



John Travis McKinney

July 8, 1927 - June 16, 2014

John T. McKinney, 86, of Searcy, died Monday, June 16 in a Little Rock Hospital. He was born July 8, 1927 in Sweeny, Texas, the son of Bruno Durst McKinney and Louise Arrington McKinney.

Mr. McKinney is survived by his wife, Joanne McKinney of Searcy; children, Linda Baker (Phil) of Dallas Texas, Patty McKinney of Dallas, Mike McKinney of Searcy, and Chris Mckinney, also of Searcy; eight grandchildren, Robert (Kiesha), Cara and Sam Baker, Michael, Alaina, Jaxon, Joshua and Matthew Mckinney; six great-grandchildren, Brody and Jude Baker, Alan, Mellany, and Hayden Pantaleon, and Benjamin McKinney; and a brother, Robert McKinney. He is preceded in death by his parents, a brother, James, and a sister, Betty Hejl.

Mr. McKinney served as a missionary in Zurich, Switzerland and Chemnitz, East Germany and he taught Greek and Bible at Harding University. "Opa", as he was known, was an avid walker, reader, and history buff, and loved to travel and preach the Word. In lieu of flowers, the family asks donations be made to the College Church of Christ, for the Chemnitz, East Germany missions fund.

Tribute Wall

BA

“ *Brother McKinney was my first teacher in elementary Greek which I took the first semester I was enrolled at Harding. He was always a Christian gentleman - in every sense of the word. He took his teaching seriously, but at the same time, very concerned about each and every student. He always started class with prayer and his love for God was clearly evident. He also had a keen sense of humor! He will be surely missed, but his reward is secure!*

Bob Amis - February 10, 2016 at 02:31 PM

HH

“ *Danke für Deine wunderbaren Predigten, die mein Herz getroffen haben und ich hoffe Dich im Himmel wieder zu sehen.*

Helmut Herrmann - February 10, 2016 at 02:31 PM

AT

“ *Joanne ,
My heart is sad with the passing of Frank & Nance's last nephew. Jack taught me to count & sing in German! He wrote me that I was a sweet spirit to him, bringing family news to him regarding Nancy Claire & Mary Grey! I last saw you two 10 years ago at the celebration of Jay Brockman's 75th birthday. My love to you & all of the family.*

*Hugs,
Ann Arrington Taska*

Ann Arrington Taska - February 10, 2016 at 02:31 PM

MH

“*Joanne & family, We are praying for your family, and we know that you will miss Jack a lot on this side of heaven. I still have fond memories of your return to Searcy from the mission field when you visited my parents' home (Henry & Grace Farrar). My dad would probably write to you: "Precious in the sight of the Lord are the death of his saints." Psalm 116:15*
Blessings, Marty

Marty Farrar Highfield - February 10, 2016 at 02:31 PM

KB

“*Professor McKinney helped me to further my New Testament Greek skills so that I could learn to translate the text in my future ministry. I have fond memories of sitting in his classes and honing my translation skills from the Gospel of John even though at the time I had beads of sweat on my forehead trying to translate the text correctly. I love and appreciate so much his patience, instruction, and passion in helping us as students in this difficult endeavor for God's glory and the church's maturity. Another great soldier of the Cross has gone onto his great reward! He will be greatly missed but always remembered for his great work for God's kingdom.*

Keith E. Book - February 10, 2016 at 02:31 PM

LG

“*We send you our deepest sympathy and love. Br. McKinney was such a man of God with such a gift of sharing His word. I will always remember all the times he came to Wien and Wiener Neustadt to preach. It was an honor to sit at his feet to study God's word. Your family has always been special to our family! Gottes Segen, with much love, Linda Glenn and family*

Linda Hare Glenn - February 10, 2016 at 02:31 PM

MR

“ Our condolences to you Joanne and family, Jack will be remembered and loved - I look forward to our reunion in Heaven. With much love!

Monti & Marion Renner

Monti & Marion Renner - February 10, 2016 at 02:31 PM

SK

“ Herr McKinney...there are teachers, and there are mentor-teachers; Mr. McKinney was the latter. I was checking something in my Greek NT this very morning, saw numerous notes I had taken while in his Greek classes, and reflected on his tutelage. His deep respect for God and His written word, his disciplined manner of walking through life, his heart for all people of all nations, and his vast knowledge/wisdom accumulated through years of study/service--all combined to shape his sharp mind, his kind disposition, and his humble dealings with great and small. I intended to drop him a long overdue thank you note in the mail, and discovered his passing today. His marked influence on my life will continue. In esteem/respect/appreciation,

Steve Kell - February 10, 2016 at 02:31 PM

DL

“ To Chris and family: Sorry to hear of the passing of your father. I hope that you continue to feel his spirit and embrace good memories.

Deanna LaLonde - February 10, 2016 at 02:31 PM

RB

“ To Joanne and the children, so sorry about Bro. McKinney's passing. May God bless all of you with fond memories.

Ruth Browning - February 10, 2016 at 02:31 PM