



Bennie James McFadden

October 10, 1930 - September 27, 2014

Bennie James McFadden, 83, of Tyler, went to be with the Lord on Saturday, September 27, 2014, surrounded by his loving family. Services will be held on Thursday, October 2, at 3:00 p.m. in the chapel of Caudle-Rutledge Funeral Home with Pastor Pike Wisner officiating.

Ben was born in New Harmony, TX, on October 10, 1930, to the late Leonard Franklin McFadden and Georgia Cates McFadden of Mount Sylvan, TX. He graduated from Lindale High School, Tyler Junior College and is an alumni of East Texas State University in Commerce. He was a true patriot and served his country in the Army intelligence division for 2 years in Tokyo, Japan, from 1953-1955 during the Korean War. He married the love of his life, Molly Linnstaedter McFadden, on June 14, 1958, and together they raised 3 daughters. He had a lifelong career in the insurance industry earning several awards and distinctions. Among them: President of Tyler Association of Life Underwriters, Life Member of the Texas Leaders Round Table, Director of Texas Association of Life Underwriters and American National President's Club. Ben was also active in many civic organizations including the Tyler Evening Lions Club, Shriners and the Masonic Lodge. He was instrumental in starting UsTOO in Tyler – a support group for those affected by prostate cancer – as well as helping arrange the very first Race for the Cure in Tyler which supports breast cancer awareness. He was a lifelong member of First Baptist Church, Tyler. He enjoyed water skiing, hunting, golfing, softball and watching the Cowboys. He was a loving husband, father, brother, uncle and a

friend to many. His infectious sense of humor, quick wit and ability to find the silver lining in all things will forever be missed. Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Wilma McFadden Starnes. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Molly, daughters Cheryl McFadden of Dallas, Jill McFadden of Tyler and Kaye McFadden of N Truro, MA. Also surviving are his niece, Gaye Starnes, and his nephew, Mac Starnes. Ben also has one aunt, Dorothy McFadden Pitcher. The family also wishes to express gratitude to Deborah Martin and James Brantley for their love and support during his illness. Family will receive friends on Wednesday, October 1, from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Caudle-Rutledge Funeral Home, 206 W South St, Lindale, TX 75771. Pallbearers will be Ron Biggs, Jerry Cole, Doug Cole, Gus Ramirez, James Brantley and Mac Starnes. Honorary pallbearers are Robert Linnstaedter, Kent Linnstaedter, Bob Shaw and the members of the Adult VIII Class of First Baptist Church, Tyler. If desired, memorials may be made to StandUp2Cancer, Tyler First Baptist Church Building Fund, The Hospice of East Texas or SPCA of East Texas.

Cemetery Details

Hopewell Cemetery

11652 C R 494
Tyler, TX 75706

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 1. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home
206 West South Street
Lindale, TX 75771
(903) 882-3141
jeff@crdfh.com

Chapel Service

OCT 2. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Directors created a Tribute Video in memory of Bennie James McFadden*



Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home - September 30, 2014 at 05:08 PM



“ *Bennie James McFadden*

October 05, 2023 at 02:48 AM



“ *Bennie James McFadden*

October 05, 2023 at 12:01 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Bennie James McFadden.*



October 01, 2014 at 04:42 PM

RB

“ *Roxane and Betsy purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Bennie James McFadden.*



Roxane and Betsy - October 01, 2014 at 11:20 AM

LS

“ *Ben, you have gone to claim your rewards, which you richly deserve. You leave back a precious wife, Molly, and beautiful daughters, of which we have enjoyed their friendship for many years. You were a Godly man, and now our Lord has you to share that smile with your friends who had gone on ahead of you. We will miss you greatly.*

*With love in our hearts to you and your family,
Ken and Linda Speed*

Linda Speed - September 30, 2014 at 11:27 AM



“ *Glorious Grace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bennie James McFadden.*



September 30, 2014 at 08:31 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Bennie James McFadden.*



September 30, 2014 at 02:55 AM



“ *Basket of Joy was purchased for the family of Bennie James McFadden.*



September 29, 2014 at 08:46 PM



“ *Amanda and Rachael purchased the Written in the Stars for the family of Bennie James McFadden.*



Amanda and Rachael - September 29, 2014 at 04:10 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Bennie James McFadden.*



September 29, 2014 at 03:11 PM



“ *JANICE E BREEN purchased the Basket of Joy for the family of Bennie James McFadden.*



JANICE E BREEN - September 29, 2014 at 03:10 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Bennie James McFadden.



September 29, 2014 at 11:33 AM