



Rev. Robert Walter McSwain

July 7, 1930 - April 13, 2020

Reverend Robert Walter McSwain, 89, went to be with his Lord and Savior on Monday, April 13, 2020. Rev. McSwain is survived by his beloved wife of 66 years, Cathy; children Karin, Bobby, and David; grandchildren Bryan, Matthew, Thomas, Amber, Justin, Lauren, Brittany, and Joshua. He is also survived by a brother, Elwyn; sisters-in-law Betty and Chris; and cousins Chuck, Gloria, and Sandy as well as many nieces, nephews, and their children. Bob is blessed to have so many friends and associates who remember him fondly at this time.

Rev. McSwain was born on July 7, 1930 and was adopted by his late parents Carrie and Elwyn McSwain Sr in Charlotte, North Carolina. He graduated from Berryhill High School. He earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree at Bob Jones University and a Master's Degree at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. Rev. McSwain married Catherine Thompson in 1953 and began raising a family. After serving as a school bus driver, teacher, and principal, he entered the pastoral ministry which became his life-long work. Rev. McSwain joined the staff of Garr Memorial Church in Charlotte, where he served for many years as the Sunday School superintendent, Boy Scout troop leader, and ultimately as the minister to senior adults. He also served as the President of the Christian Camping Association Southern Region and the Mecklenburg County Park Board, South Region as well. During his career, Rev. McSwain spent many summers on the staff at Camp Lurecrest, where he

pointed a generation of children towards Jesus Christ through his dedication to providing a safe, fun, Christian environment in the mountains of North Carolina. Rev. McSwain loved his family, the church, and Jesus Christ. He will be missed by all who knew him. Due to the Corona Virus Pandemic, services are pending.

In honor of the time he spent with Camp Lurecrest, memorial donations in Robert's name would be greatly appreciated to the camp at <https://www.camplorecrest.org/give/give>

Thank you for your continued thoughts, prayers and acts of kindness during this time.

Cemetery Details

Magnolia Memorial Gardens

5801 Pineville–Matthews Road
Charlotte, NC 28226
http://www.calvarychurch.com/site/18_150_112.cfm

Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall



“ *Rev. Robert Walter McSwain*

October 05, 2023 at 07:26 AM



“ *Rev. Robert Walter McSwain*

October 24, 2022 at 08:52 PM



“ *Dearest Cathey and family,*

The great privilege that we had was knowing and observing this man of God for decades. His testimony is a benchmark set for all who knew him. A life spent for CHRIST. We, rejoice, as he is now gazing upon the face of his redeemer! Rest on "Jungle Bob"

Virginia and Hugh Weiss, Matthews, NC

Hugh Weiss - April 24, 2020 at 12:06 PM

DB

“ Our family, Doug & Pat Blue are grateful to Bob for his wonderful influence on our lives. For me, Doug, Bob was my Scout leader, camp counselor, and mentor. For Pat, Tahnya, and Richard, Bob was an encourager.
A principle I learned from Bob was to never ask a student a question unless you had first given them the information to respond. I carried this principle through my missionary career in teaching in three Bible Schools in Africa. I told Pat to use it too in her teaching. So, Bob's influence has impacted many for the kingdom of God. We are comforted to know that he is now in the presence of our wonderful Lord and we will all see him again!

Douglas Blue - April 24, 2020 at 10:46 AM

BB

“ Dear Cathey and family. Please know that we love you and lift you up at this special time. We love our Pastor Bob so much. He was such a unique man of God. Heaven's gain, our loss. We will all meet him soon. Buren and Rev. Betty Jo Blackmon, Oak Island, NC



Buren and Rev. Betty Jo Blackmon - April 18, 2020 at 09:46 AM

DS

I am very thankful for Bobby. He led me to the Lord, at camp, June 11, 1952. I was 15 and I think he was 22 at the time. He was also a great testimony for the Lord before me in many other ways.

Don Swaringen - February 29, 2024 at 08:18 AM