



Curtis Mcmurtry

November 10, 1940 - May 1, 2009

Curtis L. McMurtry, 68, of Searcy, Ark., a Christian, died May 1, 2009, in Searcy. He was born November 10, 1940, in Mangum, OK, the son of Rainier and Jewel McMurtry.

He received his undergraduate degree, the Bachelor of Science in Accounting, from Abilene Christian College in 1963. He received a Master of Science in Accounting from Harding University in 1990. He studied abroad at the Harding University Florence, Italy campus while earning this degree. He went to work for the College Church of Christ as the Business Manager upon the completion of his MS degree. He recently retired from that position after eighteen years.

He was a member of the College Church of Christ in Searcy. Prior to moving to Searcy, he resided in Willow, Oklahoma where he had been a member of the Willow Church of Christ since his baptism in 1953. In Willow and area churches, he led singing, and taught Bible classes. He served as Willow church treasurer for 25 years.

He was an avid fan and supporter of high school and college athletics. Curtis was known for saying, "It doesn't matter who is playing, as long as someone is playing somewhere." He was familiar with all the football fields and gymnasiums in the area as he regularly traveled to sporting events.

He farmed a large farming operation raising cotton, wheat, peanuts, and cattle and also owned and operated McMurtry Agency, an accounting and income tax service and insurance agency, in Willow, Oklahoma before moving to

Searcy. He served on numerous boards including the Granite School Board and several farm cooperative boards.

He loved to travel making several trips to Europe in addition to traveling in the United States. His most recent trip was to Brussels, Belgium to the Pan European Lectures.

He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Zelda Marie Anderson McMurtry of Searcy; sons Curt and wife Heidi of Azle, Texas, Casey and wife Christine of Willow, Oklahoma, and daughter Chris Ann McMurtry of Searcy; grandsons Derek and wife Val, Kreg, and Koltin, all of Willow, Oklahoma; and one sister, Norma Hill of Plano, Texas.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to College Church of Christ Lads to Leaders.

Tribute Wall



“ We are so sorry to hear of Curtis's death and you and the family are in our thoughts and prayers. It has been many years since we have visited at the reunions but memories of the good times we will cherish. When you lose someone you love they become a memory and the memory becomes a treasure.

May 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ I am the daughter of Robert and Helen Totty. I have very fond memories of Curtis from family reunions, etc.. I did not know he was ill and truly wish I could have told him "good-bye". I know you will miss him very much as he was the best of the best.....
I live in South Texas and would welcome any of your family any time you are in South Texas...
Take care and God Speed.....Carol Littlefield

May 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Zelda, Curtis's children and Norma, I was so saddened to hear of Curtis Lee's illness and death. We all had such great times at the Totty/Wall/Prather Reunions. Seems strange that we have suddenly become the older generation. God bless you with the trials to come -- we will be thinking of you all. Love, Evelyn (Helen and Bidd's oldest daughter.

May 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear of Mr. McMurtry's passing. We will be praying for peace and comfort while you are greiving. With Love, Amy (Hurd) Bilski & Family

May 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ To the family of Curtis McMurtry:

I haven't seen you since several Reunions, however have kept up to date about you and your family. Hope the following poem means as much to you as it did for me.

God saw you were getting tired, And a cure was not to be. So He put his arms around you , and whispered, "Come with me."

With tearful eyes we watched you fade suffer, And saw you fade away. Although we loved you dearly, We could not make you stay.

A golden heart stopped beating, Hard working hands

to rest. God broke our hearts to prove He only takes the BEST!

It's lonesome here without you, We miss you more each day. Life doesn't seem the same, Since you've gone away.

When the days are sad and lonely, And everything goes wrong, We seem to hear you whisper, "Cheer up and carry on."

Each time we see your picture, You seem to smile and say, "Don't cry, I'm in God's keeping. "We'll meet again some day!"

May 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Dr. McMurtry, You have my heart-felt sympathy for the loss of your husband. May you find peace with time.

May 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Zelda and Chris,
We were so sorry to hear of Curtis's passing. We have such fond memories of your time with us in Italy. May God give comfort as only He can during this time of loss. You are in our prayers.
Love, Terry an Kim Edwards

May 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ I grew up with Curtis Lee in Oklahoma but as an adult I have only seen him a couple of times at reunions. I have reports of the faithful life that he lived and the impressive work he has been involved with. As a genealogist I see the documentation of many people who leave this earth. I know that he is in the better land.

May 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ So sorry to hear about Curtis death. My condolences to all the family. I went to school with Curts for 12 years. The only person I started and finished with. God bless you all at this time. He will be missed.

May 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Norma and family,
Thank you for sharing Curtis' life story with us.
A life well lived is one of the comforts to those who are left,when our loved ones go on ahead.
Blessings of peace to all of you.
Beulah

May 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM