



## Alyce Marie (McBee) McNeil

May 26, 1945 - June 7, 2020

On May 26, 1945 Alyce was born in Houston, Texas to her mother, Veda Lorene Larez and father Pat McBee and her brother, Joe Pat. She spent her first few years in the Oklahoma towns of Clayton and Dell City. The post war period was a time of peace and happy times. Alyce would share her memories with her family of the “rough” living conditions in Clayton. These included “outhouses”, a cast iron pot in the yard for the laundry and the water source being a “well” in the yard. Her father moved the family to a new home in Dell City in the late forties. She would recall in her youth going to the local movie with her friends and the extravagance of spending 25 cents for the show and a treat. A time of great sadness was the loss of her father in an industrial accident in 1951.

In the early 50’s her mother married Rudy Larez and they moved to Midwest City. When her brother Mark Larez was born. She began to develop her mothering skills as she shared in the care of Mark.

In the late 50s the family moved to Grandview, Missouri when Rudy was stationed at Richards-Gebaur Air Force base. Alyce was a majorette in the high school band and excelled in handling a baton. During her senior year she had a light class load and took the opportunity to take a job at Dorothy’s Laundry. One day in December 1963 a young man named Oscar came into the laundry. That afternoon he came in twice more and they never looked

back. After 3 years of unbroken partnership they were joined in what would be a 54 year marriage.

Their relationship was characterized by 57 years of never having a harsh word pass between them.

The first five years of marriage was a time of work to support the family as Oscar completed his engineering education. Alyce worked as a bookkeeper for MFA until the birth of Michael (1968).

Next came a move in 1969 to St. Louis and then to KC as Oscar began a 30 year career with Southwestern Bell (AT&T). Also in 1969 Oscar was called to active duty in the Army. Alyce was carrying baby David as he went to Vietnam for a year. Upon his return Alyce gave birth to Patrick (1975). After another move to St. Louis Matthew was born (1977). During the next 30 years Alyce would see the birth of 14 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren.

Alyce had amazing mothering instincts. She could calm a crying baby or guide a strong willed teenager. One of her main rules for raising boys was “raise boys to be men.” She loved her four sons dearly. And, she watched with great pride as they grew into manhood and became husbands and fathers.

Her devotion to church and teaching children about Jesus was an example for all. One of the successful innovations was the “Backyard Bible Club.” She both held them and recruited others. To this day the neighborhood kids, now grown, see her as an example and a speaker of truth in love.

Alyce is survived by her loving husband: Oscar McNeil Jr. of the home; sons: Michael McNeil and wife Lynn of Crestwood, MO, David McNeil Sr. and wife Dorothy of O’Fallon, MO, Patrick McNeil and wife Angela of St. Charles, MO, and Matthew McNeil and wife Danita of St. Charles, MO; grandchildren:

Christian Krabbe and husband Joe, Sindie Warren and husband Justin, Conner McNeil and wife Brianna, David McNeil and wife Meghan, Jacob McNeil, Caleb McNeil and wife Hannah, and Luke, Adam, Anna, Benjamin, Jack, Maizy, Austin, and Ayden McNeil; great-grandchildren: Elijah, Ava, Cora, Lily, Jayce, Zailey, Isaiah, and Gwen; brother: Mark Larez and Jeremy; father-in-law: Oscar McNeil Sr.; extended family and friends.

Preceding her in death were her parents; step-father: Rudy Lorez; mother-in-law: Gertrude McNeil; brother: Joe Pat McBee and wife Martha Ann; and granddaughter: Allyson McNeil.

Funeral Services for Alyce Marie (McBee) McNeil were held Thursday, June 11, 2020 in the Wilson Mortuary Salem Chapel with Pastor Michael Peters officiating. Conner McNeil led the congregation in "I'll Fly Away" and Brianna McNeil provided special music. Memories were shared by Oscar McNeil and boys. Serving as Pallbearers were Michael McNeil, David McNeil Sr., Patrick McNeil, and Matthew McNeil. Honorary Pallbearers were Michael Conner McNeil, David McNeil, Jack McNeil, and Austin McNeil. Burial was in the Cedar Grove Cemetery. Arrangements were under the direction of Wilson Mortuary of Salem, Missouri.

# Cemetery Details

## Cedar Grove Cemetery

Salem, MO

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 11. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Wilson Mortuary - Salem  
1000 West Scenic Rivers Blvd.  
Post Office Box 45  
Salem, MO 65560  
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## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Alyce Marie (McBee) McNeil.*



June 14, 2020 at 11:12 AM



“ *Our hearts are sad and heavy as we mourn with you McNeil Family. "Grandma Alyce" was a very thoughtful caring Christian lady. Her kind and giving heart will be missed. We pray for peace and healing and warm memories.*

*Love to all, John, Liz, Brad, Drew and Matt*

Liz McGinnis - June 11, 2020 at 10:57 AM



“ *180 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Wilson Mortuary - June 10, 2020 at 07:40 PM

DR

“ *Debbie Redmond purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Alyce Marie (McBee) McNeil.*



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**Debbie Redmond** - June 10, 2020 at 07:05 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Alyce Marie (McBee) McNeil.*



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June 10, 2020 at 05:57 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Alyce Marie (McBee) McNeil.*



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June 10, 2020 at 05:09 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Alyce Marie (McBee) McNeil.*



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June 10, 2020 at 05:04 PM

PB

“ *Phil and Nona Blackmore purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Alyce Marie (McBee) McNeil.*



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**Phil and Nona Blackmore** - June 10, 2020 at 12:14 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Alyce Marie (McBee) McNeil.*



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June 10, 2020 at 09:23 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Alyce Marie (McBee) McNeil.*



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June 10, 2020 at 07:45 AM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Alyce Marie (McBee) McNeil.*



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June 09, 2020 at 08:09 PM

MH

“ *Marc and Shirley McDermott/ Leona Herweck purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Alyce Marie (McBee) McNeil.*



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**Marc and Shirley McDermott/ Leona Herweck** - June 09, 2020  
at 05:51 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Alyce Marie (McBee) McNeil.*



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June 09, 2020 at 05:06 PM



“ *. purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Alyce Marie (McBee) McNeil.*



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“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Alyce Marie (McBee) McNeil.*



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June 09, 2020 at 04:29 PM

KS

“ My dear, sweet friend, Alyce, introduced me to quilting when we both lived in Florissant and attended First Christian. I am very sad for Oscar and family, but all who knew her know she's in the arms of Jesus now. Love & Prayers, Kitty Strelow

Kitty Strelow - June 09, 2020 at 02:15 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Alyce Marie (McBee) McNeil.



June 09, 2020 at 10:57 AM



“ Adoring Heart was purchased for the family of Alyce Marie (McBee) McNeil.



June 09, 2020 at 10:10 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Alyce Marie (McBee) McNeil.



June 08, 2020 at 11:15 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Alyce Marie (McBee) McNeil.



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June 08, 2020 at 08:28 PM



“ We just heard about Alyce passing so suddenly. Alyce was a lovely person, so caring and warm. She was such a blessing to all who knew her. It's hard, but try not to mourn her leaving earth and going to God because we can rejoice in her being in Heaven. I know you all want to give her one more hug and tell her one more time how much you love her. She knows. I know you will have a lovely celebration of Alyce's life. God will be with you and give you strength and comfort. Our sincere condolences, James and Norma Johnston, Madison, MO.

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James & Norma Johnston - June 08, 2020 at 04:27 PM