



Champney A McNair

January 12, 2011

Champney A. McNair age 86, died Wednesday, January 12, 2011 at his residence. Born in Sanford, NC, he was a son of the late John Nelson McNair and Jessie Rose Chamberlain McNair. He was an Eagle scout and later in his life received the Silver Beaver, Silver Antelope, and the distinguished Eagle award. Mr. McNair received a bachelor's degree, cum laude, from Davidson College and a MBA from Harvard University. He retired as Chief Financial Officer from Suntrust Bank in Atlanta, GA, a company he served with distinction for over 30 years. Champ proudly served his country under General George Patton in World War II in the European Theater. In faith he served as a member of 1st Presbyterian Church of Myrtle Beach and an elder at Peachtree and Clairmont Presbyterian churches in Atlanta. He served his community in many roles including Chairman and Trustee of Georgia Council on Economic Education, Chairman of the United Negro College Fund, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Rabun Gap Nacoochee School, and National Council member representing the Atlanta Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America. Most importantly, Champ was a loving husband, a strong father to his boys, a joyful grandfather, and a doting great-grandfather. He has been generous beyond words with family and friends and has helped many a stranger in his charitable work. He has left this earth knowing that he led a full and meaningful life that touched many, many people in loving and constructive ways. Survivors include his wife, Catherine; four sons, Champney Adams McNair Jr., William A. McNair, John E. McNair, Robert G. McNair; six

grandchildren; three great-grandchildren and a sister, Elinor McNair Ankrom. A memorial service will be held on Friday, January 14 at 11:00 am, at 1st Presbyterian Church of Myrtle Beach, the Dr. Robert C. Wilkes Jr. presiding. His ashes will be interred on Saturday, January 15th at Buffalo Presbyterian Church of Sanford, NC in a service for family members. The family asks that in lieu of flowers, memorial donations be made to the Boy Scouts of America, PO Box 268, Florence, SC 29503 or to the 1st Presbyterian Church of Myrtle Beach building fund, PO Box 1306, Myrtle Beach, SC 29578. Sign a guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com. Goldfinch Funeral Home, Litchfield/Pawleys is in charge of the arrangements.

Tribute Wall



“ Mr. McNair made a big difference in my life 1. His workshop was a place I learned about tools and gained an interest in "engineering things" - now a professor of engineering at Ga Tech. 2. He took me to Boy Scouts every week - I am an Eagle, and a Scoutmaster - having led another 20 boys to achieve Eagle. He made a positive mark on my life and the world. He will long be remembered.##imported-begin##David Cowan##imported-end##

February 04, 2011 at 09:23 AM



“ I feel fortunate to have met Champ and to have benefited from the ethics and integrity that he brought to the job at Trust Company Bank. How grateful I was as a 2nd day management trainee to get on the elevator and to be greeted and welcomed to the bank by name with great enthusiasm by Champ and then to observe his leadership in the years following. I only wish that more business leaders today approached their jobs with the same intent as Champ. My thoughts are with you. Know that he touched so many people by leading a great life.##imported-begin##Deborah Armstrong##imported-end##

January 25, 2011 at 08:26 PM



“ My name is Tim Herrmann and I work for the Beta Theta Pi Fraternity (Champ was a member at Davidson College). Champ's passing came to our attention in the administrative office here in Oxford, Ohio. I read his obituary, and Champ seemed like a great person and an ideal man of principle. My condolences to his family, friends and chapter brothers.##imported-begin##Tim Herrmann##imported-end##

January 20, 2011 at 10:26 AM



“ *Catie - Champ was my hero. He's the one who called me when I was working at C&S Bank in 1981 and offered me a job at the Trust Company. He was a wonderful friend and mentor. My Dad always spoke so highly of him - He and Champ were quite close with mutual admiration for each other. He has a special place with his Maker. My deepest condolences to you and yours.##imported-begin##Frank Craft##imported-end##*

January 20, 2011 at 10:02 AM



“ *I would like to extend my thoughts and prayers to Aunt Katie and her loving family. Uncle Champ for as long as I can remember was the most sincere, honest and genuine man I have ever met. He will live on in our memories forever. He will surely be missed.##imported-begin##LuAnn Kruger##imported-end##*

January 18, 2011 at 08:04 AM



“ *The entire McNair Family are in our thoughts and prayers. Mr & Mrs Dan Hinson##imported-begin##Dan & Debi Hinson##imported-end##*

January 17, 2011 at 05:02 PM



“ *Those were wonderful days working for Champ at the Trust Company Of Georgia. My thoughts and prayers are with you in this time of sorrow.##imported-begin##Jim Cleveland##imported-end##*

January 16, 2011 at 01:01 PM



“ Dear Katie and Family, When you have the privilege of growing up across the street from such a wonderful family as the McNair family, you know you have been blessed and I was blessed. I will forever see your husband, father, grandfather not only as a fair, patient, and mentoring corporate executive but also as a loving family man and friend. He had a joy for life and shared it with all of us and he will be missed. Fondly, Tricia###imported-begin##Tricia Gaston###imported-end##

January 15, 2011 at 06:00 PM



“ So sorry to hear of your loss. I first met Mr. McNair on December 8, 2010. He was quite an interesting person & I was looking forward to chatting with him again. His list of accomplishments are quite impressive. The Boy Scouts have been close to my heart since the time I was one myself many years ago in Andrews. Once again, I offer my sincere condolences to the family and the community on the loss of this great gentleman. O.J. Cox###imported-begin##O. J. Cox###imported-end##

January 14, 2011 at 10:37 PM



“ I cannot think of a more genuine and caring person than "uncle" Champ. It was more than a pleasure to visit with him annually at Litchfield, and I am proud to have called him family.###imported-begin##John Gilliam###imported-end##

January 14, 2011 at 06:42 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayer go out to the McNair family. Champ was a wonderful man. He will be missed.##imported-begin##Mark DiCristina##imported-end##

January 14, 2011 at 11:26 AM



“ Our Family Prayers are with Yours##imported-begin##Ron Dalken##imported-end##

January 14, 2011 at 10:00 AM



“ Champ touched many lives, and it was a privilege to have known him. With sympathy, Andrea McManus##imported-begin##Andrea McManus##imported-end##

January 14, 2011 at 06:13 AM



“ Dearest Catie, Our hearts surely ache with yours in the death of your dear Champ. What a wonderful mentor and friend he was to Don at Trust Company and SunTrust. We have such wonderful memories of time spent with both of you in Atlanta and Pawleys Island. What a void he leaves in so many lives. We pray that you will be comforted by your Heavenly Father and that He will bring many wonderful memories to you as you grieve the loss of your precious one. With much love and sympathy, Don and Harvey Keiser##imported-begin##Mr. and Mrs. Donald M. Keiser##imported-end##

January 13, 2011 at 09:04 PM



“ Just want each of you to know we are thinking about you. So glad we could spend time together this past summer and enjoyed our meal together at Chef Hamm's. What great memories and dad, Mack Gilliam always spoke about Champ and the things they use to do. Our prayers are with you, BeckygTcner.##imported-begin##Becky Gilliam Cogan##imported-end##

January 13, 2011 at 07:29 PM



“ Champ was a wonderful banker, teacher and mentor. I enjoyed our few golf games together in recent years. I am grateful for his example and friendship. Mary and I extend our deepest sympathies to Katie and the entire family.##imported-begin##Charles Ginden##imported-end##

January 13, 2011 at 05:25 PM



“ Keeping each of you in my prayers.##imported-begin##Dot Bruner##imported-end##

January 13, 2011 at 04:57 PM



“ As Champ walks with the angels, God is carrying all that love him through their grief. Please know that each of you are in my thoughts and heart during this difficult time. Love to all, Ann D'Armond (Danielle's Mom)##imported-begin##Ann D'Armond##imported-end##

January 13, 2011 at 04:50 PM



“ Our condolences to your family. We only had a chance to meet Mr McNair once, at Danielle and Ben's wedding and thoroughly enjoyed talking to him. The world has lost another shining member of the Greatest Generation. Our prayers are with you. David & Patti Monroe###imported-begin##David Monroe###imported-end##

January 13, 2011 at 04:41 PM



“ Dear Katy and Family, I was deeply saddened to learn of Champ's passing. My heartfelt sympathy to all of you. All of you are in my prayers at this time. May God bless. Your friend, Steve Huntley###imported-begin##Steve Huntley###imported-end##

January 13, 2011 at 12:48 PM



“ Champ was an excellent executive, highly regarded both by his fellow executives and employees of SunTrust as well as those employed by competitors.###imported-begin##Larry Eidson###imported-end##

January 13, 2011 at 12:31 PM



“ Robert and Family, My thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of sadness. Champ was a wonderful inspiration to many of us at SunTrust/Trust Company and was a personal influence on me both at work and in life. He is greatly missed. Sincerely, Tim###imported-begin##Tim M. Woodall###imported-end##

January 13, 2011 at 12:14 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers will be with you and your family##imported-begin##Mike Marz##imported-end##

January 13, 2011 at 12:14 PM



“ Cam & Judi, I have known for sometime that your father was a special man, just seeing what a fine son he raised. I hope you know there are many of us thinking of you & praying for your family. With love, Karen##imported-begin##Karen Holton##imported-end##

January 13, 2011 at 11:48 AM



“ Dear McNair Family, Judi - our Red Hat Queen - has many a time related what a wonderful person her father-in-law was, so we feel we shared in his wonderful family life too. My prayers will be with you now and at the services for the Lord to keep you surrounded by His love during this time of grieving. With love and prayers, Dottie Sutton##imported-begin##Dottie Sutton##imported-end##

January 13, 2011 at 11:31 AM



“ Robert, So sorry to hear of this loss for you and your family. Your Dad always sounded like a wonderful man. I know you have many, many great memories. Take care, Lisa Bryant##imported-begin##Lisa M Bryant##imported-end##

January 13, 2011 at 11:22 AM



“ I always always respected Champ for his leadership at SunTrust. He was a gentleman in his dealings with the bank employees. A true leader.##imported-begin##Neil W. Propst##imported-end##

January 13, 2011 at 11:08 AM



“ I did not know Cam's father but I know he must have been a great dad because he certainly raised Cam to be a wonderful person and a great boss. My condolences to the entire family. You are in my prayers.##imported-begin##Debbie Piggins##imported-end##

January 13, 2011 at 11:04 AM



“ We are very sorry to hear this news and our thoughts and prayers are with his family. Champ was such a great man in many ways and we were fortunate to get to know him in Atlanta and especially also with his involvement and Chairmanship of the Board of Rabun Gap Nacoochee School.##imported-begin##Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Rearden, Jr##imported-end##

January 13, 2011 at 10:36 AM



“ With deepest sympathy.Champ was a great friend and associate. Tom##imported-begin##Tom Bowers##imported-end##

January 13, 2011 at 10:03 AM



“ So sorry to hear about Champ. He was very special to us. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. He will be missed by many. God Bless.##imported-begin##Ted & Joy Jones##imported-end##

January 13, 2011 at 09:34 AM



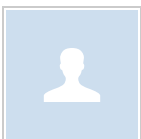
“ So sorry to hear about your loss. My love and prayers are with you all during your time of sorrow. Love Becky##imported-begin##Rebecca C. Taylor##imported-end##

January 13, 2011 at 09:29 AM



“ Mrs. McNair and Family - I was saddened to read about the death of Mr. McNair. Not only did I enjoy working with him, I admired and respected him greatly. He was truly a man of great character and his love for family and community was so evident. I will miss him. My thoughts and prayers will be with each of you. May God Bless You. McRoy Skipper##imported-begin##H. McRoy Skipper, CPA##imported-end##

January 13, 2011 at 09:28 AM



“ Katie, I was so sorry to learn of Champ's death. He was a special person, always smiling and always gracious to everyone in his presence. You and Champ were loving influences for our children. Each recalls occasions in your home, at the beach, or at Lib's house, in the midst of "loving family." Although I lost contact with you after our divorce, you stayed in the fond-memory part of my life. Love, Betty##imported-begin##Betty Gilliam##imported-end##

January 13, 2011 at 09:26 AM



“ So sad to hear of "Uncle Champ's" passing. I always thoroughly enjoyed seeing and talking with him when we were in the Litchfield area with my wife, Beth, and the (Rob) Gilliam family. He was a fine gentleman, and I am glad to have known him. Our prayers and condolences are with all of you.##imported-begin##Blanton Phillips##imported-end##

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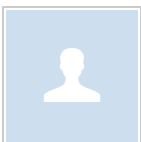
“ Dear Family, Your husband, dad, grandad, great grandad certainly has a fond place in my heart. Besides just being a warm, wonderful, welcoming person, he was a link to someone I never knew. My dad has enormous respect and admiration for his Uncle Champ. Uncle Champ offered him love and acceptance. With Love and gratefulness, Tyna##imported-begin##Tyna McNair Crowe##imported-end##

January 12, 2011 at 07:38 PM



“ Champ McNair was a kind and wonderful man. Shannon and I enjoyed the time we spent with he and Mrs. McNair. I had a great deal of respect for him. He lived a long, accomplished and interesting life. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.##imported-begin##Samuel Perry##imported-end##

January 12, 2011 at 07:25 PM



“ You and your family are in our prayers.##imported-begin##Lauren Butler##imported-end##

January 12, 2011 at 04:55 PM



“ *Peace, prayers, and blessings....##imported-begin##Mike Benson##imported-end##*

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