

*In Loving Memory of  
Sidney E. McMahan*



*August 27, 1941 – December 3, 2017*



## *Goodbye Is Not Forever*

*When you lived your life for others  
and you loved without condition  
When you made so many laugh  
and your smile won't be forgotten  
When you left behind an empty place  
that no one else can fill  
When the friendships that you shared  
long to be renewed  
When you built your life on hope  
and fulfilled it every day  
The footprints that you left behind  
will bring us face to face  
So, goodbye is not forever,  
You're only steps away.*

*In Loving Memory of Sidney*

***His Date and Place of Birth***

*August 27, 1941~ Richardton, North Dakota*

***His Date and Place of Passing***

*December 3, 2017 ~ Williston, North Dakota*

***His Funeral Service***

*Everson Coughlin Funeral Home Chapel*

*Williston, North Dakota*

*Saturday, December 9, 2017*

*11:00 AM*

***Officiating***

*Rev. Ross Reinhiller*

***Musician***

*Sid Stromme*

***Honorary Casket Bearers***

*Leroy Gravos Milton Omlid*

*Gary McMahan Brent Tappenden*

*Jim Riersgard Sid Stromme*

***Military Rites will be presented following the service***

***His Final Resting Place***

*North Dakota Veterans Cemetery ~ Mandan, ND*



**Sidney** was born the eldest child of Thomas W. (Bill) McMahan and Lucille Margaret (Hart) McMahan on August 27, 1941 in Richardton, North Dakota. Sidney attended school in Werner, ND, Coleharbor, ND, and graduated from Watford City High School in 1959. Sidney participated in Junior Legion Baseball, and Football. Sidney was a Co-Captain on the football team his Senior Year.

Sidney enlisted in the United States Army in June of 1959, serving his enlistment in Germany. He was discharged in May 1962. He re-entered the Army in November 1962. Sidney served in Okinawa, Fort Lewis, Washington, then Germany again for a short time. He was in the Republic of South Vietnam for better than 3 and half years, most of three tours, where he participated in the TET 68 Offensive with the 1st ID, the Cambodian Offensive with the 4th ID, Lam Son 719 with CO E, 50th Infantry and as an Advisor with the 4th ARVN Ranger Group in the Mekong Delta. Sid was discharged from active duty and later entered the North Dakota National Guard where he served until his discharge and retirement in 1987. Sid retired as a Platoon Sergeant E-7, Sid's decorations included the Combat Infantryman's Badge, Vietnamese Ranger Badge, Purple Heart, Bronze Star with OLC, ACM with 2 OLC;s, National Defense Service Medal, Air Medal, Vietnamese Service Medal with 9 Campaign Stars, Vietnamese Campaign Medal and the Good Conduct Medal. He was a member of several Veteran's organizations, including the US Army Ranger Association, the 35th Infantry Retirement Association, and a past Commander of the Williston DAV Chapter. Sid also served as a member of the Williston Veterans Honor Guard for 9 years. Sid was proud of this military service, and said that it was the defining event in his life.

Sid was once married in 1971, a marriage that ended in divorce in 1981, Sidney went to work in the oilfields of North Dakota in 1971, he worked for several oil company's and was a Senior Production Foreman with Tenneco Oil Company. At the time of his retirement in 2003, he was working as a Well Site Consultant with Petroleum Experience in the Williston Basin. Sidney's greatest joy in life was time spent with his dogs. He much enjoyed fishing and especially with his dogs. He could often be found a 2:00 AM reading History of all sorts.

Sid was preceded in death by his parents.

Surviving Sid are, his sister; Kay of St. Paul MN; brothers, Kenneth, of Bennett CO, Tim of Epping, ND, Mike of Farmington, NM and his best friend Callygirl.