



Robert Buddy McCracken, Sr.

February 26, 2008

Conway.....Robert Franklin "Buddy" McCracken, Sr. age 63, of Oak Street, died Tuesday, February 26, 2008 at the Medical University of South Carolina. Mr. McCracken was born in Sylacaga, Alabama, a son of the late Robert Brittie and Eula Beatrice Glenn McCracken. He attended Auburn University and graduated from Clemson University. He was a former member of First Baptist Church in Conway, a worldwide fellowship founded by Bill W. and Dr. Bob, the Bassmasters Association, IPTAY, and the Lifelong Learning Academy of Gardening. In his retirement, he continued to use his engineering skills to acquire new knowledge and help other people. He is survived by his wife, Kathleen McCracken of Conway; five children, Robby McCracken of Piedmont, SC, Mindy Smith of Simpsonville, SC, Martha Ann McCracken of Charleston, SC, Celia Timmerman of Ware Shoals, SC and T.J. Spivey of North Myrtle Beach; two grandchildren, Patrick Bollinger and Hannah Smith; and two sisters, Barbara Cope-Fersner of Orangeburg and Marjorie Layfield of Dadeville, AL. He was predeceased by one sister, Carol Faye McCracken. Memorial services will be held at 11:00 AM Friday at First United Methodist Church with Rev. Mac Kinnett officiating. The family will receive friends at the residence following the service. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to the Horry County Humane Society, 2101 Industrial Park Road, Conway, SC 29526. Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall



“ Although I had not seen Buddy in awhile, I remember him well. I felt that the memorials for the humane society were a perfect fit for him. My thoughts are with you and your family.##imported-begin##Tracy McCurry##imported-end##

March 03, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Kathleen, I am so sorry to hear about Buddy's passing. I enjoyed seeing you the past two Thursday evening. Buddy always had such a wonderful smile for everyone. Please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Ann Herrington##imported-end##

March 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Kathleen, I'm so very sorry for your loss. You and your family are in our prayers. May God give you strength and guidance during this very difficult time.##imported-begin##Billie Ann Booth##imported-end##

March 01, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Kathy Mrs Buddy & Family, I am so sorry for your loss. I always appreciated the smile and warmth that Buddy exuded toward others and especially me. He always made people feel welcome. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.##imported-begin##dave hunt##imported-end##

February 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Kathleen, how long has it been? I still miss you and your wisdom. Book club hasn't been as lively with your absence. So sorry to hear about Buddy. Know that we love and miss you. Time for a reunion with your Greenwood pals. Thinking of you --mv###imported-begin###Mary Van Ellenberg###imported-end##

February 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Martha Ann and Mrs. McCracken, Know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. The funeral couldn't have been more fitting, and I hope those few moments of laughter remembering his life will last a lifetime! Love, Courtney Bartie Hicks###imported-begin###Courtney Hicks###imported-end##

February 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Kathleen, I wanted you to know that I have you and your family in my thoughts and prayers. God bless and give you comfort. Love, Pam###imported-begin###Pam Faulkner###imported-end##

February 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Kathleen, Richard and I were thinking of you and Buddy last week and hoping you would be able to make some of the "Coffee Cup Camper" campouts this year. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family###imported-begin###Carol and Richard Terry###imported-end##

February 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Kathleen, Was sorry to here the news about Buddy. Just last week at the beach I was sharing with some friends one of your wise adages. We were talking about men who were pack-rats. I told them about how you would clean out Buddy's closet, put the clothes in containers under the bed and then if he didn't notice they were gone you could get rid of them.smile I still think of how much I enjoyed out summer together working on your house. When I drive by,it is still your house. I miss you and your great wit! Know that I will be remembering you and the kids in my prayers. Love,
Linda###imported-begin##Linda Garner##imported-end##

February 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Kathleen, Robby, Mindy, Martha Ann, Celia & T.J. We, too, were deeply saddened to learn of Buddy's sudden death at such a young age. Even though we don't always understand God's timing, His Holy Word tells us in Psalm 139:15 & 16 that God watched Buddy as he was formed in utter seclusion and was woven together in the dark of the womb. God saw him before he was even born. Every day that Buddy lived was recorded in God's book. We know God's Word is true and we know God's timing for Buddy was perfect. We thank God that we knew Buddy and for the good memories we have of fun times with him. It was just two weeks ago that we were looking at pictures of him driving the boat and pulling Marny, Brandon and Kevin on water skis at Lake Murray. He was such a teaser when he slowed the motor and Marny went straight down in the water. God's Word also says in Matthew 5:4, "Blessed are they that mourn; for they shall be comforted." We pray especially that God will hold each of you close and comfort you during this difficult time. And, we pray that your faith in Him will give you renewed hope and peace in the days to come. Brandon and Kevin also send their love and care. They have fond memories of fishing with their "Uncle" Buddy and the fun they had riding their motorcycles with Robby and playing with Mindy when they vacationed in Newberry. Most sincerely and with love,##imported-begin#####imported-end##

February 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Kathleen, I am so sorry to hear of Buddy's death. Will was telling me that they had fished together. I think of you often. Alyson has enjoyed seeing Martha Ann. I'm glad they have reconnected. I will keep all of you in my prayers. Joanne Campbell##imported-begin##Joanne Campbell##imported-end##

February 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ So sorry to learn of Buddy's passing. We always enjoyed so much being with him. Although we have not seen him in such a long time, we sure had not forgotten him.##imported-begin##Troy and Laverne Green##imported-end##

February 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ KATHLEEN, WE WERE SO SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT BUDDY'S PASSING. WE HAVE GREAT MEMORIES OF THE TIME WE SPENT VISITING WITH YOU, BUDDY & BARBARA. WANTED TO LET YOU KNOW WE HAVE YOU ALL IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS.##imported-begin##Katheryn & Elbert Butler##imported-end##

February 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Kathleen: We were shocked, certainly, to read of Buddy's passing! We often thought the two of you would keep your promise to stop by the house on your way to a Clemson game. Was recently sharing with someone the debacle we all went through the day of the sale of your home to us. That was quite a snow! And a near disaster in terms of furniture moving in and checks getting cut for all parties! Please know we are thinking of you. We have my mother in the "guest" room of your old house, just off from the sun room. She has bone cancer. Praying for you!##imported-begin##Richard Whiting##imported-end##

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“ Sorry to learn of Buddy's passing. The entire family will be in our prayers.##imported-begin##Ora Lee Brewer##imported-end##

February 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Martha Ann, I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your father. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. Love Always, Nancy Ellenberg Nickles##imported-begin##Nancy Ellenberg Nickles##imported-end##

February 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Kathleen and Martha Ann, Lacy and I are sorry to hear about Buddy's passing. We are thinking about your family. It is hard to believe the girls have been out of high school for 9 years! I knew that you moved, but didn't know where. Please tell Martha ann we said hello. Again, we will be praying for you in the days ahead. Lynn Timmerman Lacy Ouzts Hall##imported-begin##Lynn Kirkland Timmerman##imported-end##

February 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ I will always remember you. You we're a great man. I learned so much from you. Please rest in peace and I hope Kathleen is doing well.##imported-begin##Barry LaFountain##imported-end##

February 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ We are so sorry for your loss, our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this difficult time.##imported-begin##Stan and Whitney Carper##imported-end##

February 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ I just wanted to let you all know that we are thinking about you. I am so sorry for your loss. You are in our prayers.##imported-begin##Casey & Brett Hovis##imported-end##

February 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ I'M SO SORRY FOR YOUR VERY SUDDEN LOSS OF "UNCLE" BUDDY. HE WAS A GOOD PERSON & I KNOW HE WILL BE MISSED GREATLY. MY THOUGHTS & PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU ALL. DENA DORROH BYRD##imported-begin##DENA DORROH BYRD##imported-end##

February 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Kathleen, Will and I will see you Friday. I hope you are trying to rest and take care of yourself. Know I am thinking of you every minute. Love Nancy##imported-begin##Nancy May##imported-end##

February 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Kathleen and family. We are so sorry to hear of Buddy's passing. What a wonderful man and he was always so nice to us. I enjoyed so much talking to you both at Ann H.'s Christmas party and seeing you both last Thursday. Buddy showed us how life can be little brighter and hopeful. We sure are going to miss him. Sending prayers your way.##imported-begin##Pat and Brad Hafey##imported-end##

February 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ We are so sorry to hear of Buddy's death. We wanted to let you know we are sending our thoughts and prayers to you during this sad time.##imported-begin##Dudley & Margaret Wesson##imported-end##

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