



## Otis Lee Mchan

October 4, 1943 - March 3, 2019

Otis Lee McShan was born on October 4, 1943 and was called home to his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, Sunday morning, March 3, 2019. He has joined his beloved son Fredrick who preceded him in death. Otis was the oldest of four children from his deceased parents Otha McShan and Marie Bell McShan. He was born and raised on a farm where his parents farmed and raised livestock (cattle) located five miles east of Elgin, Texas, on McShan Lane, Bastrop County. Otis was affectionately given the nickname “man-child” as young child due to his large size. Otis was a big boy, a big man with a big heart and loved his family, friends, and his God unconditionally. He was raised in a strong Christian family and professed hope in Christ at an early age. He was baptized at the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church in the community of Sayersville, Texas. Otis attended Booker T. Washington School in Elgin and graduated in 1963. During high school he excelled in football and track. After high school he attended Prairie View A and M University and was player of the Panther football team. He was drafted into the military and served in the United States Air Force serving his last two years in Europe stationed in Italy and Spain. While serving in the military he was recruited for his athletic prowess to play for the U. S. Air Force Special Forces football team. He was one of the best in the position of defensive end and unfortunately an injury to his leg prevented him from pursuing professional football.

Upon completion of his military duty he returned to Elgin. He met and married the love of his life, Jessie Taylor. To this union three children were born.

Otis was a career commissioned peace officer and had a great career in law enforcement. He joined the Travis County Sheriff department rising to the rank of lieutenant and retired in 2000 after serving 28 years. He was a family man, and friend to all. He was compassionate, humble, and served faithfully as a deacon of Corinth Baptist Church. He loved the outdoors, growing vegetables in his garden and was an avid fisherman and hunter. He and his fishing buddies would get on the boat and fish most of the major lakes and rivers in central Texas. He loved to hunt and go to the farm and trap feral hogs. The one thing that Otis loved was Barbecuing (BBQ). When there was a family reunion, special family gathering at church functions, you could always count on Otis to do the BBQ. Otis lived in Austin, however, he was always at the farm taking care of the cattle operation with his father. When his father passed in 2005, he took care of the farm until his brother Milton moved back to the farm in 2018 California. Left to cherish his memory is his wife of 48 years, Jessie Taylor McShan; sister Gladys Barnes; Brothers George H. McShan, Milton McShan, Children Angela McShan, Andrea McShan, and 7 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his father Otha McShan, mother, Marie Bell McShan, son Fredrick McShan.

# Cemetery Details

**McShan Family Cemetery**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

MAR 8. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

King-Tears Mortuary  
1300 E 12th St  
Austin, TX 78702  
(512) 476-9128

### Celebration Service

MAR 9. 11:00 AM (CT)

Mount Olive Baptist Church  
1800 East 11th Street  
Austin, TX 78702

# Tribute Wall



“ *Otis Lee Mchan*

October 06, 2023 at 07:08 AM



“ *6 files added to the album Memories Album*

By all of our relatives, friends, and neighbors who opened your hearts to us, thank you so much for the love and care you showed to our loved ones. We want each of you to know that our service has been offered by your kind words, your words of love, your cards, your calls, your flowers and your prayers. We deeply appreciate all that you have done. God bless each of you.

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Prayer: \_\_\_\_\_ Appointments: \_\_\_\_\_  
Selection: \_\_\_\_\_ Central MBC Choir  
Sole: \_\_\_\_\_ Sister Judy Arnold Hester  
Resolution and Acknowledgments  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Sister Beverly Smith  
Family Tribute: \_\_\_\_\_ Brother Bruce Barnes  
Special Remarks: \_\_\_\_\_ Linda Two Minutes Please  
Obituary: \_\_\_\_\_ Neal Sherry

**A Life Celebration by Franklin - March 24, 2019 at 12:30 AM**

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“ *TRUE BROTHERHOOD*  
*I sought my soul,*  
*But my soul I could not see.*  
*I sought my God,*  
*But my God eluded me.*  
*I sought my brother,*  
*And found all three*

*...the steps of a good man...*

*Bothers of the Craft and Sisters of the Order*

*District 8 and 9 Council*  
*Elgin, Texas*



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**Sister Gwendolyn Johnson** - March 09, 2019 at 05:54 AM

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“ As a young jailer in 1986, my first assignment was building 4 in Del Valle. When I attended my first briefing I met this big large man named Lt Otis McShan. The first thing I realized is that I did not want to make this man mad. He was my mentor, my friend and my boss. I trusted him with my life and quickly realized that you did not want to upset him. I recall a time when an inmate was getting unruly. When he raised his voice the inmate quickly found out what Lt was made of. There were truly memorable moments that I will never forget. I wish I could taste some of the BBQ he used to bring to work, nothing better. You will be missed and I will always keep you in my memory until the day I see you again, Rest in Peace my friend.

*Respectfully,  
Richard A. Hale*

*John 3:16*

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**Richard Hale** - March 08, 2019 at 05:55 PM