



James Medsker

July 31, 1927 - September 7, 2012

James C. "Doc" Medsker, age 83, went home to be with the Lord on Friday, September 7, 2012 after an extended illness. He lived the most of his life in Greene County but resided in Searcy for the past 22 years.

Doc was a master painter who took great pride in his work and was fortunate to enjoy his occupation for 50 plus years. In the early 1950's, he did a two year stint in the Army, stationed in Sendai, Japan. He loved spending time with his family and friends, and derived much joy from his nine grandchildren. At age 43, Doc surrendered to the ministry. His first pastorate was Rosewood Baptist Church (1974-76) in Paragould, then Unity Baptist and Fairview Baptist in Greene County. Over the next several years, Doc was active in the area of evangelism, preaching revivals within the Greene County Association. In later years he enjoyed the role of assistant teacher for the Men's Bible Class at West Race Baptist Church in Searcy. Doc was a member of Valley Baptist Church.

Doc loved to hunt and fish, and spent many consecutive seasons duck hunting with his younger son, Keith and a special brother-in-law, Sarge Gay. He also took great pride in the numerous piano accomplishments of his oldest son, Kermit.

Doc is survived by his wife of 22 years, Marie Alsup Medsker, two sons, Kermit Medsker of Memphis, and Keith Medsker of Paragould, and a daughter, Kara Medsker of Paragould, a step-daughter, Lynne (Timothy) Kamerman, and a step-son Eddie (Wendy) Bozarth of Paris, Texas. He is

survived by two sisters, Gwen Wynn and Ruby Guffey, both of California. Surviving grandchildren include Jacklynn Medsker, Anna McCain, David McCain, Alexis Kamerman, Sophie Kamerman, Justin Kamerman, Ryan Bozarth, Matthew (Ashley) Bozarth, David Bozarth, and a special great granddaughter, Ansley Kay Bozarth. He is also survived by a host of nieces and nephews.

Doc was preceded in death by his first wife, Bettie Boe Medsker, parents David and Mattie Medsker, two sisters, Nadine Elliott and Irene Howard, and two brothers, Roy "Bud" Medsker and John Medsker.

The Medsker family wishes to express our deepest appreciation to Pastor James Hays for his many encouraging visits to Doc during his long illness and to the faithful members of the Open Door Class at Valley Baptist Church. Special recognition is bestowed on the following: Dr. C.E. Ransom, Doc's primary physician for 20 years, for his treatment and help since the onset of dementia four years ago; to Dr. Rodney Rains, we owe a debt of gratitude for his compassionate staff at the Clearview unit and for his expertise in the field of dementia/psychiatric care; to the very caring RN's, LPN's, aides, and social workers at White County Medical Center – we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Lastly, mere words aren't enough to express my appreciation to Dr. Dewey McAfee and the Hospice Health Care Team for doing your utmost to comfort and care for my husband prior to his Homegoing.

Visitation will be at Powell Funeral Home on Monday, September 10 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.. Funeral services will be at Powell Funeral Home on Tuesday, September 11 @ 10:30 a.m.. Interment will be at Shiloh Cemetery in Paragould @ 3:30 p.m.. www.powellfuneralhome.net

Tribute Wall

CD

“ *Our hearts and prayers are with the Medsker family. May God bless*

C R and Jacqueline Dudley - March 29, 2013 at 02:09 PM

EM

“ *I know my Uncle Doc to have been a man strong in his convictions of his faith, the love of his country, and most, the committment to family. I feel fortunate that I have many memories from my childhood of him. Most of these memories are of him at his best, relaxed, laughing, and enjoying playing guitar and singing with my dad, his brother, Bud. Never an encounter went by that we weren't regaled with stories of hunting/fishing expeditions , memories of family road trips, painting jobs that created some comical anecdote, and the art in appreciation of life's precious gifts. I am celebrating the life that created a legacy of cherished memories.*

Evelyn Medsker - March 29, 2013 at 02:09 PM

CL

“ *My sweet Kara, I was so sorry to hear about your Daddy, I know you adored him..I know your family is close and ya'll we be there for each other but if there is anything I can do just call. Thinking of you and your family and will keep you in my prayers..Love ya girl. sent one eariler but I wasn't sure if it went thru so if you get 2 from me thats why.*

Cindy Lee - March 29, 2013 at 02:09 PM

LW

“ Uncle Doc was a special man. I know we will miss him here on earth, but I know he was greeted by so many family members in heaven. I have so many great memories of him and will cherish them always.

Kermit, Keith and Kara, I know your hearts are broken and you will be in my prayers.

Linda Whiteside - March 29, 2013 at 02:09 PM

DH

“ Uncle Doc wore many hats throughout his life -- painter, preacher, hunter, fisherman, husband, father, grandfather, son, brother, uncle. But above all, he was a Christian and a man who walked with God by his side. Kermit, Keith, and Kara, may God's peace be with each of you during this time. You are all in my prayers!

Donna Elliott Hunter - March 29, 2013 at 02:09 PM

TW

“ Thinking of you during this time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Dora Dean Wilf and Family

The Wilf's - March 29, 2013 at 02:09 PM

DM

“ My prayers are with each of you during your time of loss.

Dawn McNeil - March 29, 2013 at 02:09 PM

BE

“ So sorry to hear about Doc. I always get a smile on my face whenever his name is mentioned. Heaven has received a good one. I know the entire Medsker family is hurting but just know Doc is finally home. May God bless you all.

Billy Don Edrington - March 29, 2013 at 02:09 PM

WM

“ Marie, I just read of your husband's passing. I know you two had many happy years together, and pray that the Lord will be with you during this difficult time. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Wilma & Don McPhail - March 29, 2013 at 02:09 PM

RW

“ May God Bless you and your family Kara, Doc was our preacher at Rosewood also I remember him painting houses when my dad was laying brick..

Rick white - September 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM