



Mr. Arthur Ray McGraw

July 31, 1934 - October 12, 2025

Arthur Ray McGraw, 91, passed away October 12, 2025, at his home on the banks of the Arkansas River. He was born July 31, 1934, in Crocketts Bluff near the White River to Ray and Mary Owens McGraw.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy and attended Plum Bayou Baptist Church. The pastor of Plum Bayou Baptist Church would come to visit Arthur at his house and Arthur was saved at the age of 88.

Arthur was happiest in a rice field. It didn't matter if it was planting rice or duck hunting in a harvested rice field. He lived a full life.

He was preceded in death by his youngest daughter, Amber Correa; Shirley Ann McGraw, the mother of his children; Shirley Ann Roland, his companion; and his brothers and sisters Bill McGraw, Dorothy Owens, Elizabeth Bazarow, Eunice Wilson, Parker McGraw, and Allen McGraw.

Arthur is survived by his children John McGraw (Amanda) of McGehee and Leah McGraw (Nathan) of Dover; six grandchildren Tabor McGraw (Hannah), Kelsey McGraw, Carter, Caden (Lindsey) and Caleb Lemley, and Gabriella Correa; One great grandson John Tatum McGraw; and his bonus children and their families Paula Cater (Johnny) of Cabot, Jimmy Roland, Jeff Roland, and Pam Nakasue all of Lonoke.

Visitation will be 1-2 p.m. Wednesday, October 15 at Essex Funeral Home. Funeral services will follow at 2:00. Burial will be in Cedarcrest Memorial Gardens.

Cemetery Details

Cedarcrest Memorial Gardens

Hwy 1
DeWitt, AR 72042

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **15**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Essex Funeral Home
1405 South Grandview
DeWitt, AR 72042
(870) 946-3104
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Service

OCT **15**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JD

“ Arthur and I were neighbors for years there at Brodie Bend. We spent a lot of time together and I have many good memories of our times fishing, swapping lies and having a lot of great meals together. Health caused me to leave Brodie Bend but rest assured I will never forget the good times we had together. My prayers are with the entire family. God bless you all.

Jim Dixon - November 02, 2025 at 10:58 AM

DC

“ Daniel and Debra Cook purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Mr. Arthur Ray McGraw.



Daniel and Debra Cook - October 14, 2025 at 09:37 PM

AG

“ Arthur and I go way back to his stepdad's table where we learned to say, "Please and thank you" in order to have food put on our plates. Arthur, I just wish I had called you instead of just missing you when you came to mind. Ann

Ann D Green - October 14, 2025 at 06:33 PM

CG

“ Cousin Ann Dilday Green purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Mr. Arthur Ray McGraw.



Cousin Ann Dilday Green - October 14, 2025 at 06:24 PM

BH

“ *Brittany H. purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Mr. Arthur Ray McGraw.*



Brittany H. - October 14, 2025 at 05:43 PM

BH

“ *Brittany H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Arthur Ray McGraw.*

Brittany H. - October 14, 2025 at 05:43 PM