

McBride family to attend ceremony

Namesake school to be rededicated on post today

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There was a worry at one point that guests attending today's rededication ceremony at Fort Benning's McBride Elementary would not include any of Morrie McBride's relatives.

McBride, a West Pointer from Chicago, was killed in Vietnam and later buried at the Main Post



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Cemetery in March 1964. Several months later, his widow, Anne, received McBride's posthumous awards, including the Distinguished Service Cross and the Purple Heart.

When the post opened a new elementary school in 1966, it was named after McBride.

Forty years later, the school's Partners in Education, the Basic Combat Training Brigade and school principal Phyllis Parker launched a search for McBride's family, hoping they'd be able to attend today's ceremony at the school.

Until a couple weeks ago, the search was futile. But a story in the Ledger-Enquirer was read by relatives of the family, who notified Anne and her daughters — Charmaine and Kristen. Now living in Santa Rosa Beach, Fla., they told Parker they would be happy to attend.

McBride's West Point roommate, retired Col. Jerry Scott, will speak at the ceremony. Several other friends and classmates of McBride's are also scheduled to attend. The activities begin at 10 a.m.