



Starley Mac McKay

November 1, 1932 - July 4, 2015

Services for Starley Mac McKay 82 of Lake Palestine will be held on Tuesday, July 7, 2015 at 11:00 AM at the Noonday United Methodist Church with Rev. Rhett Ansley officiating, assisted by Rev. Royce Savage. Visitation will begin one hour prior to the service. Interment will follow at the Noonday Cemetery under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home.

He was born November 1, 1932 in Noonday Texas to Bud and Josie McKay. He was a member of the Noonday United Methodist Church of which he help build. Starley lost his courageous fight with cancer on July 4, 2015.

Starley was raised on a farm in Noonday and graduated from Tyler High in 1951. He served in the Army during the Korean War and was stationed at Fort Bliss Texas from March of 1953 to March of 1955. He worked for the Cotton Belt Railroad and retired from La Gloria Refinery after 31+ years of service. Starley was a charter member of the Order of Demolay receiving his Initiatory degree on November 19, 1949. He was a member of St. John's #53 Lodge, Chapter Council and also the Scottish Rite of Waco.

Starley was an avid outdoorsman. He loved living on the lake, fishing, hunting, and most of all tending to his small herd of cattle. His true passion was hunting quail with close friends or family behind a couple of good bird dogs. After his early retirement at age 55, he enjoyed morning coffee with the boys before working on his farm near his home. Starley was multi-talented, gifted with a strong work ethic, and approached tasks with a grit and determination that is rarely seen. His "can do" attitude enabled him to build two homes for

his family and countless other structures around East Texas. He was a man in motion, usually the first called on or to volunteer to help out those in need in the community. One could not have a better friend than SM.

In addition to his parents, Starley was preceded in death by his cherished daughter Starla, sister Louise, and brother Hewitt. He is survived by his devoted wife Sylvia of 59 years and son Doug of Grand Prairie, sisters in law Betty McKay, Mary Hulin and husband James, and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and a host of friends. The family would like to thank all those who have enriched Starley's life and to recognize the following close friends as extended members of our family; Charlie, Babs, Kim, Donna, and Dana.

Pallbearers will be Charlie Smith, James Brown, Bobby Carter, Mike Harris, Denny Kennedy, and James Greenville, R. J. Smith.

Honorary Pallbearers are James McKay, Tyler McKay, Clay McKay, Stan McKay, Cash McKay, and Carter McKay.

Memorials may be made to Noonday United Methodist Church, at 17320 Hwy. 155 S., Flint, Texas 75762 or The Hospice of East Texas Foundation, 4111 University Blvd, Tyler, Texas 75701.

Cemetery Details

Noonday Cemetery

Hwy 155 S.
Noonday, TX

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Noonday United Methodist Church
17320 St. Hwy. 155 S.
Flint, TX 75762

Service

JUL 7. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Mr. McKay was a true man of the earth. A no-nonsense kind of man with the purposeful soul of a man to do what's right. We will miss his visits to the office, but will still admire the legacy he left behind. May God bless you with laughter in the wonderful memories you've shared.*

Tom McDonald and Staff

Tom McDonald Agency - July 08, 2015 at 08:54 AM

ME

“ *Mike & Kathy Ellis lit a candle in memory of Starley Mac McKay*



Mike & Kathy Ellis - July 07, 2015 at 01:37 PM

KE

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the McKay family, for the way Starley treated my mom and dad From: Kelly Hinds*

KELLY - July 07, 2015 at 09:51 AM

AC

“ *Celebrating the life of a good man and mourning his passing with you.*

Allen and Denise Carter

Allen and Denise Carter - July 07, 2015 at 09:50 AM

PN

“ My thoughts & prayers are with the McKay family. My father, Bob Cullins worked with Starley at LaGloria many years. He was a good friend also.

From: Pat Cullins Nesbitt

Pat Nesbitt - July 06, 2015 at 08:33 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Starley Mac McKay.



July 06, 2015 at 01:46 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Starley Mac McKay.



July 06, 2015 at 01:22 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Starley Mac McKay.



July 06, 2015 at 12:55 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Starley Mac McKay.*



July 06, 2015 at 12:42 PM



“ *DeWayne and Angela Lightfoot purchased the Spring Has Sprung Mixed Basket for the family of Starley Mac McKay.*



DeWayne and Angela Lightfoot - July 06, 2015 at 10:49 AM



“ *Starkey was not only a good friend but he was a great neighbor willing to help anyone that had a problem. We will miss him! Gods gain our loss! Denny Kennedy and Nancy Kennedy*

Denny Kennedy - July 05, 2015 at 09:29 PM



“ *Donna, Tony, Bryan and Todd Martin purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Starley Mac McKay.*



Donna, Tony, Bryan and Todd Martin - July 05, 2015 at 08:56 PM

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“ *Starley was such a great influence in all our lives. He especially was a grandfather influence in Hayley's life and he will be dearly missed.*

Johnny Ramsey

Charleen Ramsey

Page Nelson

Hayley Kinsner

Charleen - July 05, 2015 at 03:16 PM