



## Virgil Melvin Lacey Jr.

December 2, 1949 - July 23, 2022

Virgil Melvin Lacey Jr, age 72, Residence Carlsbad, New Mexico, passed away on Saturday, July 23, 2022. Please Take a moment and share a kind thought or memory with Virgil's family at [www.andersonbethany.com](http://www.andersonbethany.com).

There will be a viewing at Anderson Bethany Funeral Home on Thursday, August 4, 2022, from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM. A Funeral Service will be held at Anderson Bethany Funeral Home on Friday, August 5, 2022, at 10:00 AM. Interment will follow at General Douglas L. McBride Veterans Cemetery.

On December 2, 1949, Virgil was born in Deming, Texas, to Virgil Melvin Lacey Sr. and Ella Marie Lacey. He was the 2nd eldest of eight siblings: Robert, Virgil, Arthur, Jimmy Lee, Elroy, Maurice, Daniel Ray, and Albert Mary; and an adopted sister, Lillian Dixon, which Maurice is the last of his living siblings.

Virgil enlisted into the United States Marine Corps on November 30, 1976. He was a Proof Technician Helper and a rifle and pistol sharpshooter. Virgil was Honorably discharged on March 31, 1978. God blessed Virgil with many skills and trades, such as car salesman, truck driver, and septic tank technician are just a few.

Living Life to the fullest, Virgil had many hobbies rebuilding a vehicle from the

ground up and putting his “Boopy” touches to enhance the ride. He played the saxophone in his early adult years and slid into home plate as a minor league baseball player in Roswell. Virgil held his “own” playing chess, and let’s not forget he was the Domino Master.

Virgil is survived by Pete, George “Stevie,” Melanie “Punkin,” Latonia, Raunji, Rashaun, Remi, Lannette, Kimberly, Alessandro, and Seth.

Preceding Virgil in death is his eldest son, Melvin Lee “Stinky” McMurray, on October 26, 2003.

He has twenty-six grandchildren and fifteen great-grandchildren.

Virgil’s tribute was written in his honor by his family.

# Cemetery Details

## General Douglas L. McBride Veterans Cemetery

Between S Main St and SE Main St (US 285)  
on E Jaffe St, in Roswell, at the north end of  
South Park  
Roswell, NM 88203

# Previous Events

## Viewing

**AUG 4.** 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (MT)

Anderson-Bethany Funeral Home and Crematory  
2609 South Main  
Roswell, NM 88203  
(575) 622-5888  
abfh@andersonbethany.com

## Funeral Service

**AUG 5.** 10:00 AM.

Anderson Bethany Funeral Home

# Tribute Wall



“ *Virgil Melvin Lacey Jr.*

December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ *Katharina Benavidez Midwest Finance lit a candle in memory of Virgil Melvin Lacey Jr.*



**Katharina Benavidez Midwest Finance** - August 12, 2022 at 12:50 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Virgil Melvin Lacey Jr..*



August 04, 2022 at 12:51 PM



“ *Jeanette McClain purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Virgil Melvin Lacey Jr..*



**Jeanette McClain** - August 04, 2022 at 12:28 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Virgil Melvin Lacey Jr..



August 04, 2022 at 09:54 AM



“ Uncle Melvin (that's what I called him) “We're family and we stick together” ....that's what you told me on July 17, 2022. I'm so thankful I had the opportunity to see you during your stay in California. Celebrating life and family with family.....watching you dance having a good time. I was looking forward to the trip to New Orleans...but God decided to take you home. I love you Uncle Melvin and I know you're at peace and somewhere sitting on a Harley.

*I love my family and I'm praying for Gods strength for all of them during this difficult time.*

*Jeanette*

Jeanette McClain - August 04, 2022 at 04:04 AM



“ Maria, Martell & Broke purchased the Divine Light for the family of Virgil Melvin Lacey Jr..



Maria, Martell & Broke - August 03, 2022 at 08:21 PM

SL

“ Ms. Melanie and Family - You are all in my prayers. Wishing you peace and comfort. Susie Langless

---

**Susan M Langless** - August 02, 2022 at 09:25 AM

KH

“ Mr. Virgil you were one of the handful of people who could walk into my office at Hughes Automotive and make me smile regardless of what kind of mood I was in!!! I will forever miss seeing your smiling face and hearing "Hello Miss Lady, How you doing today". You were an amazing man and left an impression on every person who was lucky enough to have been blessed with your smile. My prayers are with your family for strength and comfort as they go through saying their final good byes to one of the greatest men that ever walked this earth. Fly High my dear friend.

---

**Krissy Hughes** - August 02, 2022 at 01:29 AM

RO

“ Virgil my friend, I will miss you so much. Your smile and friendly HOW YOU DOING TODAY MR OWENS! When we would spend the week doing our water wells he would bring us breakfast and good stories. It will never be the same out here without you. You were truly a good man, one of the few.  
Rick

---

**Rick Owens** - August 01, 2022 at 10:32 AM

DC

“ *The thought that I will never pick up the phone and hear Mr. Lacey say "Miss Dustie, how you doin?" hurts. We'd talk about motorcycles, trucks, DOT (and how he's such an outlaw trucker still). He was in my life for a very short time, introduced to me by a very special person and shared by your wonderful family, but he made an impression on me in that short time. He mentored my sons when he saw them. His stories kept us laughing or made us learn but they were always entertaining. I never saw him without a smile on his face.*

*Thank you Lord for letting Virgil Lacey be in our lives. We will love you and miss you always. Dustie, Chance and Garrett*

---

**Dustie Coon** - July 29, 2022 at 11:25 AM

DC

“ *Dustie Coon lit a candle in memory of Virgil Melvin Lacey Jr.*



---

**Dustie Coon** - July 29, 2022 at 11:13 AM

PH

“ *Mr. Lacey will be tremendously missed by me and the staff at the AWWTP. When he made a visit to the plant there were 3 words you could bet he would say " The Good Lord". We had great conversation, we prayed, cried, laughed and hugged. His Character commendable in word and in deed. Our condolences to Vigil's friends and loved ones. He will never be forgotten.*

*2Corinthians 5:8 To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. We will see you again brother Virgil. Oh happy day!*

*Patsy (little lady)*

---

**Patsy Hernandez** - July 28, 2022 at 03:03 PM

PH

“ *Patsy Hernandez lit a candle in memory of Virgil Melvin Lacey Jr.*



---

**Patsy Hernandez** - July 28, 2022 at 02:41 PM



“ *I will miss when I go to see my father and getting to spend time talking with Virgil whenever he would come over. He had great stories that kept me laughing. You will be missed!*

---

**Anthony Brown-Silva** - July 28, 2022 at 10:53 AM

PB

“ I am going to miss you. You were and always will be my "Yoda". You were a great mentor at the gym. You were family. I loved seeing your smiling face walking through the door of the store. I loved hearing your motorcycle pulling into the driveway at the house. You were one of the best men I've ever known. I wish my phone could ring one more time and it would be you on the other end. I will miss you. I love you. See you on the other side. Forever in my heart. I will keep your family in my thoughts and prayers. Love you. Your "little one".

*Pamela Brown-Silva*

---

**Pamela Brown-Silva** - July 26, 2022 at 04:28 PM

DC

“ I'll miss Virgil spent a many Saturdays in my carport having breakfast with Virgil and Jim over 8 years I spent in oil field I love that man he's the man I ever new I'll miss always y'all be in my thoughts and prayers. AJ BROWN SILVA dustie coon

---

**Dustie coon** - July 26, 2022 at 01:02 PM