



LCDR Virgil F. McCaleb USN RET

August 12, 1941 - December 20, 2024

Lieutenant Commander Virgil F. McCaleb, U.S. Navy retired, died unexpectedly at home in San Antonio on December 20, 2024. He was 83. He is survived by his wife of eight years, Doris Seledon McCaleb; his children, Jolene McCaleb of Albuquerque, NM, and Lee McCaleb (Patricia) of Oak Hill, VA; his grandchildren, Robert, Ryan and Tara McCaleb, all of Oak Hill, VA; his brothers, Thomas (“Tom”) McCaleb (Virginia) of Teague, TX, and Clyde (“Pete”) McCaleb of Jacksonville, FL. Virgil was preceded in death by his parents, Johnson Lee (“JL”) and Vera (née Mott).

Virgil was born on August 12, 1941, in Centralia, Illinois, and grew up in Amarillo, Texas. After graduating from Amarillo High, he joined the Navy in 1959. He then married his first wife, JoAnn (née McMillen), to whom he was married for 30 years and with whom he had his two children. During his Navy career, Virgil received a B.S. in Electrical Engineering from the University of New Mexico and then attended Officer Candidate School in Newport, Rhode Island. Virgil’s time in the Navy took him around the world. During the Vietnam War, he served aboard the U.S.S. Enterprise and then as Chief Engineer of the U.S.S. Stein. He later attended Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and obtained an M.B.A. from the Sloan School of Management and an Engineer’s Degree in Naval Architecture. Virgil’s final tour of duty was as Supervisor of Shipbuilding at Ingall’s Shipyard in Pascagoula, Mississippi. He retired from the Navy in 1980.

After retiring, Virgil worked for various government contractors around the country, including SEACOR, DYNACORP, CMS, and Act-I. He also spent a significant amount of time in Europe, especially France. At the time of his death, Virgil was still working full time as a health insurance agent for USHEALTH Advisors, a job he enjoyed because of the relationships he built with his co-workers, his networking partners, and his clients.

Virgil spent the last two decades of his life in his home state of Texas, first in Waco and then in San Antonio, where he met and married Doris and was welcomed into her large family. Virgil loved traveling with Doris and spending time with her children, grandchildren, and entire extended family. Virgil was a connoisseur of Scotch whisky and French wines, and he loved making good use of his smoker and grill to prepare meals for family and friends.

Virgil was living life to its fullest when he passed, and he will be deeply missed by his family and his many friends. Virgil will be buried at the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery in San Antonio.

Cemetery Details

Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery

1520 Harry Wurzbach
San Antonio, TX 78209

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 29. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels South, Cemeteries & Crematories
1700 SE Military Dr
San Antonio, TX 78214
(210) 924-4242
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Rosary

JAN 29. 6:30 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels South, Cemeteries & Crematories
1700 SE Military Dr
San Antonio, TX 78214
(210) 924-4242
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Funeral Mass

JAN 30. 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Jude Catholic Church
130 S. San Augustine Ave.
San Antonio, TX 78237

Committal Service with Military Honors

JAN 30. 2:00 PM (CT)

Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery
1520 Harry Wurzbach Rd
San Antonio, TX 78209
(210) 820-3891

Tribute Wall



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of LCDR Virgil F. McCaleb USN RET.*



January 29, 2025 at 10:42 AM



“ *Love Ralph & Debbie ,family! purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of LCDR Virgil F. McCaleb USN RET.*



Love Ralph & Debbie ,family! - January 29, 2025 at 05:55 AM



“ *Sandi and Dennis Fitzgerald purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of LCDR Virgil F. McCaleb USN RET.*



Sandi and Dennis Fitzgerald - January 28, 2025 at 09:38 PM



“ *Kathy Breazeale purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of LCDR Virgil F. McCaleb USN RET.*



Kathy Breazeale - January 28, 2025 at 11:00 AM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray* was purchased for the family of LCDR Virgil F. McCaleb USN RET.



January 27, 2025 at 04:12 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage* was purchased for the family of LCDR Virgil F. McCaleb USN RET.



January 26, 2025 at 05:47 PM



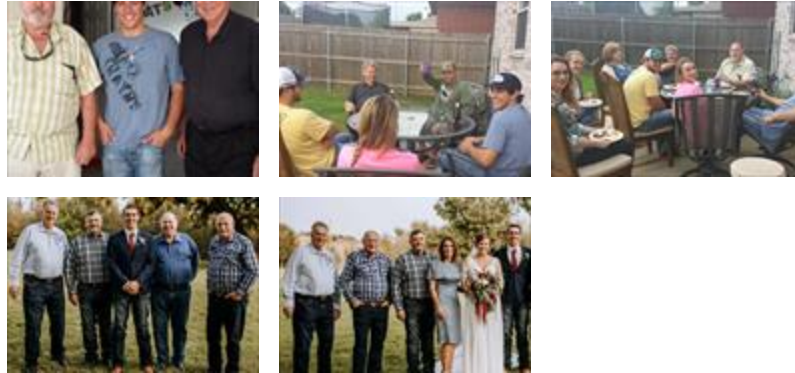
“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of LCDR Virgil F. McCaleb USN RET.



January 14, 2025 at 09:09 PM

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“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



Shannon McCaleb - January 14, 2025 at 08:55 PM

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“ Mike Niggel and Toni Arnold purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of LCDR Virgil F. McCaleb USN RET.



Mike Niggel and Toni Arnold - January 08, 2025 at 03:58 PM

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“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Kathy Breazeale - December 30, 2024 at 03:09 PM

JM

Thank you for the great photos, Kathy. Jolene

Jolene McCaleb - December 30, 2024 at 06:23 PM

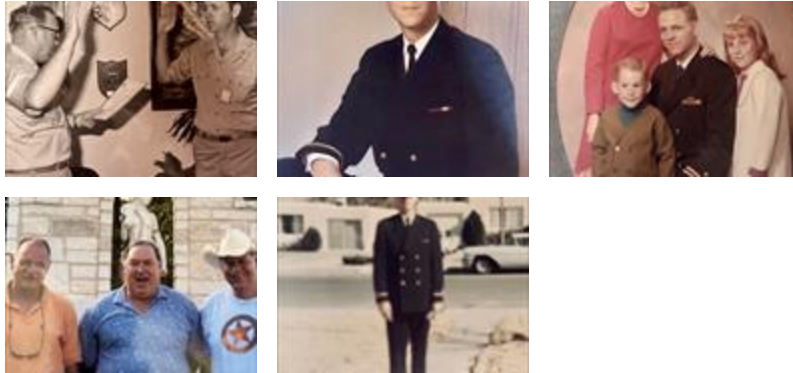
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You are very welcome. I will miss him so much. a wonderful friend

Kathy Breazeale - December 31, 2024 at 11:49 AM

JM

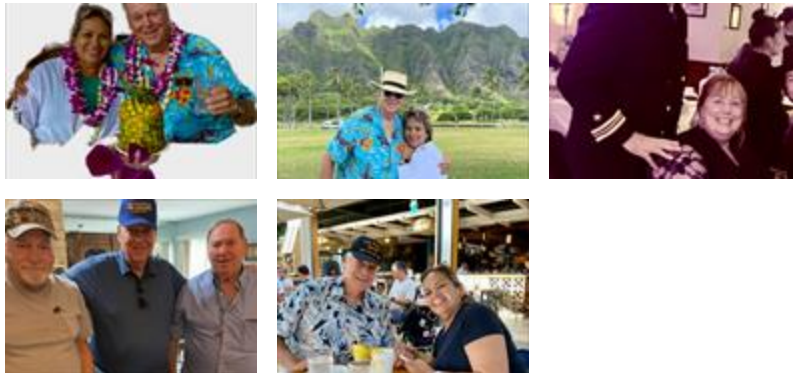
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Jolene McCaleb - December 29, 2024 at 02:08 PM

JM

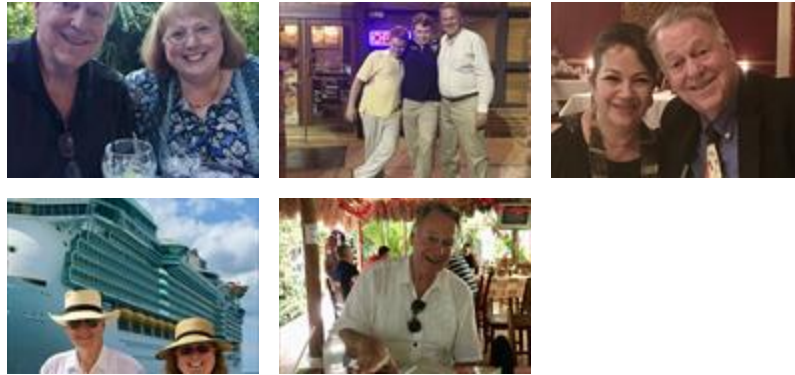
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Jolene McCaleb - December 29, 2024 at 02:06 PM

JM

“ *Missing you so much, Dad. Thank you for my life, thank you for your love, thank you for your service to our country. May God shine his love upon you forever. Jolene*



Jolene McCaleb - December 29, 2024 at 02:01 PM

KB

“ *Virgil was a true gentleman and dear friend. My late husband Steve and I enjoyed visiting with Virgil about our years growing up in West Texas. We loved listening to his stories of his travels during his time serving our country in military. We loved talking about how good God is and how He had been with each of us thru our entire lives. He had great compassion and truly cared for each person he met. He will always have a special place in my heart. This is not goodbye dear friend...just see ya later.*

Kathy Breazeale - December 28, 2024 at 11:43 AM