



James Wesley McClanahan

October 31, 1952 - January 15, 2026

James (Clancy) Wesley McClanahan, 73, passed away on January 15, at his home in Punta Gorda, FL (Babcock Ranch). Beloved husband of Lisa (Borchert) McClanahan, loving father of Melissa McClanahan Krzeminski and Shane McClanahan and brother Gary Paul McClanahan. He is predeceased by his father James Edward McClanahan and mother Mary Theresa (Lotto) McClanahan.

Throughout his life he played baseball and football, and had a try-out with the Pittsburgh Pirates after high school. He chose to continue playing both sports at Salem College (now Salem University) in West Virginia, and later trained as an executive chef at the Greenbrier Resort in West Virginia. He met his wife Lisa in 1991 at the Kennedy Krieger Institute in Baltimore, MD, where he ran food service operations for Johns Hopkins University School of Public Health and Hygiene and Space Telescope Science Institute. In 1993 they married and shortly after gave birth to their eldest, Melissa McClanahan, and in 1997 gave birth to Shane McClanahan.

After his retirement in 2000, Clancy and his family moved to Florida where he volunteered at St. Andrews Catholic School in Cape Coral, FL, coached his children's softball and little league teams and later was a volunteer umpire at several local little league baseball fields. He supported his children's interests in both sports and the arts, held family above all else, and loved his wife with

his whole heart. He will be deeply missed by his wife and children, and all who knew him.

A Celebration of Life will be held on February 22nd, 12:00-3:00 at Millennial Brewing Company, 1811 Royal Palm Avenue, Fort Myers, FL. Please wear a jersey or shirt with your favorite sports teams in honor of Clancy's love of sports.

In lieu of flowers please consider donating to Boston University CTE Center at https://bit.ly/bu_cte

Tribute Wall

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“ So sorry to hear of your loss. Just discovered Clancy's passing today. Great man and father.

Brenda Listowski - February 25 at 09:16 PM

CJ

“ Charlie and Tracey Jordan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Wesley McClanahan.

Charlie and Tracey Jordan - January 18 at 10:30 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James Wesley McClanahan.



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“ Mary and Michael Edwards planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Wesley McClanahan.

Mary and Michael Edwards - January 17 at 07:58 PM

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“ Mary and Michael Edwards purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of James Wesley McClanahan.



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“ Where do I start, best friends since 8th grade, Pony league baseball, Jr. high, Jr. Varsity and Varsity football, Big 10 Championship, dances, proms, raising hell, side by side! Wouldn't want to have shared "growing up" with anyone else brother! Love you and miss you already Clancy!
George Lee

George Lee - January 17 at 03:31 PM