



## Col. (Ret) Melvin Jackson McLemore

October 29, 1938 - June 11, 2024

Col. (Ret) Melvin Jackson McLemore, 85 of Athens, passed away on Tuesday, June 11th, 2024, at Huntsville Hospital. Col. McLemore was born on October 29th, 1938, in Athens, to Grady and Ruby Pugh McLemore.

His 30 year military career as an US Active Duty Officer consists of time in the Signal, Aviation, and Air Traffic Control Services. His civilian service following military retirement includes 15 years with Defense Industry with Allied Signal and SAIC. He also served approximately 10 years as Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 511 Treasurer. In this capacity, his service was recognized by the National Vietnam War Museum in 2024.

Col. McLemore is survived by his wife of 63 years, Wanda Crow McLemore; daughters Stormy Sandi McLemore Ripley (Jim) and Deborah Ann McLemore McClendon (Bryan); and grandchildren Shane, Christina, Brandon, and Catherine.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Grady and Ruby McLemore.

Funeral services for Col. McLemore will be Friday, June 14th, 2024, at 2:00pm at Limestone Chapel Funeral Home. Visitation will be Friday from 12:00-1:50pm at the funeral home. Burial will be at Roselawn Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Jim Ripley, Bryan McClendon, Shane Ripley, James Burch, Austin

Crews, and Jack Massengill. Following the burial, a reception dinner with the family will be held at the Alabama Veteran's Museum. The family requests patriotic colors be worn for the service.

Families can either send flowers to Limestone Chapel Funeral Home for the service, or make donations in Col. McLemore's memory to the Alabama Veteran's Museum, located at 114 Pryor Street, Athens AL 35611.

# Cemetery Details

## Roselawn Cemetery

523 US Hwy 31 South  
Athens, AL 35611

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 14. 12:00 PM - 1:50 PM (CT)

Limestone Chapel Funeral Home  
322 Hwy. 31 N.  
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## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Limestone Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Col. (Ret) Melvin Jackson McLemore*



**Limestone Chapel Funeral Home** - June 13, 2024 at 07:45 PM

PC

*Thank you for sharing this video of Melvin & family He will be missed by so many. I take pride & saying Melvin McLemore was a relative of mine. Praying for you Wanda & your family. Cherish your memories & MAY GOD GIVE YOU ALL COMFORT. PAM RICHARDSON CARTER. JIMMY & JAMIE CARTER & EXTENDED FAMILY*

**Pam Carter** - June 13, 2024 at 06:18 PM

LL

“ *So very sorry to hear of the passing of Col McLemore. He was such an honorable and nice guy. He will be missed.*

**LeNore Lord** - July 16, 2024 at 04:11 PM

GP

“ *To Cousin Melvin's Family:  
I share in your grief because Melvin was my precious cousin. We had many fun times when my family in Michigan would visit the "down home" relatives. I always cherished the fun times I spent with Melvin, and those memories will be with me as long as I live. I will look forward to meeting him in Heaven someday. Love, Greg Pugh*

**Greg Pugh** - June 13, 2024 at 07:07 PM

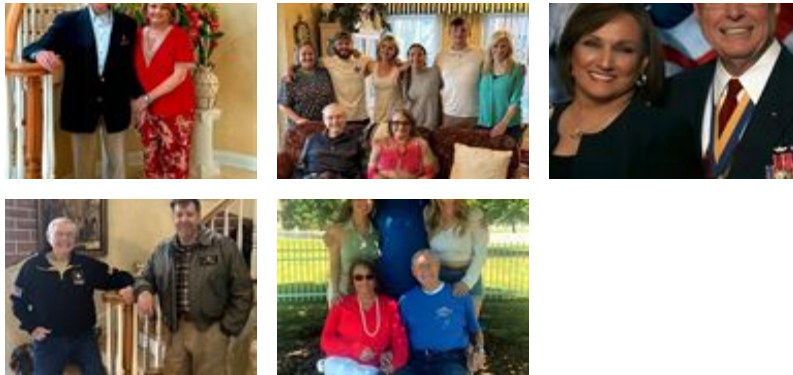
PF

*To cousin Melvin's family:  
Wonderful memories of our beloved cousin Melvin when we were kids,  
also at Florence State College and summer vacations throughout life.  
Love, Cousin Gail*

Pamela Fiori - June 14, 2024 at 03:01 PM



“ 30 files added to the album Life Tributes



Limestone Chapel Funeral Home - June 13, 2024 at 03:38 PM

PF

“ *To all, Cousin Melvin's precious family:  
I would like to express my deepest sympathy at the passing of  
Melvin. Melvin was older than I by about 10 years, but I still  
remember him as lively and interesting. He was fun, always  
laughing and had a commanding spirit about him. I can see how he  
became a colonel. Wanda, Sandy, Debby and family, may your days  
ahead be filled with fond and joyful memories.  
Love cousin Pam Pugh(Fiori) Michigan*

Pamela Fiori - June 13, 2024 at 01:35 PM

PR

“ Pugh Cousins - Gail, Greg, Pam & Rhonda purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Col. (Ret) Melvin Jackson McLemore.



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**Pugh Cousins - Gail, Greg, Pam & Rhonda** - June 13, 2024 at 08:24 AM

GR

“ Grandkids purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Col. (Ret) Melvin Jackson McLemore.



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**Grandkids** - June 12, 2024 at 10:42 PM

GR

“ Grandkids planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Col. (Ret) Melvin Jackson McLemore.

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**Grandkids** - June 12, 2024 at 10:42 PM

BP

“ Bryan, Michael, Raymond, Patty purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Col. (Ret) Melvin Jackson McLemore.



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**Bryan, Michael, Raymond, Patty** - June 12, 2024 at 10:11 PM

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Bryan, Michael, Raymond, Patty - June 12, 2024 at 10:11 PM

SB

“ Shane and Michelle Blalock purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Col. (Ret) Melvin Jackson McLemore.



Shane and Michelle Blalock - June 12, 2024 at 09:10 PM

KM

“ KATHER'S Mike/Jan,Dave/Tina,Mark/Earlene purchased the America the Beautiful for the family of Col. (Ret) Melvin Jackson McLemore.



KATHER'S Mike/Jan,Dave/Tina,Mark/Earlene - June 12, 2024 at 07:20 PM