



Nathan M. McAlister

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A celebration of life service for Nathan M. McAlister, 80, of Longview will be held at 10 AM Saturday, March 24, 2018 in the Chapel of Rader Funeral Home of Longview with Rev. Scott Schulik officiating. Burial will follow in Rosewood Park. Mr. McAlister passed away Tuesday afternoon surrounded by his family after a long battle with Alzheimer's. The family will receive friends from 9-10 AM prior to the service.

Nathan was born on February 23, 1938 in Van, Texas to J. Bee and Lois McAlister. He attended public schools in Van and graduated in 1956. He then went on to earn his Bachelor of Music Education from East Texas State University in 1960, and a Masters of Church Music from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1963. He began serving as Minister of Music and Youth at 18 years old in various churches in Louisiana and Texas. He was the first Minister of Music at New Beginnings Baptist Church in Longview. He also taught music in public schools in the area. Nathan was a long time member of Mobberly Baptist Church and a charter member of the Singing Men of East Texas.

Nathan was preceded in death by his first wife, Beverly Blackwood McAlister in 1992; his parents; one sister, Geraldine McAlister; and one brother, Perry Dee McAlister. Those left to cherish his memory are his wife, Linda Mosher McAlister; his children and their spouses Lisa McAlister Reedy and Duke of Reno, NV, and Jeffrey Michael McAlister of Longview; step children Trevelyn Phillips and husband Kevin, and Kirk Mosher and wife Peggy; grandchildren Megan Phillips, Micah Phillips and Sara Mosher.

The family request that memorial donations be made to Mobberly Baptist Church Music Ministry.

A memorial guestbook may be signed online at www.raderfh.com.



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Visitation

 **Saturday**, March 24, 2018

 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM CT

 **Chapel of Rader Funeral Home of Longview**
1617 Judson Road, Longview TX 75601



Funeral Service

 **Saturday**, March 24, 2018

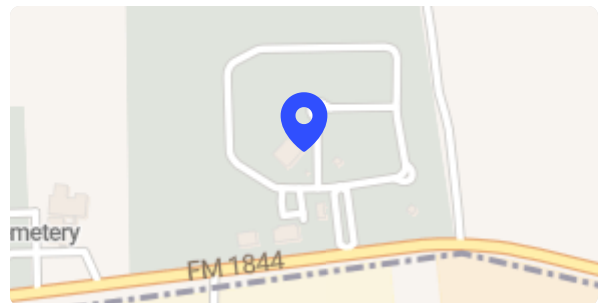
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Cemetery Details

 **Rosewood Park**
1884 FM 1844, Longview TX 75605





Tribute Wall

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Chris posted:

When I was in his youth choir, three of us wanted either of the two parts in a youth musical for flute. Nathan only had one part, so he insisted we practice at the church. The other two should have been shoe-ins: 2 years older than me, 4 years of band each, and very popular with all the kids. I was a poor kid without friends, and had played just one year -- self-taught from a book. But I doggedly appeared every single Sunday afternoon to practice the 2nd flute part, anyway. When audition day came, one of the contestants easily won the 1st flute spot. Then Nathan looked back and forth, back and forth, between we two remaining hopefuls. I just knew he'd pick the other kid. But he didn't. He picked me, and explained to the shocked older kid that, whereas she had practiced only twice in the six previous months, I had practiced for at least 2 hours every single Sunday afternoon during that time. Nathan's decision radically changed my life, beginning then. "Lazarus" (me at 14) was given the first real hope in my life. And other opportunities followed. He was one of the few church people back then I actually believed was a Christian -- thank you forever, Nathan.

December 8 at 1:56 PM



Chris December 8 at 2:01 PM

Sorry, I meant to put "between us two" in the 2nd paragraph.



Renee Harvey lit a candle in honor of Nathan.



March 26 at 4:22 AM



Wendy Gray lit a candle in honor of Nathan.



March 24 at 1:43 AM



Ralph And Mary Jeffers lit a candle in honor of Nathan.



March 23 at 11:23 AM



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Anonymous sent a Plants-A-Plenty to the McAlister family.



March 23 at 10:54 AM



Charles posted:

Brother Nathan was my youth choir director at First Baptist Gilmer, and years later I was in his adult choir at New Beginnings. He was truly a fine man. I'll always be thankful for the influence he had in my life. Praying for his family. Charles Turner

March 22 at 2:19 PM



Keith & Donna Blanton lit a candle in honor of Nathan.

Dear Linda (Doty), Trevlyn and family: We are so sorry to hear about dear Nathan's passing recently. He was such a fond fellow and will be greatly missed in the community. Our prayers go out to each of you at this time and know we are always hear if you need us. You're sweet family stays in our hearts and prayers as we love you all. To God be the Glory Forever, in His precious and Holy Name - JESUS! With sincere, deepest sympathy, Keith & Donna Blanton White Oak



March 22 at 12:34 PM



Anonymous sent a Healing Tears - All White to the McAlister family.



March 22 at 9:49 AM



Anonymous sent a Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket to the McAlister family.



March 22 at 9:30 AM



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Anonymous sent a Yellow & White Sympathy Standing Spray to the McAlister family.



March 22 at 6:56 AM



Allan Thompson posted:

It was my privilege to sing with Nathan in many a Singing Men of East Texas concert. Nathan was emblematic of his generation of worship leaders. His encouragement and joy were always a welcome experience for me. Allan Thompson, Director of Missions, Mt. St. Bapt. Assoc., WV

March 22 at 6:26 AM



Ernie Nelson posted:

Nathan and I met while in college and became close friends. We have remained close friends throughout the years and have had the privilege of singing together during the last few years in our church choir and the Singing Men of East Texas. Nathan never changed from the time he was young until he passed from this life into the presence of his Heavenly Father. He was REAL...the genuine man of God. He has always loved people and used his tremendous talent to serve the Lord. His love and friendship will remain within my heart for the remainder of my life. I know he is in a better place but he will be missed in a great way. May God richly bless Linda and the McAlister family. Ernie Nelson

March 21 at 2:49 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Nathan by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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