



Melton G. Macklen

November 7, 1934 - February 5, 2020

Melton G. Macklen, husband of the late, Frances (Hughes) Macklen, age 85, passed away peacefully Wednesday, February 5, 2020 at Embrace Hospice House with his family by his side.

Born in Socastee, he was a son of the late Melton Macklen IV and Doris Smith.

Melton was a devoted family man who gave his life to the Lord. A giving man, he was a carpenter by trade and would give friends and strangers alike the shirt off his back. He'd build a house and give it to you before charging you if he could. At the end of the day, he loved to sit in his garage with his cigar and Copenhagen. If he wasn't in the garage, you could find him in his recliner watching his westerns on TV.

Predeceasing Melton is his parents; his wife of 32 years, Frances Macklen, a son Donnie Melton Macklen; a daughter, Rose Marie Thompson; 1 brother, George Macklen and his sisters: Shirley Phillips, Joy Morris, Sybil Hazelton, Alice Ward and Carolyn Sanders. Surviving are: 2 sons, Steve E. Macklen (Suzanne Ellis), William M. Macklen; 2 daughters: Suzie Ann Hardee (Larry Hardee), Vickie Cox (Harold Cox); 2 step children: Tracie Stevens (Todd Stevens), Brett Butler; 14 grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren and 4 great-great grandchildren, daughter in law, Susan Macklen; son in law, Ben Thompson; 1 brother, Clifton Macklen and a sister, Lazelle Singleton.

Graveside services will be held at 2:00 PM, Wednesday, February 12, 2020 at Socastee United Methodist Church Cemetery. The family will receive friends

at the cemetery 1 hour prior to the service.

Memorial contributions may be made in Melton's name to Embrace Hospice,
175 Village Center Blvd., Myrtle Beach, SC 29579.

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Socastee United Methodist Church Cemetery

5575 Dick Pond Road
Myrtle Beach, SC 29588

Previous Events

Graveside

FEB 12. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Socastee United Methodist Chu
5575 Dick Pond Rd
Myrtle Beach, SC 29588
(843) 650-3373

Tribute Wall

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“Mr. Melton Macklen was one of the few men left on this earth from the generation of self made men. At now 45 years old I knew Mr. Melton, or as he was usually referred to as “grandpa” for many years as a young teenager. I learned quite a lot about Horry County and some very historic locations working for Melton and being welcomed by his family just like was family. My best friend growing up was Nick and Grandpa just thought the moon was thing on Nick. At 17 years old I was hired by grandpa on the stout enforcement that I would be sure to have Nick make it to work. Hah. Needless to say I was fired and hired several times and was very fortunate to do general labor with Mark or Donny. Melton would make his daily appearance and make sure things were getting done. He built quite a few homes in places that are now so built up from the growth of Horry County that it’s hard not to see somewhere as you ride down the road in Horry County and see a home that Melton Construction built. Working with Nick, Mr. Melton, Mark, Donny or Steve was quite an honor at 17 years old and regardless of where you went with Mr. Melton everyone knew him. He would be sure that regardless if you spent your paycheck over the weekend and had no lunch money come Monday lunchtime you didn’t go hungry. There would be a little trash talking and good old fashioned ribbing but he would make sure that you ate as well. I was fortunate quite a few times to be included in making Meltons famous muscadine wine months in advance in preparation for his Family Reunion. He taught me quite a bit about life in general. Mrs. Susie his daughter was one of the kindest humans I ever had the pleasure of meeting and if you were accepted by Melton the entire family welcomed you with open arms. Mrs. Vicki always made sure that me and Nick had a full belly at dinner and somewhere to sleep. We would wander the woods of Meltons property after work riding 4 wheelers and we had no idea just how lucky we were to be around men like Mr. Melton and his family. My condolences to Steve, Mark, Vicki Jarrett as well as the rest of the Macklen family. Melton will surely be missed and will always be a legend in Horry County. He will be missed. One of my best memories is when I was carrying plywood on the roof of a house Melton built where CCYou Nails is now and there was an old

fire watch tower way up in the air. Melton convinced me to walk right up to the top with him and Nick as he told us stories of climbing that same Fire Watch Tower when he was our age. Some of my best memories are from time spent with Melton and his family. I wish I could have been there for his service. He is definitely one of a no longer existing generation. I thank Jekton and Mrs Francis for accepting me like family. My prayers are with them.

Shawn Leddy - April 08, 2025 at 08:26 AM



“ *We have been friends and neighbors of Melton since 2004. He was a very nice man and will be missed. We just found out today, of his passing. Condolences to his family and friends. We will miss him! Rest In Peace!*

Vicki Justice - September 02, 2020 at 02:24 PM

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“ *To the entire Macklen family,
Melton Macklen placed his handprint on the building of Horry County, He helped make it the wonderful, special place we all call Home. For this you should all be proud to call him your Poppy. He will be missed but knowing he's in the place we all want to go will be comforting in your days to come. My family and I send you our love at this difficult time.*

*Sincerely,
Sherrie Todd*

Sherrie Todd - February 07, 2020 at 04:19 PM

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“ There are no words to truly describe the type of man Poppy was. Not only was he a genuine, loving, and caring man, he was also the best grandpa I could have asked for. He helped raise me, he gave me the world. I spent almost every day of my life with that man up until the day he passed away. I remember him constantly telling me within the last month of his life that I had to stay the night with him so that he knew I would be there when he woke up. Between him and Nanny, I truly do not know who loved me more. I am at peace knowing that he is walking the streets of gold with all of his family members and Nanny. I know he is no longer in pain or suffering which makes me smile. I would give anything to talk to him and Nanny just one more time or just get one more hug and hear them both tell me they love me. Poppy is and will continue to be missed and loved by so many. I'll see you again soon, Poppy. I love you.

-“Tinkerbelle Macklen”



Tanner Stevens - February 07, 2020 at 03:12 PM

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“ *Mr. Macklen was good friends with my Grandma Johnson and family and also was so kinda to give me the respect and privilege to work for him for several years where he taught me so much not only about construction but about life in general. He was the most giving man and I mean giving man I have ever met and probably will ever meet in my life. If he could help you out or if you needed or asked for anything he would go out his way to help you to the fullest he could. They not to many people that was respected by all like him and he will be truly truly missed. He was man of his word believed in a hard days word and if you gave him a hard days work he always would give you a hard days pay. I'm sorry for the family and will be in my prays. R.I.P. " Pop Mack" you will be missed my all and especially by ones closest that truly knew you. God bless to family*

James Lathan - February 06, 2020 at 06:31 PM