



Ted Carroll McElveen

November 6, 1947 - August 11, 2021

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." -Jeremiah 29:11

A decorated Vietnam War Veteran, loving husband and father, doting grandfather, and a faithful follower of Christ, Ted Carroll McElveen, 73, saw the fulfillment of God's plan for his life on this earth as he passed away peacefully with his wife, his sons, and his ordained grandson comforting him at his bedside during the minutes before he passed at 7 pm on Wednesday, August 11, 2021.

Ted left this life as he lived in it, conscious of God, prepared for death, at peace, and surrounded by his loving family.

A hardworking man with many skills, Ted had his young life interrupted by being drafted into the Army and was soon sent to Vietnam. Ted left a young wife and two week old son to serve in the theatre of The Republic of Vietnam as an Army combat medic, receiving multiple commendations of which he never spoke for valor and heroism. After returning home, Ted spent many years in construction as a pipe fitter and sprinkler fitter, rising to the elected leadership position of Business Agent/Employee Advocate for the New Orleans Sprinkler Fitters Local Union 669. A trip to the Southshore was never

complete without him recounting the days which he proudly spent as a part of the construction of the New Orleans Superdome. Ted was also an accomplished HVAC authority as well as a new home contractor, and he had every skill in between. Ted was a master woodworker and a talented artist and draftsman. He also took immense pride in his beautifully unique handwriting.

Ted was a 1965 graduate of Franklinton High School and enjoyed spending time with his classmates every opportunity he had. During high school Ted followed his brothers, Paul and Russell, as members of Demon Football, and was proud to see his two sons and five grandsons follow him on the field. Ted developed a love for sports, which he poured in his children and grandchildren. Ted coached Franklinton Dixie Youth Baseball in the 1970s and 80s and enjoyed the many years he got to watch his grandsons play ball on those same fields. As baseball season passed on to football season, he spent most Friday nights watching his children and grandchildren play and cheer for Franklinton High School and Bowling Green School. Even in his retirement, Ted poured his love for sports into the family sporting goods store McElveen's Gameday Sports, helping many young athletes in the community find just the right uniform and equipment they would need to play the sports he loved.

A servant of Jesus Christ, Ted taught Sunday School for many years, served as a Deacon at First Baptist Church, and sang in the Sanctuary Choir. Ted was lead voice for years with the "Steadfast Bluegrass Gospel Band" along with his sons and friends Ike Singleton, Danny Harris, and the late Kyle Lewis. His proudest moments as a father and grandfather were knowing that his family members had each accepted Jesus as their Savior. Sundays were a special day, spent worshipping together and having lunch together, most happily when the family circle was full and even moreso when it was filled with both family and friends.

Poppa, as he was most affectionately known, leaves behind his cherished

wife of 54 years, Kathy McElveen; two well-loved sons and daughters-in-law, Jeffery & Tonia McElveen and Stephen & Kelly McElveen, all of Franklinton. Six adored grandchildren and one granddaughter-in-law: Major McElveen, Mack & Haley McElveen, Crockett McElveen, Gentry McElveen, Kennedy McElveen, and Maverick McElveen. Brothers, sister, and their spouses: Randy & Debbie McElveen, Lynette & Kenny Hodges, Ronald McElveen, and Carolyn McElveen; a multitude of dearly loved nieces, nephews, and cousins; and, last but not least, his three faithful canine companions, Mikey, Molly, and Shadow.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lucious & Mildred McElveen; his stepmother Ophelia McElveen; brothers and sister-in-law Paul & Barbara McElveen, Russell McElveen & Ricky Daryl McElveen; his father- and mother-in-law, Sherwood & Cora Lee McDaniel; and his brother- and sister-in-law, Odie & Debbie McDaniel.

A remembrance of a life well-lived and well-loved life will be held on Saturday, August 14th at Crain Funeral Home with visitation from 1 pm until 5 pm with a service at 5 pm in the funeral home chapel officiated by his grandsons Rev. Mack McElveen and Major McElveen. Burial with military honors will follow in Ellis Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Major McElveen, Mack McElveen, Crockett McElveen, Gentry McElveen, Kennedy McElveen, Maverick McElveen, Jeremy Richardson, and Alex Kennedy.

The family is so grateful for the many friends and family who prayed for Ted during his illness; the staff and church family of First Baptist Church for their love and support; and, the medical team at St. Tammany Parish Hospital for the excellent care he received and the loving kindness and patient

compassion shown to his loved ones.

Tribute Wall

RR

“ We offer our sincere condolences to the entire family.

R W Richardson - August 14, 2021 at 03:04 PM

RM

“ We are very sad about your great loss.
May God surround you all with His great love and comfort today and
in the days & months ahead.
Sincerely, Ronnie & Terry Moak
Mt. Hermon

Ronnie & Terry Moak - August 13, 2021 at 08:50 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the
family of Ted Carroll McElveen.



August 13, 2021 at 08:00 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the
family of Ted Carroll McElveen.



August 13, 2021 at 06:59 PM

TV

“ Kathy, I was very saddened to hear of Ted's passing. He was such a fine Christian man and good friend. I so enjoyed the times after church he would invite me to come have lunch with the family. He will be greatly missed. My son Tommy sends his condolences as well. Ted coached him in baseball and Tommy thought very highly of him. Much love to you all. ❤️ 🙏

Tommy Vise - August 13, 2021 at 06:13 PM

MG

“ We so enjoyed singing with Ted in the FBC Sanctuary Choir & the Senior Adult Choir. May God richly bless you with many precious memories during this season of your lives! To Him be the glory!
Yours in Christ,
Make & Betty Gill

Mike & Betty Gill - August 13, 2021 at 05:21 PM

TV

Kathy, I was so saddened to hear of Ted's passing. He was such a nice man and friend, and truly walked out his faith in Jesus Christ. I so enjoyed spending time with him and the family for lunch after Church on several occasions. My son Tommy sends his condolences as well. He thought a lot of Ted. May God pour out his love and peace upon you and all of your family during this difficult time. 🙏❤️

Tommy Vise - August 13, 2021 at 05:56 PM

BS

“ Bridgette Singleton purchased the Heavenly Light for the family of Ted Carroll McElveen.



Bridgette Singleton - August 13, 2021 at 01:51 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Ted Carroll McElveen.*



August 13, 2021 at 12:30 PM



“ *Kathy ,Jeff, Stephen and the rest of the family. So sorry for your lose. We are praying for all of you.*

Brenda Russell - August 13, 2021 at 11:46 AM



“ *Sorry to hear about Ted. Lots of good memories of him. Prayers for the family in the days ahead.*

Devon and Delores Thomas - August 13, 2021 at 10:49 AM



“ *Kathy and family, I am sorry to hear about the loss of your husband. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you*

Mittie White Rohner - August 13, 2021 at 07:24 AM

MB

“ I'm saddened to hear of the loss of Ted, but our loss is Heaven's gain. I knew Ted when I was in high at Enon, and he was at Franklinton. We graduated the same year, and each of us went our separate ways. About six years ago, we connected on Facebook. We had not seen each other in over 50 years. I enjoyed his posts and keeping up with the family he loved. He also lifted my family and me up in some of the darkest times of our lives, especially when we lost our son. He sent us so many words of encouragement. I am thankful that our paths crossed again after five decades. He was a blessing to me. May precious memories keep him close to you and make you smile.

Mavis Fussell Brinkley - August 13, 2021 at 12:48 AM

SB

“ *Scott, Wendy And Thomas Braski lit a candle in memory of Ted Carroll McElveen*



Scott, Wendy and Thomas Braski - August 12, 2021 at 11:10 PM

 Juanita Luper

“ *Juanita Luper lit a candle in memory of Ted Carroll McElveen*



Juanita Luper - August 12, 2021 at 11:07 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ted Carroll McElveen.*



August 12, 2021 at 10:42 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Ted Carroll McElveen.*



August 12, 2021 at 10:34 PM



“ *Ted was one of the finest men I have ever known. Will never forget when at a class reunion he told me he was so proud I had become a pastor/preacher. I was so proud that though not with a title in front of his name, Ted was a witness for Jesus par excellence! Praying for you all. What a blessing he was to so many.*

Larry Stafford - August 12, 2021 at 10:25 PM



“ *Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ted Carroll McElveen.*



August 12, 2021 at 08:17 PM

DD

“ *Kathy and family, Ted will be missed. He surely left behind a family he cherished and was so very proud of. May God comfort all of you!* ”

Donald and Carolyn Daniel - August 12, 2021 at 08:13 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Ted Carroll McElveen.* ”



August 12, 2021 at 08:08 PM



“ *Our loss id Heaven's gain. Ted will be missed* ”



Linda Galloway - August 12, 2021 at 07:44 PM

BB

“ *So very sorry for your family's loss. Have all of you in our thoughts and prayers.* ”



Billy and Janet Breland - August 12, 2021 at 07:28 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Ted Carroll McElveen.*



August 12, 2021 at 07:20 PM



“ *Susan Barber lit a candle in memory of Ted Carroll McElveen*



Susan Barber - August 12, 2021 at 07:12 PM



“ *My sincere condolences! Praying for the family.*

Beverly Taylor - August 12, 2021 at 07:04 PM



“ *We are so saddened to hear of the passing of Ted. Kathy, Jeff , Stephen and the rest of the family, please know that y'all are in our prayers! May God be with y'all!!*

Jimmy and Sherry Graham - August 12, 2021 at 06:58 PM

SL

“ *Sylvia Moak LaPointe lit a candle in memory of Ted Carroll McElveen*



Sylvia Moak LaPointe - August 12, 2021 at 06:58 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ted Carroll McElveen.*



August 12, 2021 at 06:25 PM