



Joe McClain

January 22, 1934 - December 6, 2014

Funeral services for Joe McClain, 80, will be held on Saturday, December 13, 2014, at 10:30 A.M. at Stewart Family Funeral Home with the Reverend Bennie Portwood officiating. Interment will follow with military honors at Tyler Memorial Park Cemetery in Tyler, under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home.

Joe passed away peacefully Saturday, December 6, at The Hospice of East Texas. He was born January 22, 1934, in Ennis, Texas, grew up in Tyler, and attended Tyler High School. After graduation, he enlisted in the United States Army. It was there that he held the position of Cryptographer, which required top secret clearance. Following the military service, Joe worked for the William Cameron & Company in Tyler and in Waco. He acquired experience in building materials manufacturing and wholesale operations, becoming one of the company's leading salesmen in the Tyler market from 1958 to 1966. The Cameron firm became a division of Certain-teed Products Corporation headquartered in Ardmore, Pennsylvania, where Joe held the position of national sales manager.

In 1972, he returned to Tyler and opened McClain Building Materials. He was a longtime member of the Tyler Area Builders Association, as well as a Life Spike member. In 1987, Joe received the award for Associate of the Year. Throughout the years, he supported all TABA activities, and many other social

and civic events. Also, Joe's family members and friends will always remember him as an avid baseball enthusiast, well-known for being an outstanding softball pitcher.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents, Tom and Samie McClain; daughters, Julie and Lisa McClain; son, Bobby Jones; sisters, Margaret Clem, Nell Hedricks, and Shirley Ramsey; brother, Kenneth McClain; niece, Phyllis Hedricks and nephew, Steve Hedricks.

He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Rosemary McClain; sons, Kent McClain of Killeen, Steve Jones of Kent, Connecticut, and Mark Jones of Austin; granddaughters, Elizabeth Jones of Houston and Katherine Jones of San Antonio; brother-in-law, Pete Trentacost of Houston; nieces, Janet Tippen of Katy, Leslile McLean of Troup, and nephew, Chip McClain of Whitehouse.

Pallbearers will be Noley Bice, J.B. Smith, Sherm Winniford, Larry Hickman, Martin Villela, Thomas Utz, Roger Worden, Charlie Baker, Gaylon Daughtry, Bill Evers, Harold Ray, Sam Wells and Dick Higginbotham.

The family wishes to give special thanks to Dr. Duane Andrews and his nurse, Debbie Carlyle, the medical staff of the 4th floor Continuing Care of Trinity Mother Frances Hospital, and the staff at The Hospice of East Texas for their exceptional care.

Visitation is scheduled from 5:00 to 7:00 P. M. on Friday, December 12, 2014, at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy. in Tyler. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Hospice of East Texas Foundation, 4111 University Blvd., Tyler, 75701, or to East Texas Food Bank, 3201 Robertson Road, Tyler, 75701.

Cemetery Details

Tyler Memorial Park

12053 SH 64 West
Tyler, TX 75704

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 12. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy
Tyler, TX 75703
(903) 581-2008

Service

DEC 13. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Let It Snow was purchased for the family of Joe McClain.* ”



December 12, 2014 at 01:58 PM



“ *My late husband Ronny was blessed to call Joe a boss and a friend. Joe was good to my husband and our family, and Ronny and I shared many fond memories of his time working for McClain Building Materials. Joe was a good man and appreciated his friends and co-workers long after the company closed. I hope Joe and Ronny are having some laughs in heaven today. God bless Rosemary and family.* ”



Lee Shults - December 11, 2014 at 03:00 PM



Thanks for that, I used to ride with ronny in some of the trucks, he was a real character

Kent McClain - March 25, 2024 at 09:50 AM

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“ *The Shults family will always be indebted to Mr. Joe McClain. He hired my dad Ronny right out of boot camp in the early 70's and he worked there until they closed. My dad used to drive me around on the forklift in the warehouse on Palace St. For the rest of my dad's life he spoke highly of Mr. McClain. His fondest working years of his life were for McClain building materials. I know him and my dad are sharing a ton of memories and laughing right now. God Bless Joe McClain.* ”

Eric Shults - December 11, 2014 at 11:53 AM



Thanks Eric, there were some good times down in that warehouse

Kent McClain - March 25, 2024 at 09:51 AM

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“ *Paula , George, Mason ,Brandon and Colby purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Joe McClain.* ”



Paula , George, Mason ,Brandon and Colby - December 10, 2014 at 12:09 PM



“ *Joe has always help me in hard times and the good times...Rest in peace my friend !!* ”

Rudy Bourgeois - December 09, 2014 at 07:18 AM



“ Rudy Bourgeois sent a virtual gift in memory of Joe McClain



Rudy Bourgeois - December 09, 2014 at 07:15 AM



“ Rudy J. Bourgeois (Rudedog) lit a candle in memory of Joe McClain



Rudy J. Bourgeois (Rudedog) - December 09, 2014 at 07:11 AM