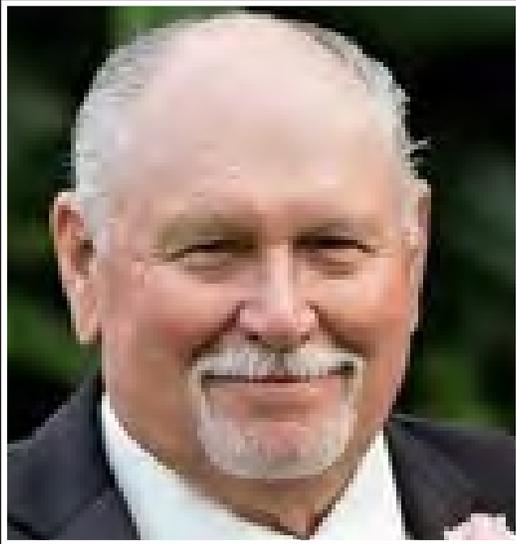


MEMORIAL

“A True Friend”



Louis M. ‘Ted’ McGill, Jr.
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Answering the telephone early one morning recently and hearing that familiar voice on the other end could only mean one thing . . . another friend had lost his battle with cancer called mesothelioma. Louis M. ‘Ted’ McGill, Jr. was one of the first landowners that I got to know when I first moved to Butler County. Ted and his wife, Sadie, welcomed this ‘wet behind the ears, just-graduated forester’ with open arms.

Ted loved his little piece of heaven in Forest Home, Alabama, and spent many a day in the woods of Butler County, far away from the hustle and bustle of Mobile. He loved his Lord and Savior, family, woods, hunting, fishing, and friends in a way that is hard to describe, unless you were one of them. Ted spent his whole life in the Mobile area, enjoying the opportunity to get away to Butler County whenever possible.

He also loved the western shore of Mobile Bay where he and Sadie own a second home they fondly refer to as the ‘bay home.’ A few years back, my wife, Brenda, and I were visiting the bay home along with a friend of ours. This friend told Ted that he

had been watching YouTube videos so he knew how to grab a blue crab and remove it from the crab net. He then proceeded to show Ted just how to do it. We all got a great laugh out of the fact that the YouTube videos that my friend had watched didn’t really show the correct way. The crab grabbed my friend’s thumb and latched on, giving him a big ol’ pinch.

Spending his entire career as an electrician, Ted was far more than that. He was a man that loved helping anyone with any type of project, whether big or small. He enjoyed gardening and sharing the bounty of his labor. He was a very giving and caring man that will be missed by all that came to know him.

Just two weeks ago I came across an old picture of me presenting Ted with his TREASURE Forest sign and certificate. His and Sadie’s property was the first TREASURE Forest that I ever certified, and it will be the one to always have a special place in my heart. Ted may not be with us in person any longer, but he will always be with us in our hearts as we go for a walk in the woods of Forest Home, or on a hunt for that elusive whitetail buck or long-bearded gobbler . . . even when I think of that crab dangling on my friend’s thumb.

Rest in Peace, my friend, until we meet again. I am truly a better man because of my time with you. 🙏



Ted McGill received his TREASURE Forest certification from Paul Hudgins in 1991.