



## Col. Robert McFadden

June 28, 1930 - November 12, 2010

Surrounded by family, Col. Julian Robert McFadden passed away peacefully on Friday, November 12, at his Corvallis home. Loving husband and adored father, friend and avid OSU Beaver fan, he will be sorely missed. A native of Corvallis, he was born on June 28, 1930 to the late Mary and Art Goldblatt and raised by his grandparents Julian Nesbit and Agnes McFadden. He was a graduate of Corvallis High School and St. Thomas Military Academy in St. Paul, Minnesota in 1949. Upon graduation, Julian attended Oregon State College and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture in 1953. He received a second degree from Oklahoma State University in 1956 in Mechanical and Aeronautical Engineering. He was awarded his Masters degree in Business Administration in 1975 from Auburn University. He also was a distinguished graduate of the Air War College.

Julian entered the active duty Air Force on January 18, 1954 at Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii. Selected for pilot training, he graduated in 1957. A command pilot with tours in the Pacific and Southeast Asia, he flew 341 combat missions in Vietnam while based at Danang, Republic of Vietnam and Udorn, Thailand. He accumulated more than 5,000 flying hours in the F-4, F-102, T-33, and A-10 aircraft.

Among the decorations Julian earned during his illustrious career are the Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross with two Oak Leaf clusters, Bronze Star, Air Medal with 17 Oak Leaf clusters, Meritorious Service Medal with two Oak Leaf clusters, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal with Bronze

Service Star, Vietnam Service Medal with 10 Bronze Service Stars, and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal.

After serving for almost 28 years, he retired from the Air Force in 1981 and returned to Corvallis to pursue the family business of racing and breeding thoroughbred horses at the Pleasure Acres Thoroughbred farm. He was also in a partnership of 25 years called the "0-6" with Liz and Hugh White. The partnership owned, developed, and remodeled numerous properties in Corvallis.

With a love of God and country, Julian was a proud and deeply committed member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Corvallis, attending mass weekly. Active in the community, he also was a member of the Rotary Club.

A "Beaver Believer" to the end, he was an enthusiastic supporter of all OSU athletics, specifically football, baseball and basketball. While attending OSU, Julian played basketball and was a lifelong member of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity. Known as "Be Bop", he deeply treasured the friendship and camaraderie of his Phi Delt brothers.

Hanaied (adopted) by the Hanaike ohana (family), Julian was heavily influenced by the Hawaiian culture. After his belief in God, family came next in his list of priorities. He married the late Rebecca Mary Kawai'ala Nathaniel of Hilo, Hawaii on May 7, 1955. They had nine children. Julian was blessed a second time, when he met and married Hawaiian beauty Deanna Leimomi Miller of Kailua, Hawaii on February 8, 1997.

Along with his parents, Julian is preceded in death by his first wife, Rebecca. He is survived by his loving wife of 13 years, Deanna; nine children, Ku'uipo Shimizu McFadden, Mary Aiona, Kaleomililani Larrison, Arthur, Julian, John, Nahaku, Keahi, and Mealoha McFadden; stepchildren Jessie, Frank Jr., and Kanani Miller, Angel Saizon, and Jamie Amituanai, 28 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren. He is also survived by his brother Arthur McFadden and sister Kathryn Brandis.

His funeral Mass will be celebrated Friday, November 19 at 11:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 501 NW 25th St. Corvallis, Ore. Visitation will be held

from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. before Mass. He will be laid to rest with full military honors at his final resting place, St. Mary's cemetery. A reception will follow at Pleasure Acres Thoroughbred Farm, off Hwy. 20 near Hewlett Packard. Memorial gifts may take the form of contributions to the Rebecca McFadden Memorial Scholarship sent to the Benton County Foundation, ATTN: Kristy Pribyl, PO Box 911 Corvallis, OR 97339.

# Tribute Wall

PA

“ Dear Deanna and Family,  
I am deeply saddened in learning of the passing of my good friend,  
former STA classmate, and fellow U.S. Air Force officer, Julian.  
We were very close and I'll miss him very much. I will certainly  
remember him in my prayers and hoping the good Lord will reward  
him in heaven.

Sincerely, Pete P. Ada St. Thomas Academy, Class of '49

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**PEDRO P. ADA** - January 04, 2011 at 07:48 PM

CR

“ I served with Julian in the 13th Tac Fighter Squadron at Udorn,  
Thailand in 1970 where we flew many combat missions together in  
the F-4 Phantom. I have fond memories of Julian from those times  
as well as the faithful, informative Christmas letters every year  
thereafter. I will surely miss his friendship and wit.  
My sincere condolences to all the family.

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**Col. Jim Bell, USAF, Ret.** - November 23, 2010 at 07:01 AM

HD

“ Dear Deanna and Family, We are deeply saddened to learn of  
Mac's passing. Since the beginning of Flight School in 1956 he was  
my best friend. He was a loyal friend, officer and pilot, and always  
cared deeply for his family and others. I will also miss him. You are  
in our prayers. Please stay in contact with me and Fran. With love  
and sympathy, Horace M. "Doc" Davis, Lt. Col. USAF(Ret.)and  
Fran.

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**Horace M. "Doc" and Fran Davis** - November 20, 2010 at 09:09 PM

PI

“ Our thoughts and prayers have been with you. How proud Julian was of his family.  
My memories go back to Tulelake and the adventures we had growing up as the children of homesteaders. Julian was a very special person. His love of life and his interest and love for people were endearing. You could never be bored around Julian. I am very thankful I had the privilege of being his friend. What a blessing he was to all he called friends.

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**Peggy & Rod Ingraham** - November 20, 2010 at 01:28 PM

BJ

“ I was a classmate of Julian at the Carr Elementary School in Modoc County, California. I remember well, his mother, Mary, bringing Julian and younger brother, Art, to school in their 1938 Ford. We went separate ways in high school but I did have the pleasure of seeing Julian again one time at one of our class reunions. It is an honor to have known him.

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**Bill Jones** - November 19, 2010 at 09:10 PM

LB

“ Dear Deanna and Family, I just read my email about an hour ago and I was shocked to read of Julian's death. I would of like to have attended his funeral. I would of had to have someone drive me up. I am going to miss Julian as we go back a long ways, homesteading, Carr school, Tulelake fair, etc. Also I am proud to know him who served our country well. Deanna if you come to Tulelake be sure to look us up. Bless you all. Lewis & Helen Baker P.O. Box 614  
Tulelake, CA 96134 530-667-2688

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**Lewis Baker** - November 19, 2010 at 05:44 PM

GP

“ We will greatly miss our Maple Street neighbor and our continued repartee about Ducks vs Beavers. Our condolences to the entire family. Julian made us feel special; we will miss him.  
Jan & Gary Power 225 SW Maple Street Waldport, Oregon

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**Gary & Jan Power** - November 19, 2010 at 04:46 PM

SF

“ My deepest sympathy to the McFadden's family. Met Julian and Becky in 1956 when we were together at Goodfellow AFB. Baby sat Kuuipo on New Years Eve when Julian and Becky went to the Cotton Bowl. Saw both at various locations during our AF career. Always enjoyed sitting down with Julian talking about our AF careers. I will miss him. My thoughts and prayers are with you.  
Aloha, Stan Furukawa

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**Stanley Y Furukawa** - November 19, 2010 at 01:18 PM

JS

“ To the entire McFadden family. My most sincere condolences. I am so sorry for this loss, and I am deeply saddened to lose a friend, mentor, and father figure. God bless you all.

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**Jeremy Sheppard** - November 19, 2010 at 04:41 AM

TS

“ I'll never forget all you have done for me and taught me Col. I love you and all your family like they are my own... I'll see you again. Better not start a Dutch Bro's up there without me! :) Love, your Hanai'd Son  
Tim Sheppard

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**Tim Sheppard** - November 19, 2010 at 02:32 AM

JM

“ *Deanna, Julian was one of my best friends. A true warrior and individual. My heart goes out for you and the family. I'm glad I was able to see him earlier this year and your hospitality was wonderful.*  
*Jervis McEntee*

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**jervis mcentee** - November 18, 2010 at 10:36 PM

JA

“ *"Mac" was one of a kind. He was always there at one of our o'hana's memorial services to give a hug and to let you know he deeply cared for both the loved one who had passed and for you who remained. On my last day in Vietnam, I drove from the Marine side of Danang to the Air Force side to say goodbye to him...he shared with me some Hawaiian food from Hilo! What a way to leave!*

*This is a chant I created for "Mac"*

*"Ua hilo 'ia ike aho a ke aloha, Ku'u ka luhi, ua maha, Ku'u hoa o na lani, Aloha pau ole o ke koa o ka lani"*

*"Braided with the cords of love, He has let down his weariness and is at rest, My companion of the sky, Everlasting love for the warrior of the sky"*

*My best salute to "Mac" and my promise to one day, remember him with "one more slow roll"...*

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**Jimmy Andrews** - November 18, 2010 at 07:28 PM

DM

“ Dear Deanna and family, Just learned of Julian's death. My condolences go out to all. He's up there with the Lord now and telling Him about all the adventures and wonderful life he had here. He'll talk a lot about family and flying. Such a great man. I'm proud to call him my friend and to have spent good times with him at St. Thomas Military Academy. I'll never forget his "Fighter Pilots Do It Better stickers". His love for Deanna is never ending! Sorry Margie and I won't be there tomorrow, but Julian will be in our prayers, and we hope we'll be in his! Lots of Love!!!

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David McGovern - November 18, 2010 at 04:26 PM

MG

“ The Breeders Cup Gang is all together; Julian, Jack, Percy, Iver, and Charlie. Sure you all headed west to the best track in the sky. Thanks for all the wonderful times and inspirations all of you have given to this young man. I promise to continue them and pass them on to the next generation. Your friend always. GBU Gonzo

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Mike "Gonzo" Gonzalez - November 18, 2010 at 12:40 PM

JF

“ Julian was a great cousin and close personal friend. We will miss him.

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Joe McFadden & family - November 18, 2010 at 11:10 AM

RD

“ MAC AND I WERE STATIONED AT CLARK TOGETHER. I CONSIDERED HIM A GOOD FRIEND AND WAS FORTUNATE TO HAVE LUNCH WITH HIM AND HIS BEAUTIFUL WIFE JUST OVER A YEAR AGO. I PRAY THAT OUR GOD WILL COMFORT HIS FAMILY AT THIS PRECIOUS TIME.

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RD - November 18, 2010 at 09:25 AM

KN

“ Uncle we will miss you. Thanks for all that you shared with me & my family.

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**Keiko & Barry Nathaniel** - November 18, 2010 at 02:49 AM

JB

“ I am so sorry to hear of Julian's passing. I enjoyed visiting with him during my Oregon visits and appreciate the devotion and support he gave to my father, Lane McFadden in his later years. I hope that the younger generations will continue his interest in family history. He will be missed. My prayers and thoughts are with you this week.

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**Janet Bollinger** - November 17, 2010 at 10:22 PM

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“ Col. Robert McFadden

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**John M. Lund, Lt. Col. USAF (Ret.)** - November 17, 2010 at 07:07 PM

DB

“ We are thinking of you.  
*In the loss you feel there is deep sadness, but in the life you celebrate there is even deeper meaning. In the memories you cherish, may there be so much goodness and love that they will offer comfort when you need it most.*  
*Julian will be missed by all of us but the way he touched our lives will bring wonderful memories.*  
*With sincere sympathy.*  
*Don & Elayne*

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**Don & Elayne Barklow** - November 17, 2010 at 06:26 PM

JP

“ My sincere condolence on your family (and OUR) loss of one Be Bop, Julian who has held our epoch of OSU Phi Delt together, back when we were all living together at 13th and Monroe, and ever since with all his efforts to keep us up on Phi Delt news and his unforgettable Pleasure Acres bashes. He will be sorely missed, but so, oh so well remembered after his departure, for a life well lived.  
john perrott

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**John Perrott** - November 17, 2010 at 06:21 PM

SP

“ Percy and John Pitchford have welcomed Julian with open arms. Julian, thank you for your love and for your friendship. We will miss you. Love, Suzanne

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**Suzanne Purcell** - November 17, 2010 at 05:22 PM

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“ To all of Julian's family and friends: As a fellow member of Pilot Training Class 57-G I know we will all miss a great pilot and a great guy! I wish we had accepted his reunion offer. We will have that reunion sometime. Until then, I salute you Colonel. Joseph L. Vogel, Colonel USAF (Ret) As a fellow Catholic I offer my prayers and condolences.

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**Colonel Joseph L. Vogel, USAF (Ret)** - November 17, 2010 at 05:18 PM

ED

“ Julian was a great friend and an Oregon Beta Phi unparalleled! His brothers will miss his attendance at Portland meetings but will never forget him....Deanna, you are a special person who afforded him the best of care..thanks so much! Love, Ed and Carol

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**Ed and Carol Dey** - November 17, 2010 at 05:06 PM

BS

“ Sorry to hear that Julian has left us---it is all to soon---my thought are with you in your time of sorrow---just know that I am thinkin about you; God Bless Burt

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**Burt Swanson** - November 17, 2010 at 05:03 PM

HD

“ Uncle Julian and Family, It was an honor and a privilege to be included in your lives and your family. You always made everyone seem as if he was the most important person in the room. I will never forget your kindness and support to myself and my family when we suffered the loss of my mother this spring. May God grant you the eternal peace you have richly earned on earth. I will miss you and your kindness.  
Harriane

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**Harriane Dominguez** - November 17, 2010 at 01:36 PM

DN

“ Thinking of your family in this time of sadness. Aloha and God Bless.  
The family of your cousin, Duane Nathaniel

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**Duane Nathaniel** - November 17, 2010 at 12:41 PM