



## Jim McBee

September 2, 1928 - September 23, 2013

Jim McBee, of Willcox, Arizona went to the big drilling rig in the sky on Monday, Sept. 23, 2013.

He was born on Sept 2, 1928 to Helen and Claude McBee in Smithfield, MO. He was raised during the Great Depression by a family of farmers, teachers and well drillers. He was the only boy in a family of five children.

After completing a year of college in Missouri, he moved to Deming NM to work with two of his

Uncles who were drillers. While working in Texas in 1950, he met Dona Anderson. Together he and Dona raised five children.

In 1952, he started his own drilling business which he had for 61 years. His work took him to Texas, New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming and Arizona. He lived such a full life it would be impossible to include it all. He should be remembered by the personally stories we each hold.

He is survived by four of his children, Vikki, Debbie-Jo, Gretchen and Digger. His two sisters Peggy and Betty. Nine Grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren and numerous other family members . He was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters and his daughter Yvette. A visitation will be held on Friday, September 27, 2013 at Westlawn Chapel from 6 to 8 P.M. Funeral services will be 10:00 A.M. on Saturday, September 28, 2013 at the Willcox United Methodist Church. Burial will follow in Sunset Cemetery. Online condolences may be expressed at [www.westlawnchapelmortuary.com](http://www.westlawnchapelmortuary.com) Contributions may

be made in Jim's name to the Northern Cochise Community Hospital Foundation, 901 W. Rex Allen Dr., Willcox, Arizona 85643 or to your local favorite charity of choice. Services entrusted to Westlawn Chapel, Mortuary and Crematory of Willcox, Arizona.

# Cemetery Details

## Sunset Cemetery

N. Sunset Strip Road  
Willcox, AZ 85643

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 27. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (MT)

Westlawn Chapel & Mortuary Inc.  
105 S Arizona Avenue  
Willcox, AZ 85643  
(520) 384-2413  
westwx@vtc.net  
<https://www.westlawnchapelmortuary.com>

## Funeral

SEP 28. 10:00 AM (MT)

Willcox United Methodist Church  
124 S. Curtis  
Willcox, AZ 85643

# Tribute Wall



“ *Jim McBee*

January 30, 2023 at 12:50 AM



“ *Sorry to hear of your loss. We are glad that Jim was able to get one of the windmills from the Old Timers Association of Luna County. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.*

**Tommy and Delia Perez** - October 08, 2013 at 11:40 AM



“ *Tommy And Delia Perez lit a candle in memory of Jim McBee*



**Tommy and Delia Perez** - October 08, 2013 at 11:37 AM



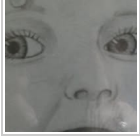
“ *You will be missed. My Kids had a great deal of fun with you. They looked forward to visiting you. You treated them with care and love. From my wife, my two kids, and myself RIP. Love you.*

**Tristain Smith** - October 07, 2013 at 09:14 AM



“ *Condolences to the McBee family. May Jehovah the "God of Comfort" bring you comfort and peace at this difficult time (2 Corinthians 1:3 & 4). Your family are in our prayers.*

**Williams family** - October 06, 2013 at 01:59 PM



“ *He was one of a kind and always had a hug for anyone and the biggest heart there was hope you and erine don't drink to much coffee up there we will miss you but always in are heart a friend*

**Alice Alford** - October 03, 2013 at 07:18 PM

MC

“ *Max And Anne Coleman lit a candle in memory of Jim McBee*



**Max and Anne Coleman** - October 02, 2013 at 11:40 AM

RG

“ *Our deepest condelences to McBee's family. What a great man with a heart of Gold. He touched the lives of many. A small portion of his legacy lives on through my children. Many great memories for my children to carry on because of him, just to name a few: a severe spanking without ever being touched :), (those of you who knew Mc Bee understand this!), and The Very Best Santa Claus EVER!!!! May you rest in peace McBee.*

*Rhyna and Vince Giudice*

*Jayce Suprenant and Family*

*Robin (Suprenant) & Matthew Osborne*



**Rhyna Giudice** - September 30, 2013 at 05:47 PM

LB

“ *Such a delightful man of wisdom! Loved every visit we ever had with such a special, kind, smart gentleman. To his family, we share his loss and love with you. LaDonna & John*



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**LaDonna Burgess** - September 29, 2013 at 12:21 PM

CH

“ *Jim was a very special man, he touched so many lives in so many ways.  
Jim's stories and the memories we shared will forever live on...  
RIP Mcbee*

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**Chris** - September 28, 2013 at 04:27 AM

SH

“ *Scott & Jeannie Harris lit a candle in memory of Jim McBee*



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**Scott & Jeannie Harris** - September 27, 2013 at 08:05 PM

JN

“ *Uncle Jim will be missed dearly. We always enjoyed his stories and jokes. Got to visit him a few years back and the kids enjoyed his fishing pond in the front yard! No matter what was happening Jim always remembered to call in and check on folks. His calls and conversations were always colorful and entertaining.*

*Jim and Teri Nissen and Family*

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**Jim and Teri Nissen** - September 27, 2013 at 05:44 PM

SF

“ My name is Joseph Daniel Sanchez  
Sometimes my Grandpa, John D. Sanchez,  
would take my cousins and I fishing to Mr.  
McBee's pond. I would knock on his door and  
ask him if we could go fishing. He would  
always give me a handful of money and say "Just do it like you want  
to." We hope we can go fish in his pond again, and remember the  
nicest man ever.

Your friends,

Joseph Sanchez & Grandpa John D. Sanchez



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**Sanchez Family** - September 27, 2013 at 01:02 PM

DO

“ Jim will live on remembering his stories he will be missed at the  
morning coffee shop.

Dan Ousley

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**Dan Ousley** - September 27, 2013 at 11:45 AM

VM

“ Jim was a great person and a wonderful long time friend of my dads  
(Bill Fernandez). He will be truly missed. Our thoughts and prayers  
are with you all.

Frankie, Vera and Kyl Masteller

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**Vera Masteller** - September 27, 2013 at 09:50 AM

BF

“ *Bill Fernandez lit a candle in memory of Jim McBee*



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**Bill Fernandez** - September 27, 2013 at 09:43 AM

GM

“ *We are so sorry to hear that Jim is gone.. He was a truly one of a kind... I am sure he is in heaven sitting around having coffee and trying to figure what mischief to get into today. Lonnie and I are sorry for this loss. Lonnie, Colton and Georgia Moulder*

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**georgia moulder** - September 27, 2013 at 08:13 AM

DB

“ *Jim was a compassionate man, and to know him in this walk of life was a true Blessing. God Bless his loved ones at this lost. I loved this man and he taught me alot about life and people... just do what's fair. Your friend in Texas.*

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**Debra Boyet** - September 26, 2013 at 09:26 AM

BW

“ *Jim was larger than life and one of a kind. Some of my Dad's (Bob Heiden) best stories were Jim McBee stories. He is missed. My thoughts and prayers to his family. Bobbie Heiden Hood Wiles*

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**Bobbie Wiles** - September 24, 2013 at 11:09 PM