



Joel McCoy

November 10, 1951 - January 31, 2026

Mr. Joel McCoy was born on November 10, 1951, in the city of Louisville, Alabama to the late Issac Miles and the late Vickie McCoy. Joel's presence and easy-going nature was a beacon of light to all who knew him.

Joel graduated from Barbour County High School in 1970. In 1971, Joel was drafted into the United States Army and honorably served his country for twenty-three years before retiring in 1992. Upon returning to civilian life, Joel embarked on another successful career of shaping young minds as the JROTC Instructor at Gadsden City High School in Gadsden, Alabama. He became a beloved figure to his cadets, guiding them with encouragement and wisdom. They loved and respected him not just as an instructor but as a mentor who always took the time to listen and encourage them, believing in each of them even when they couldn't believe in themselves.

Along life's journey, Joel met the love of his life, Janet Jamison McCoy. On June 13, 2007, they were united in holy matrimony. Together, they built a life woven with joy, laughter, and unwavering support for their blended family.

On Saturday, January 31, 2026, in the comfort of his home, Joel McCoy answered the Master's call and peacefully slipped away and entered eternal rest. He was preceded in death by his parents, Issac Miles and Vickie McCoy; brothers, Jimmy McCoy, Robert Curry, Willie McCoy, David Miles, and Jimmy

Miles; and sisters, Ruthie Flowers, Annette McKinley, Gertrude Frye, Clara Miles, and Eula Floyd.

Joel leaves a legacy of love that will forever be cherished by his loving wife, Janet McCoy; sons, Reginald (Angie) McCoy, Gerald (Coffee) McCoy, Rodney McCoy, and Tiklearus McCoy; grandchildren, Zoey McCoy, Pyper McCoy, Ena McCoy, Hailey McCoy, Laila McCoy, Reya McCoy, Zuri McCoy, Tranessia McCoy, Madison McCoy, Ayanna McCoy, Rasheed McCoy, Radirus McCoy, and Rashad McCoy; siblings, John Miles, Frank Miles, Rosie McCoy, Evelyn McNairy, and Mary Heidelberg; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Joel's legacy is one of commitment, kindness, and inspiration. He reminds us to embrace every moment with positivity and to uplift those around us. His spirit will forever shine brightly in the hearts of his family and the countless lives he touched throughout his journey.

Cemetery Details

Edgemont Cemetery

3555 Noble Street
Anniston, AL 36201

Previous Events

Public Viewing

FEB 6. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

S.M. Goodson Funeral Homes and Crematory- Anniston
830 Noble Street
Anniston, AL 36201

Celebration of Life

FEB 7. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

First Missionary Baptist Church
1100 Pine Grove Road
Anniston, AL 36201

Tribute Wall

YW

“ *Cousin Joel introduced my son Giancarlo, to Army JROTC by sending him brochures in the mail during my son's middle school years. Giancarlo joined the Army JROTC as soon as he got to high school and even became the cadet battalion commander of the Meade Mighty Mustang Battalion 2012-2013 school year, at Meade Senior High School at Ft. Meade Maryland. All thanks to Cousin Joel taking the time to send him letters and call him on the phone!*

Love Cousin Evette

Yolanda Van Wright - February 09 at 06:18 PM

BJ

“ *Joel, Was A Kind Hearted Person, Him & Wife Janet, Showed Love And Kindness All Around, Surely Going to Miss Him, Rest in Peace, My Brother* □□□ 🌹🌹🌹



Brenda Johnson - February 07 at 09:25 AM

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“ *This is very sad news. I met Joel at Camp Humphries Korea in 1989. He was always a quiet spoken good friend. A friend who was always there over the years if I needed to call for advice or just to talk. My condolences to his wife, Janet and the family. 1st Sergeant (Retired) Clara Bailey (Columbus, GA)*

Clara Bailey - February 04 at 11:25 PM

PS

I met Joel in 1985 at Anniston Army Depot. We lived about two houses from one another. We were very good friends. My sympathy and condolences 🙏 to his family. I will always cherish the times we shared.
Army MSG Patrick Bush Sr.

Patrick H Bush Sr - February 05 at 10:21 AM

JW

I was the commander of the 613th Field Service Company at Fort McClellan, Alabama when Sergeant. McCoy was an outstanding young buck sergeant (E5). He was an outstanding soldier. I also interviewed and certified him for the army instructor position at Gadsden High School in which he was an outstanding instructor. Rest in peace Mac, we'll take it from here.
Lieutenant Colonel James L Walker

James Levon Walker - March 14 at 05:59 PM

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“ *JROTC CADETS G-High and G-City ! purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of Joel McCoy.*



JROTC CADETS G-High and G-City ! - February 04 at 04:24 PM

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“ *The Floyd Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Joel McCoy.*



The Floyd Family - February 03 at 07:58 PM