



John Hobson McKelvy

August 26, 1926 - November 23, 2012

Funeral service for John Hobson McKelvy, age 86, of Decatur, will be Monday, November 26, 2012, 2:00 p.m. at Wesley Memorial Methodist Church with Rev. Sherry Harris and Rev. Sandra Locke-Godbey officiating and Shelton Funeral Home directing. The family will receive friends for two hours prior to service at the church. Interment will be in Roselawn Cemetery.

John was born August 26, 1926, in Morgan County. He grew up in the Hulaco Community, the son of Hobson Emuel McKelvy and Eula Lorene Crow McKelvy. He was preceded in death by his wife of 49 years, Mary Sue (Self) McKelvy.

Following a career with Goodyear Tire and Rubber as store manager in Decatur and Birmingham, he became an assistant district manager in Jacksonville, Florida, retiring after 19 years. Afterward he fulfilled a personal goal by returning home and founding Decatur OK Tire & Service on May 4, 1974, along with his wife and sons. He remained an active part of the business that he loved until his health no longer permitted.

Mr. McKelvy was a member of Wesley Memorial Methodist Church. He was a United States Army veteran serving during WWII and stationed in the Philippines. John was a member of Rising Sun Lodge #29, the Decatur York Rite, and The Cahaba Shrine. He was also an honorary lifetime member of Burningtrees Country Club.

Mr. McKelvy was preceded in death by three brothers, Carl Edwin (Bill) McKelvy of Arab, Herbert Seldon McKelvy, and Harold Dewayne McKelvy, both of Huntsville, two sisters, Margie Aileen Schoolcraft of Decatur, and Bonnie Ruth Ellenburg of Arab. He is survived by one brother, Charles Troy McKelvy, and one sister, Laura Carolyn Chafin, both of Arab.

Survivors include one daughter, Joan Leigh McKelvy; two sons, Joel Vann McKelvy (Traci) and John Scott McKelvy (Mona); four grandchildren, Mary Sue McKelvy, Michael Paul McKelvy, Jacob Vann McKelvy, and Lucas Payne McKelvy; his caregiver, Lysa Edwards; and several nephews and nieces.

Pallbearers will be nephews, and friends of the family.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Hospice of the Valley.

Tribute Wall

BJ

“Joan, Joe, and Scott, I am so sorry to heard about your Dad passing. He was a great friend of mine as you guys know. I always enjoyed being around him where it was at his store or out at BCC during the good old days. I know how much you will miss him plus all of us who was lucky enjoy to know him.



Bill & Sharon Johnson - November 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

FS

“we are saddened at the passing of John , he was a Wonderful, thoughtful person. and an upstanding businessman. we pray for The Lord to ease your grief.



Florence Gullett Smith and Frankie Smith - November 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DR

“My prayers to the family. I had the honor of getting to know all of the family of this great man. Just wanted to let all of you that i love you.



Dale Robinson - November 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Sorry to hear about your Dad, he was a very special person and loved by so many in person or on the golf course! Let us know if we can help in any way.



Tom and Betty flowe - November 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

HE

“ We extend our deepest sympathy to you and your family. You are in our prayers.



Howell & Connie Eddy - November 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Our prayers are with you and your family. Your dad was a special person and will be missed by so many. Let us know if we can do anything for you.



Sandy & Danny Smith - November 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ My heart goes out to the McKelvy Family and Friends. My purpose in contacting you is to share the Bible Based hope that holds out a Resurrection hope for our dead loved ones. In John 5:28,29 Jesus Christ gave us a marvelous hope for the future. That ""All those in the memorial tombs will come out who hear his voice(Jesus") Have you ever wondered why we die? Did you know it was not JEHOVAH GOD"S purpose for humans to die. Our forefathers, Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden part-took of the forbidden fruit they disobeyed God and he warned them if they ate from the tree of good and bad that they would possitively die. They disobeyed the Sovereign of the Universe JEHOVAH GOD! Please see Genesis chapter 2 verse 17. And as Romans 5:12 states They also listened to God"s Chief adversary Satan the Devil ."" That is why, just as through one man sin entered into the world and death spread to all men because they had all sinned. So JEHOVAH GOD MERCIFULLY sent Jesus Christ as a Ransom sacrifice for our sins and that is just one reason JEHOVAH GOD DID THAT. The other reason is to set matters straight regarding his Sovereignty his right to rule. If any of the McKelvy Family or Friends would like to know more, Please contact me.



Mrs. Valerie Brannon - November 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DE

“ Please accept of condolences for Mr. McKelvy. Prayers are with his family and special prayers for Lysa, his caregiver and long time friend. May God comfort you, Lysa, during this time of great sorrow. May God bless you for your unselfish caring and loving of Mr. McKelvy for many years.



Debra Edwards-Henry - November 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM