



Wehlan McPherson

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Wehlan McPherson, 72, died Monday January 24. Born November 12, 1938, Wehlan was a lifelong resident of East Texas. He graduated from Longview High School and attended Kilgore College. In High School, Wehlan sang with his friends in 'The Fresh Boys' quartet. His beautiful tenor voice will be remembered by his classmates and friends. After a brief professional singing career with his friends, Wehlan returned to Longview, where he married his High School sweetheart, Ann Sandridge, and raised two children. Through the years, Wehlan continued to sing and share music with his friends in Barbershop Quartets and church choirs until health issues began to affect ability to participate. After retiring from Texas Eastman, Wehlan enjoyed spending time on his tractor, taking care of his home, travelling and visiting family.

Wehlan was preceded in death by his parents, Garland and Loriece McPherson and his brother Garland Riden McPherson. Left to cherish his memory are his wife of 50 years, Ann Sandridge McPherson, daughter and son-in-law Bonnie and Wesley Freeman of Longview; son and daughter-in-law Doug and Sandy McPherson of Littleton, MA; grandchildren Nicholas Freeman and wife, Amanda, of Longview; Ryan Freeman and wife, Cara, of White Oak; Aaron Freeman of Longview, Geoffrey Freeman; Ben McPherson and Kevin McPherson of Littleton, MA; great grandchildren Cody and Rustin Freeman of Longview, niece Tammy McPherson of Longview; nephews Dusty and Clint McPherson of Longview and Brandy McPherson of Harleton; aunts Bonnie Herald of Everett, WA and Katie McPherson of Hobbs, NM.

The family will greet friends from 5-7 PM on Thursday January 27 at Rader Funeral Home in Longview TX. Funeral services will be at 10 AM on Friday January 28 at Rader Funeral Home with Reverend Shinia Kelsey officiating. Interment will follow at Hallsville Cemetery.



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The family suggests memorials be made to the Hallsville First Methodist Church and Hallsville Volunteer Fire Department.



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Anonymous posted:

bonnie, so sorry to hear of your loss. just heard about it. you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. W.L. and Linda Strange

January 28 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Ann, just wanted to let you know we are with you this morning. Love, Kathy, Johnny and Linda

January 27 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Ann, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

January 26 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Ann, you and your family are in my prayers. The "Fresh" boys that have already passed are all brightening up heaven with their beautiful voices. We will meet them again some day. Keep looking up, and allow God to comfort and lead you through this sad time.

January 26 at 7:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

I wish to extend my deepest condolences to the loved ones and friends of Wehlan McPherson. I remember many of us who attended Kilgore College often gathered at the music building. Between classes, we would find an available practice room - tiny rooms equipped with only a piano and a mismatched bench - where we would sing and play the piano or just shoot the breeze. One of my fondest memories is writing - at the request of one of the "Fresh Boys" a quartet comprised of Wehlan, Don Florey, Mike Perkins, and Randy Williams - an arrangement of Alfred Hay Malotte's "The Lord's Prayer" for them to sing in a family wedding. Later, they told me they received many compliments on their performance and the unusual arrangement of the lovely song. I was proud to have the ability to do that for such terrific guys. I'd do it a thousand more times just to hear those four voices once again. Wehlan, Don, and Mike are back making beautiful music together. If that isn't Heaven, what is?###imported-begin##Betty Arnold Henderson###imported-end##

January 26 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

While I never had the privilege to meet Wehlan, my second cousin, I'm saddened by his passing and wish to convey to his dear family my heartfelt condolences and prayers for his dear soul. Love, Jalal Barbara Hatami's son###imported-begin##Jalal Hatami###imported-end##

January 26 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I am very proud to know his wife and daughter. He was a very loving man and will be missed by all.###imported-begin##Judy Gabucci###imported-end##

January 26 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

My heart is sad for all of you, but the memories of your loved ones who have gone from your lives recently will live on and ease your grief. Trust in the Lord.###imported-begin##Jessie Malone###imported-end##

January 26 at 7:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

I worked with Wehlan at Eastman. I always enjoyed teasing with him about all of his sticky notes he would have posted everywhere in his work area. Ann, you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Candy Troop##imported-begin##Candy Troop##imported-end##

January 26 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Ann, we were so sorry to hear about Wehlan's death. His name brought back many good memories of "The Fresh Boys" and Longview High School. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. Rex and Carolyn King##imported-begin##Rex King##imported-end##

January 26 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Ann, I am devastated over the news of Wehlan's passing and my heart goes out to you and your family. Wehlan was a good man who love his family more than anything else. I recall an occasion being with you and Carol for a choir event at First Methodist Church when you were expecting your first child. The Fresh Boys were on the road, and you were anxiously awaiting acall from Wehlan. When the call came, you were ecstatic, and Carol and I were so happy for you! This unexpected event in your life is difficult to bear. But it will pass, and you will have a joyous reunion with Wehlan one day.##imported-begin##Eleanor Huddleston Malloy##imported-end##

January 26 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I have so many wonderful memories of Mr. McPherson...he and my Dad Bubba Don singing at their Fresh Boys Reunion concert, teasing me when he was visiting my Dad, and especially the great support he was for my Dad when he was sick. I know that he and Dad are in Heaven making sweet music together and doing what they both loved best...entertaining the masses! Mrs. McPherson you know we weren't allowed to call you Ann, Doug, & Bonnie, my thoughts and prayers are with you. I so wish I could be there with you to give you the support you absolutely have given my family during times of need. May God give you strength at this difficult time. Love you all.##imported-begin##Rachel Florey Reichenbach##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

My condolences to the family. I met Wehlan a number of years ago when my family was up visiting Doug and Sandy over the Christmas holidays. We visited a number of times since then. I am sorry for your loss but know that Wehlan is now with the Father.##imported-begin##Chuck Scanland##imported-end##

January 26 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Doug and family, Please accept my deepest sympathy on the death of your father. Sincerely, Geri##imported-begin##Geri Steele##imported-end##

January 26 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Ann & Bonnie words can't express how I feel nor how you feel. Just depend on God to get you through these times. God, your family, and friends are what will get you through this. I will keep you all in my prayers.##imported-begin##Betty Craig##imported-end##

January 26 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Ann and family, I am so sorry for your loss. I have some great memories of Wehlan when we were in school. I so much enjoyed his singing with the others. I know he is enjoying singing in heaven. What sweet music.... We will all be able to hear them again when it is our time to go. Our prayers and thoughts are with all of you now and in the future. God is good and He will be by your side. Just know so many are praying for you all.##imported-begin##Barbara Harris Tolleson##imported-end##

January 26 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I so enjoyed the time I spent in choir with Whelan. He is missed. May God's strong arms comfort you in this time.##imported-begin##Jacki Bickel##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

Doug and Bonnie, I am thinking of you and praying for all of your family during the tough times. God Bless you and your family during this time.Chris###imported-begin##Chris Snapp###imported-end##

January 26 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

A great tenor voice is now singing in heaven. Enjoyed my time with him in barbershop. God bless those he left behind.C.J & LibbyCallaway McBroom###imported-begin##C. J. & LIBBY MCBROOM###imported-end##

January 26 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Wehlan was a true friend and a wonderful inspiration to us all.I share your loss and send my love.###imported-begin##ron nader###imported-end##

January 26 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Memories of both you and Wehlan will always be fresh in my mind, Anne. Your pain will subside and your own wonderful memories will take over in time and I trust you will find comfort in knowing so many of us were touched by knowing Wehlan and that God-given voice.###imported-begin##Gary Bales###imported-end##

January 26 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Bonnie and family so sorry to read about your dad. I am praying for you all. Love you###imported-begin##Debbie Hill###imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

Ann, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time and so soon after his mother's passing. Wehlan's family and my family were neighbors on Highland Ave. from the time he was 6 and I was 4. Everyone has lots of memories of Whelan. Betty Ann Turner Fowler##imported-begin##Betty Turner Fowler##imported-end##

January 26 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Ann, my brother Mike Post and I want you to know how sorry we are to hear of Whelan's passing. He will be missed by all who knew him. In deepest sympathy, Mike Post and Patsy Post Cobb##imported-begin##Patsy Post Cobb##imported-end##

January 26 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Our deepest condolences, dear friends, for so many deaths in so short a time. Wehlan was a good friend in school and scouts. Our deepest sympathy to Ann and family.##imported-begin##William and Janet Martin##imported-end##

January 25 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with the McPherson family at this time. I will never forget that "voice". I sat in my grandmother's Margaret Florey dining room when I was little and listened to the "Fresh Boys" rehearse. Don't you know that Wehlan and "Bubba Don" are putting on a show right now. I hope I can hear them again some day.##imported-begin##Margaret Wade##imported-end##

January 25 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I worked with Wehlan for many years at Texas Eastman. He always made working a little more fun. He had a wonderful sense of humor. He loved his family very much and shared many stories about you all. There are many that share in your loss. Tesa Campbell-Wilson##imported-begin##Tesa Wilson##imported-end##

January 25 at 7:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Ann, My prayers are for you and your family at this time. God bless all of you. Linda Lou Fisher McDowell###imported-begin##Linda Fisher McDowell###imported-end##

January 25 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this time. He had the best smile !!! And didn't mind sharing it with you. He will be missed. God bless you all.###imported-begin##Chris O'Bryant Viduya###imported-end##

January 25 at 7:00 PM



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