Martin on the loss of a husband, father and brother. We shared some good times our best moment being the birth of our son Neil, you would be very proud of the husband and father that Neil has become. Rest in Peace Michael united with his mum and dad.*

Fran x



fran smith - September 10, 2013 at 04:02 PM

GL

“ *Geordie Lightfoot lit a candle in memory of Michael Stalker McKerral*



geordie lightfoot - September 10, 2013 at 12:56 PM

“ *Flowers of the Forest*

*I've heard the lilting, at our yowe-milking,
Lasses a-lilting, before the dawn o' day;
But now they are moaning, on ilka green loaning:
The Flowers o' the Forest are a' wede away.*

*At buchts in the morning, nae blythe lads are scorning
The lasses are lonely, and dowie, and wae;
Nae daffin', nae gabbin', but sighing and sabbing,
Ilk ane lifts her leglen and hies away.*

*In hairst, at the shearing, nae youths now are jeering
The bandsters are lyart, and runckled and grey
At fair, or at preaching, nae wooing, nae fleeching —
The Flowers o' the Forest are a' wede away.*

*At e'en, at the gloaming, nae swankies are roaming
'Bout stacks wi' the lasses at bogle to play;
But ilk ane sits drearie, lamenting her dearie
The Flowers o' the Forest are a' wede away.*

*Dule and wae to the order, sent our lads to the border
The English, for aince, by guile wan the day:
The Flowers o' the Forest, that foucht aye the foremost
The pride o' our land, are cauld in the clay.*

*We hear nae mair lilting at our yowe-milking,
Women and bairns are heartless and wae;
Sighing and moaning on ilka green loaning
The Flowers o' the Forest are a' wede away.*

Scots Guardsman, Comrade and Friend...

BB

“ I am so sorry for your loss. As chairman of the Roswell Elks Lodge's annual Veterans Prayer Breakfast. I was honored these past two years to have Mick play "Amazing Grace for us. It was a very moving experience for all of us and we are forever grateful Bob Bergmark,

Bob Bergmark - September 10, 2013 at 11:37 AM

TR

“ I first met Mick at the Guards Depot Piping School, He said he was from Cambeltown my grandfather came from there also and we new mutual friends. We served together in the pipe band 1SG . I will remember Mick always smiling regardless. I send my deepest sympathies to his family from my family "Slante" Trigger Rodgers and kin

Trigger Rodgers - September 10, 2013 at 11:02 AM



Gordon Collins

“ Mick was a Father, Husband, Freemason and a true Patriot for the UK and the USA. He always called me brother and I honored and respected him very much. RIP my brother, I will lift a few drams in your honor. Cheers!

Gordon Collins - September 10, 2013 at 10:31 AM

RB

“ Although Mick had left the pipes and drums I still had a few chances to play alongside him in the Battalion at various functions. An excellent piper and probably the nicest I have ever met. Rest in peace Mick. The world will miss your music.....

Ronnie Bromhead - September 10, 2013 at 08:09 AM

KW

“ I will always remember Mick with that big smile on his face. He had time for anyone and everyone. He was a good friend and comrade and I am very proud to have known him.
You were taken far too soon Mick, I really wish I had taken you up on your offer to come to Mexico and see you for that holiday we spoke of. My thoughts are with Cathy and family at this sad time.
"Nemo Me Impune Lacessit"

Kevin Wildish - September 10, 2013 at 07:19 AM

JB

“ Was great to know you Mick, spent many a time havin a beer or 2 in Hong Kong and many other places, Gone but never forgotten Big Fella.....

jim burns - September 10, 2013 at 07:15 AM

SG

“ I'm so grateful to have known this amazing man and swap stories and have a few laughs over the years. He would do anything for those he cared for. His love and devotion to his family was obvious. Every time he spoke of them, his face lit up with pride. Mick left a legacy with his sons that he adored. The world is so much emptier place without him in it but I'm looking forward to seeing that jovial face again in the otherworld.

Susan Goodman - September 10, 2013 at 06:10 AM

GO

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with Cathy and the boys at this sad time. I have many fond memories of our time together with the 1st Bn Scots Guards Pipe Band. Rest In Peace Mick, gone to make Heaven a brighter place, God Bless. George & Jean O'Hanlon & Family x

George O'Hanlon - September 10, 2013 at 06:10 AM

DB

“ *Its amazing for me to read all these posts about Micks life back in the UK. Please keep them coming! It makes me feel like I'm on an adventure with him.*

D. James Bartlett - September 10, 2013 at 05:53 AM

GR

“ *R.I..P Mick
One of life's Giants!
I have some great memories of our time in the Battalion in Northern Ireland, Hong Kong and our visit to Australia, good times! Work hard, play hard.
Although taken too soon, I am certain you enjoyed a wonderful life with your loving family and many friends..... Graeme, Irene and family x
Nemo me impune lacessit.*

Graeme Ritchie - September 10, 2013 at 05:28 AM

MG

“ *I first met Mick when he joined the Ambulance service at Slough. We became good friends. We both worked at Blazers night club as bouncers. On new years eve at 2350 Mick would go and get changed into his kilt, and pipe the new year in. He played the pipes beautifully. When we were off duty from Heathrow we would go drinking at the United services in Slough, where Mick would sink a few wee drams of whisky. He was a very likable person and we had some good laughs at the night club and the united services.. I lost contact with Mick until I saw him on Facebook. Mick you were a wonderful fellow and you will be sadly missed. My condolences to your family RIP Mick God bless you*

Melvyn Goodyear - September 10, 2013 at 04:51 AM

MP

“ *RIP Mick. Taken too soon. Sincere condolences to your extended family.*

Malcolm Phillips - September 10, 2013 at 03:18 AM

TS

“ *I remember when my son antony and micks son neil was born 27 years ago there was only a few days between them and my late wife and neils mom were in the same ward, me and mick never really knew each other well, but he offered me a lift to the hospital every time we needed to go and our friendship grew saying funny things like well that's it they have us now and he had a really funny loud laugh , it was only a few months ago we talked about this time and laughed about it.
great memories and a great guy and a great scots guardsman.
rest in peace mucker.*

*Tony Stevens
England
UK.*

tony stevens - September 10, 2013 at 02:19 AM



“ *Michael it's with a sad heart I post on your Memorial page. Taken far too young. I have fond memories of our time in the Battalion, although we'd not seen each other in many a year I still look back with fondness on all the good times. I hope the Family you left behinds pain eases with time. God bless you big pal, the Pipe band in the wide blue yonder await your joining them.*

Ronald Deakin - September 10, 2013 at 02:17 AM

LM

“ *Cathy and boys. Thoughts and prayers to all of you. We met everyone last fall when we came down to Roswell to spend a few days with our son Nick and his wife Amy. You invited us over for a fun evening of getting to know Nick and Amy's extended family and closest friends. Thank you for taking them under your wings as part of your family. We will always remember the stories, laughs and memories of such great people.*

LaVern and Rosemary millard

Independence, Iowa

LaVern and Rosemary Millard - September 09, 2013 at 09:49 PM