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Jon Roger McCauley

Aug. 4, 1945 - March 7, 2006

CONNERSVILLE — Jon Roger McCauley, 60, Alexandria, formerly of Connersville, died 12:56 p.m. Tuesday, March 7, 2006, at Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis, from the result of a fall he had suffered earlier at his home. He was born Aug. 4, 1945, at Mare Island Navy Hospital in Salinas County of Vallejo, Calif., where his father was stationed during World War II.

He was one of four children of Everett L. and Helen L. (Dye) McCauley and was a 1963 graduate of Connersville High School, having played in the band. During his senior year he served as president of the Connersville FFA. He was a graduate of Purdue University with a AAS/mechanical engineering technology degree and also a graduate of Northern Illinois University with a BS/mechanical technology degree. He served with the Indiana National Guard for six years.

He was employed with Camcar Textron of Rockford, Ill., where he won various achievement awards, including a "Finder Award" from Elco Industries for finding and suggesting Thermoplactics, Inc. for them. He had two patents in the fastener field and wrote articles for trade magazines and company publications. He also designed ads and brochures. From 1986 to 2005 he had owned and operated McCauley Company, a manufacturer's rep agency where he represented automotive related customers in Indiana in principals manufacturing cold headed products, plastics and stampings.

He attended First Presbyterian Church in Connersville, where he was a member as a child. He was also a member of the Brownsville Masonic Lodge No. 70 F & AM, the York Rite Bodies of Connersville and the Knights of Phythias.

Survivors include two sons, Jon Jason McCauley, Urbana, Ill., and Todd Lacy McCauley, Greenwood, currently stationed at Camp Atterbury; his parents, Everett and Helen McCauley, Connersville; a granddaughter, Katie, Wabash; two stepdaughters, Chris Lane and Jessie Keasling, both of Anderson; two stepgrandchildren, B.J. "Bobbie" Lane and Riley Keasling, both of Anderson; a sister, Ellen Marie and husband Les Harvey, Greenfield; a brother, Everett Arthur and wife Starla McCauley, Miamisburg, Ohio; an aunt, Betty McCauley Vaile and husband Ted, Phoenix, Ariz.; several nieces and nephews (two are currently serving in Iraq); several great-nieces and nephews; and several cousins.

He was preceded in death by an infant brother, Edward Leroy McCauley; and his grandparents, Clarence and Birdie McCauley, Benjamin and Sadie Dye.

Services are 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the First Presbyterian Church, Connersville, with the Rev. Martha Williams-Jordan officiating. Burial with military rites will be held at Galveston Cemetery. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at Miller, Moster, Robbins Funeral Home, 1704 N. Grand Ave., Connersville, where Masonic Memorial Services conducted by the Brownsville Masonic Lodge will be held at 7 p.m. Memorials may be made to the York Rite Eye Foundation or to the First Presbyterian Church Relief Fund.

Friends unable to attend the funeral may visit online at millermosterrobbins.com to sign a guest register book, express their sympathy, submit a special photo or memory, or view a photo tribute page in honor of Mr. McCauley.

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