

"Then I heard a voice from heaven say, "Write this:  
Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on."  
"Yes", says the Spirit, "they will rest from their labor, for  
their deeds will follow them."

Revelation 14:13

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I  
have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the  
crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous  
judge, will award to me on that day- and not only to me,  
but also to all who have longed for his appearing."

2 Timothy 4:7-8

"Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and  
assurance about what we do not see."

Hebrews 11:1

How do you endure through an incalculable loss? By  
looking at the cross and looking at the empty tomb.  
And with that in view "everything sad is going to come  
untrue and it will somehow be greater for having once  
been broken and lost." - Tim Keller

James "Don" McGee, Sr. of North Little Rock, Arkansas was born June 24, 1930 and transitioned to heaven on January 10, 2020.

Don is survived by his wife of 69 years, Margaret "Sue" Morgan McGee, his daughter, Melinda McGee Stuckey and husband Ken Stuckey of Fayetteville, AR, his son, James "Jim" McGee, Jr. and wife Mary McGee of North Little Rock. His grandchildren are Zac Stuckey, who preceded Don in death and wife Kelly, Jordan Stuckey and wife Lara, Natalie Stuckey Northcutt and husband Curtis, Tyler McGee and wife Cassie, Katy McGee Masters and husband Taylor, Molly McGee Casto and husband Ben. His four great grandchildren are Brody McGee, Everett Stuckey, Whitley Stuckey and Paxton Northcutt. Also, surviving him is his sister, Billie Love, of Tucson, AZ.

Don's entire career was at Lakewood in North Little Rock as Director of Parks and Recreation over a span of 40 years. It was a calling for Don because he loved organized athletics and young people. Many of you here today worked for him or played on his baseball and softball teams. His influence spanned several generations and was instrumental in establishing ballparks in central Arkansas. Don and Sue were incredibly proud of McGee Park in Lakewood being named in honor of their vision and leadership in promoting community, recreation and sportsmanship.

He became State Director of ASA softball for 40 years from 1973 until 2013. During his tenure the organization experienced exponential growth distinguishing Arkansas in the Amateur Softball Association nationally. Don received the Hall of Fame award from the Arkansas Softball Hall of Fame in 2004.

Don's passions were his family, friends, hunting, fishing, riding horses, calling the hogs and Lakewood. Don's love for the Lord uniquely gifted him to be the man he was. He and Sue joined Levy Baptist Church in 1959 where Don served as a deacon and Sunday school teacher. He loved his church family at Levy Baptist and was active until the end of his earthly life. He wanted all of his grandchildren to know Jesus as their personal Lord and Savior and he saw that come to pass in each of their lives.

His grandchildren enjoyed his constant encouragement at their sporting events and attending their games. He was a coach, mentor, running buddy, and their biggest supporter. Many people in Lakewood and around the state knew him as "Papa Don".

Don's love of people and his positive attitude set a high bar and lasting legacy for his family.

Don never met a stranger making friends everywhere he went. Gratefulness to God for blessings he enjoyed in life was constant. He was an encourager to all that knew him.

Don earned his BS degree in Education from Arkansas Tech and his MS in Education from UCA. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force.

He was a member of the Arkansas Officials Association during those years and was an official for the Arkansas Athletic Association and the Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference.

Memorials may be sent to:

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