



Mr. Oscar William Metcalf Jr.

July 11, 1948 - October 18, 2020

Oscar William Metcalf Jr., of Shelbyville, TN passed away on October 18, 2020, at the age of 72. After several months of declining health, Oscar William died peacefully with his two daughters by his side. The world has lost a Veteran brother, father, hero, inventor, artist, builder and volunteer leader. Oscar William was born in Asheville, NC on July 11, 1948, to Father, Oscar William Metcalf Sr. and Mother, Irene Mable Morgan Metcalf. The only son, Oscar William, helped out on his family's farm and worked any odd jobs he could find starting at an early age. After graduating from West Henderson High School, Oscar William moved to Jacksonville, Florida where he pursued his childhood dream of becoming an Architect. He graduated in 1968 from Massey Technical Institute with dual diplomas: Technical Illustrating and Architectural Drafting.

If you asked Oscar William, his greatest accomplishment he would first tell you being a Father to his two girls, second was serving for our country in the U.S. Navy.

His work ethic and desire to represent his country led to him enlist in the U.S. Navy upon returning from Jacksonville Florida on November 8, 1968. He was stationed on the USS America ship out of Norfolk VA. Oscar William served until July 17, 1974, completing three tours in the Vietnam War. While serving our country he received numerous commendations, including a meritorious service from 26 May 1970 – 8 November 1970 while engaged in combat operations in Southeast Asia. The citation praised the Navy officers with

inflicting extensive damage to the enemy's communication and transportation networks.

At the end of the war, Oscar William returned to Asheville, NC and used his G.I. Bill benefits to pursue his education. He graduated from Blue Ridge Community College in 1979 with Associates in Industrial Engineering Technology and in 1983 graduated from Western Carolina University with his Bachelor of Science. He did this all at night while working and starting a family. Throughout the 1980s and early 2000s he worked in many industrial plants as an electrical engineer and plant manager in Western North Carolina, Eastern North Carolina and Middle Tennessee.

In 1992 Oscar William relocated to Shelbyville, Tennessee and started farming full time. He retired in 2006, however kept farming and volunteering to help other veterans. If you name a local veteran group, he helped out in some way. Helping others brought much joy and a sense of purpose to him after retiring. Oscar William was preceded in death by his parents; Oscar and Irene. He is survived by his children Melissa Metcalf Le Roy (Chris Le Roy) and Melody Metcalf Carter (Jim Carter); grandchildren Maleah Mable Carter, Maylin Grace Carter and James Camden Carter; adopted; too many to name who he has cared for and mentored during his lifetime.

A celebration of life for Oscar William is planned for Saturday, November 8, 2020, from 2 pm to 4 pm. The service will be at the VFW 1320 Depot Street, Shelbyville, TN.

The family will also honor Oscar William at a Veterans Day service at 3pm on Sunday, November 9, 2020. He will be presented with quilt of valor, Agent Orange Medal of Honor and a USS America Zippo lighter. The Honor service will be held at the Veteran Memorial Plaza in Shelbyville, TN. Following the Honor presentation the town will host its Veterans Day Parade.

A celebration of life service for friends and family in Western North Carolina will be held on Sunday, November 22nd starting at 1:30pm. The service will be held at Jackson Park, Shelter #1 649 Glover Street, Hendersonville, NC 28792

All are invited and encouraged to attend all events.

People wishing to honor Oscar William Metcalf's commitment to community and veterans can make donations to their favorite Veteran Organization or DAV Shelbyville #43 on 1357 TN-130, Shelbyville, TN 37160 or to Compassus Hospice, 110 E. Lauderdale Street, Tullahoma, TN 37388.

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

NOV 7. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

VFW
1320 Depot Street
Shelbyville, TN 37160

Service

NOV 8. 3:00 PM (CT)

Veteran Memorial Plaze
Shelbyville Square
Shelbyville, TN 37160

Celebration of Life

NOV 22. 1:30 PM (ET)

Jackson Park Shelter #1
649 Glover Street
Henderson, NC 28792

Tribute Wall

RD

“ *Ralph & Heather Dietz lit a candle in memory of Mr. Oscar William Metcalf Jr.*



Ralph & Heather Dietz - October 23, 2020 at 01:03 AM

KS

“ *Karen Swing lit a candle in memory of Mr. Oscar William Metcalf Jr.*



Karen Swing - October 21, 2020 at 04:10 PM

JP

“ *Jerry Parker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Oscar William Metcalf Jr.*



Jerry Parker - October 21, 2020 at 01:46 PM

RH

“ *Ruth Harris lit a candle in memory of Mr. Oscar William Metcalf Jr.*



Ruth Harris - October 20, 2020 at 05:02 PM

LJ

“ *Linda Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. Oscar William Metcalf Jr.*



Linda Jones - October 20, 2020 at 01:01 PM

LH

“ *Laketia Haley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Oscar William Metcalf Jr.*



Laketia Haley - October 19, 2020 at 09:49 PM

LH

“ *I met Oscar about 10 years ago at Wallace's Chambers Jr. They were great friends and helped each other do work on each other's farm or whatever they could for each other..Oscar was a man that could do anything from a sink being clogged , installing an a.c unit , to taking a tractor apart and putting it back together.. And that's not the half of it...I have great memories of him with his serious look ready to get the job done..Then when it was done it was time to crack jokes and laugh..As the years past I would hear from him quite often. Mostly always having something funny to say .A few weeks ago he called me and told me what the doctors had diagnosed him with. I was so saddened to hear this. He said don't be sad I've read the book I know how it ends...*

Laketia Haley - October 19, 2020 at 09:48 PM