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Thomas David McKee was born in the small Southeastern Oklahoma town of Mud Sand on April 25, 1922 to the late Andrew Jay McKee and Sarah Beatrice Butler McKee. He was preceded in death by Nell O. Bice McKee, his wife of 64 years. He was also preceded in death by his sister Pauline McKee Crouch.

Thomas married his childhood sweetheart, Nell, on February 8, 1942. After Thomas and Nell graduated from Soper High School, Thomas went to California to find work and save enough money to pay for Nell to come to California so they could get married. They had celebrated their 64th anniversary the day before Nell went home to be with the Lord on February 9, 2006.

After moving back to Oklahoma, Thomas and Nell celebrated the birth of their first daughter Judith Ann on November 4, 1942. Thomas and Nell moved to Orange, Texas in 1943 where Thomas worked in the shipyard until Thomas accepted Jesus Christ as his personal savior and was ordained as a Baptist Minister by North Orange Baptist Church in 1944. While Thomas was attending Oklahoma Baptist University, they celebrated the birth of their second daughter, Barbara Elizabeth on October 5, 1945. He moved his family to Mississippi to attend Clarke College and study for the ministry. While they were there, they celebrated the birth of their third daughter, Sarah Kay on November 2, 1948.

Thomas began his pastorate in Mississippi while attending Clarke College, and then moved to Burkeville, Texas in 1949 and continued to pastor various churches in Texas including Pineland, China, Elysian Fields, Spring Hill, Hamshire, Lone Star, Beaumont, Murchison, Santa Rosa, Tyler, for 44+ years with his last full time pastorate in Groveton, Tx. He and Nell went to Kansas with the Home Mission Board after retirement in 1988 and then returned to Longview where he was interim pastor at several churches in the area. As members of Oakland Heights Baptist Church in Longview, he and Nell were in the outreach ministry until 2003 when their health worsened. Thomas was an honorary member of Bald Hill Baptist Church in Lufkin, Tx at the time of his death.



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Thomas was a faithful pastor who loved his church members and was always available to them for whatever they needed-whether it was for hospital visits, deaths, marriages or just to talk. He was a great prayer warrior and he and Nell tried to visit every member of each of their churches. He was always willing for Nell to help her daughters as each special grandchild was born as well as each great grandchild and they continued to be part of their lives, until they became physically unable.

He is survived by his daughters and sons-in-law, Judy and Mike Templeton of Harlingen; Barbara and Mike Smotherman of Longview, and Sarah and Billy Voss of Lufkin. He leaves behind grandchildren, Angela Cooper, David and Melody Templeton, Susan and John Biltz, Paula and Pete Werner, Kellie and Mark Farris, William and Amanda George, Reagan and Amanda Voss and Jason Rawls. He is also survived by 13 great grandchildren and 3 great great grandchildren. He is survived by one brother, Stanley B. McKee of Little Cypress, Texas and one sister and brother-in-law, Anita Faye and Clois Jay of Little Cypress, Texas and numerous nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be grandsons: John Biltz, Mark Farris, William George, David Templeton, Reagan Voss and Pete Werner.



Tribute Wall

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Anonymous posted:

Sarah and family,I remember Bro. McKee has the first real Pastor I ever had. And the best Pastor I had the privilege to serve with. I am so sorry that I was unable to attend the services this past Saturday. You and your family are in my prayers daily, but I know without a doubt that Bro. McKee is rejoicing now and forever to be in heaven with his Savior. May God bless you now and in the future. If you are in the Seguin area anytime please call, 830-372-5871.Christ is the Answer,John Chambers###imported-begin###John Chambers###imported-end###

June 18 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Sarah,I am saddened to hear of the loss of your Dad. Please accept my sincere and deepest sympathy. I pray the Lord will comfort you and carry you through this difficult time. May you feel His presence draw near. God Bless you.###imported-begin###Valerie Shaw###imported-end###

June 18 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Brother McKee was one of the the best pastors we ever had. His example to all was his dad to day living. I thank God we had him and Mrs. McKee in our lives and our childrens lives.Our prayers are with his family.###imported-begin###Tony & Pat Baker###imported-end###

June 15 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Sarah,Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.Kevin & Sheri###imported-begin###Kevin Best###imported-end###

June 15 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Sarah, You may or may not remember me. I went to Daingerfield High School. As I have gotten older I know the importance of sharing grief with others. I saw your name and wanted to let you know you and your family are in my prayers at this time . Joyce Quarles Richey###imported-begin###Joyce Quarles Richey###imported-end###

June 14 at 7:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

To the family of Bro. McKee,Your father baptised me at the age of nine at the FBC of Murchison, Texas. Bro. McKee will always be precious to me for all the kindness and devotion he gave his church members. He was my pastor and I remember always rushing to the first pew in order to be close to him during his sermons. His influence has helped me to live my life and try to be a good Christian. He was always there when our family had loved ones in the hospital or were ill. He and your mother were truly spirit-filled ambassadors for Christ. Be proud that your father stood fast for what he believed and always lived his life according to Christ' s teachings. That is a legacy to be cherished. God bless you and rejoice that Bro. McKee fought the good fight and now he has received his heavenly reward. He truly made a difference in so many lives!###imported-begin###Jeff Baker###imported-end###

June 14 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Our prayers go out to Brother Mckees' family. He is a fine Christian man and a good friend. He and his wife always took time to visit us when my husband was so ill and after his death visited with myself and my daughter faithfully. He will be missed as she is.###imported-begin###Bonnie & Linda Heard###imported-end###

June 14 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

My Dearest Sarah,My heart breaks for you. I will pray for the Lord's face to shine upon you and give you peace. Your friend in ChristLove Carol###imported-begin###Carol Goss###imported-end###

June 13 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Sarah and Family: I am so very sorry for the loss of your father and grandfather. Though hearts here on earth are heavy with your great loss, you can be sure that it is not a loss for Bro. McKee and the host of saints gathered round the throne. I imagine there is much celebration of one so worthy coming home.Jeff and I will continue to hold up your family in our prayers and ask God to carefully tend to each of you in His loving way.Glenda###imported-begin###Glenda Barnes###imported-end###

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Anonymous posted:

##imported-begin##Alan & Fran Parrott##imported-end##

June 13 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Sarah,Our thoughts and prayers are with you.Rick, Tonja, Landon, Jackson##imported-begin##Rick Grimes##imported-end##

June 13 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Sarah,On behalf of myself and my crew, we offer our condolences and prayers for the loss of your father. I never met your dad, but i know you so he must have been a wonderful man and father. We've had some good talks before. You are very sincere and true to your faith. We both know that your dad is in a better place and resting peacefully and i pray that the knowledge of understanding this will help you and your family find your way through this time of mourning. I will not be able to be in attendance for the funeral due to committments with my children. My thoughts and prayers will be with you.God Bless,Lenny##imported-begin##Leonard Tomasini##imported-end##

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