



## Mr. Donald W. McKay

December 26, 1958 - April 16, 2026

Donald Wayne McKay, age 67, passed away April 16, 2026 at his home in Blue Springs, Missouri with his wife and son – Donald died in his son, Christopher, arms.

Donald was born on December 26, 1958, in Vivian, Louisiana to Wesley Williams and Alice Marie McKay. He lived in Shreveport, Louisiana with his father until age 12, – he went to live in Huttig, Arkansas with his mother Alice and sister, Virginia.

Donald graduated from Huttig High School in 1978 – joined the United States Army in 1978 with his two best friends, Donald Ray Riley and Leeroy James.

In 1983 Donald married his wife, Velma Jean McKay – December 27, 1983 – They started their lives together. In 1985, Donald was selected to go to the United States Army Recruiting School in Indianapolis, Indiana for three months training. He continued his career serving as Army Recruiter, retired December 31, 2024 as First Sargent after twenty-six and half years. He won many awards. He started his career as Civilian Recruiter working in USAREC Kansas City Branch. Recently retired after twenty years after his health started failing suddenly.

Donald used the GI Bill to complete his education – Columbia Southern

University with Bachelor Degree of Science in Business Administration and Marketing in January 2009. He continued college at Columbia Southern University, where he received Master of Business Administration in October 2011.

Donald was active in Community Service in Rocky Mount, North Carolina where his wife – Hillsdale Family and Friends Day – weekend on Memorial Day weekends. He also donated Thanksgiving Turkey Baskets for families in need – whole completed dinners so families could enjoy dinner with their families.

Donald was a “Sports Fan” Dallas Cowboys and KC Chiefs Football Teams.

Donald mentor soldiers with passion to succeed – never met a stranger – always outgoing with personality that lit-up – shined before everyone he met – unforgettable.

As his wife of forty-three years “I will truly love my husband forever. We grew up – learned how to be responsible and caring adults.” Son, Christopher – “We are three peas in Tri-pod Loved forever.”

Donald was preceded in death by his father, Wesley Williams, mother, Alice Marie McKay Rochelle; brothers, Robert Lee Williams, Wesley Williams, Jr., David Lee Williams and Lee Arthur Rochelle; sisters, Ruthie Mae Williams and Avis Dawson; father-in-law, Samuel Henderson; mother-in-law, Ann Deans Henderson.

Donald leaves to cherish his memories his wife, Velma Jean McKay; son, Christopher Wesley and Samuel McKay of the home; best friends like brothers, Donald Ray Riley and Ernest Canady; sister, Virginia (Matthew) of

Raytown, Missouri, JoAnn Easter, Huttig, Arkansas, Alice Ward, Farmerville, Louisiana; brother, Lee Oliver Rochelle, Eldorado Arkansas, Kieoka Rahelm, Nor Fleet, Bruce Williams, Cameron Rochelle and Gabriel Charles, whom he treated like he was their father – they loved each other – their “Uncle Mac”; great niece, Jordoyne Norfleet called him Grandpa.

Funeral Services will be held on Thursday, April 30, 2026, 11:00 a.m. at Rescue Baptist Church 2901 Indiana Avenue KCMO 64128. Interment: Leavenworth National Cemetery at 1:30 p.m. Visitation: 10 -11:00 a.m. at the Church. A wake will be held on Wednesday, April 29, 2026, from 5 – 7:00 p.m. at Lawrence A. Jones & Sons Funeral Chapel 1800 East Linwood Blvd. KCMO 64109. Arrangements entrusted to Lawrence A. Jones & Sons Funeral Chapels. Condolences may be shared on our website [lawrenceajones.com](http://lawrenceajones.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Leavenworth National Cemetery

150 East Muncie Road  
Leavenworth, KS 66048

# Previous Events

## Wake

APR **29**. 5:00 PM (CT)

Lawrence A. Jones & Sons Funeral Chapels  
1800 E. Linwood Blvd.  
KC, MO 64109

## Visitation

APR **30**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Rescue Missionary Baptist Church  
2901 Indiana Ave.  
Kansas City, MO 64128

## Funeral Service

APR **30**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Rescue Baptist Church  
2901 Indiana Ave.  
Kansas City,, MO 64128



# Tribute Wall

TF

“ *The Riley Family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Mr. Donald W. McKay.*



---

**The Riley Family** - April 27 at 02:55 PM

TF

“ *The Riley Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Donald W. McKay.*

---

**The Riley Family** - April 27 at 02:55 PM

DR

“ *I first met Mac in 1973 back in Huttig, AR and every since then I have been one of his many friends over the years. The one thing I remember most about Mac is he was one of the most caring and knowledgeable people I ever met. RIP my friend and know I will never ever forget you.*

*Donald R.Riley, MSG, Ret, USA*

---

**Donald Riley** - April 23 at 02:23 PM

TC

“ I first met Mac while we were both stationed at USAREC HQ's in the mid 90s. Always cheerful and positive. Our paths crossed again when we both were assigned to the Kansas City Recruiting Battalion. I knew I could depend on him. Mac was instrumental in the successes the Battalion experienced in the early 2000s. I am saddened to learn of his passing. RIP my friend.

---

**Tom Campbell** - April 22 at 10:22 AM