



## James W. McKee

November 14, 1937 - September 2, 2023

James W. McKee, age 85, passed away on Saturday, September 2, 2023 in Lexington. He was a member of First Baptist Church in Lexington where he was a Deacon, and taught Sunday School for over 40 years. He was the Assistant County Agent in Haywood County for the UT Agricultural Extension Service and was later the Lead Agent for Henderson County. Later, he was the District Supervisor of West Tennessee for the UT Agricultural Extension service. He was involved in Haywood County 4-H and also was the EMA Director for Henderson County. He is survived by his wife, Beverly McKee; 2 daughters, Annette Fitzgerald (Jeff) and Delaine Bowman (Chris); 1 brother, Donald McKee (Connie); 1 sister in law, Ellen McKee; 7 grandchildren, Brian Jones (Anna), Brad Jones (Cary), Zack Fitzgerald (Laurel), Steven Bowman, Sarah Green (Zach), Jonathan Bowman (Moriah), and David Bowman (Emily); and 5 great grandchildren, Norah Jones, Hadley Jones, Luke Jones, Blair Jones, and Penelope Green. He was preceded in death by his parents, Dallas and Louise McKee; and 1 brother, Dallas Boyd McKee Jr. Funeral services will be on Tuesday, September 5 at 3PM at First Baptist Church in Lexington with burial to follow in Lexington Cemetery. Visitation will be on Monday from 2PM-7PM and Tuesday from 2PM until service. All visitation will be held at First Baptist Church. In lieu of flowers the family has requested that donations be given to First Baptist Church Lexington Mission Action Center (M.A.C.) or First Baptist Church Lexington Golden State Mission Offering. Reed's Chapel is in charge of all arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

JE

“ *Annette and Family. I was saddened to hear of Mr. Jim's passing. He was always so friendly and helpful to me during the EMA/Homeland Security days. He was certainly a great man and God's servant. I will miss him and I'll be praying for all of you in the days to come*

*Jerry Elston*

**Jerry Elston** - September 11, 2023 at 10:27 AM

BW

“ *Barbara Willis lit a candle in memory of James W. McKee*



**Barbara Willis** - September 07, 2023 at 11:34 PM

BW

*So sorry for your loss, Prayers.*

**Barbara Willis** - September 07, 2023 at 11:35 PM

RR

*So sorry for you loss! Beverly and family, you are in my thoughts and prayers. Jim was a good man and a good neighbor early 70's on Weaver St.*  
*Ruth Reeves*

**Ruth Reeves** - September 09, 2023 at 11:53 AM

TF

“ *Jim was a very good man. He was very caring and strong in his faith. I enjoyed working with him thru the years. He will be missed. I am sure he is enjoying his first days in heaven.*

**Tim Fawver** - September 06, 2023 at 11:13 AM

AS

“ *Mr. Jim was such a kind and gentle giant! Our community has lost a great role model. Sympathy to you Mrs. Beverly, Annette (Jeff), Delaine (Chris) and all of the grandchildren! Prayers for the minutes, hours and days ahead! I love you all!*



**Angie Betzler Scott** - September 06, 2023 at 10:11 AM

TW

“ So sorry to hear about Mr. Jim. We lived in front of them on Weaver st. when we moved here in 1970. Such a sweet family. Prayers.

Tina Brown Williams - September 05, 2023 at 11:56 AM

GR

“ Glenda Rickman lit a candle in memory of James W. McKee



Glenda Rickman - September 05, 2023 at 09:56 AM



“ Mary Sego lit a candle in memory of James W. McKee



Mary Sego - September 04, 2023 at 01:34 PM

CJ

“ I've known Mr. Jim my whole life. He taught Sunday School with my mother at FBC . It's been a great honor knowing him and his family. Prayers for his family.



Candace Compton Jones - September 04, 2023 at 09:21 AM

JH

“ Janice Houston lit a candle in memory of James W. McKee



Janice Houston - September 04, 2023 at 12:15 AM

JH

My condolences to all of the family.

Janice Houston - September 04, 2023 at 12:17 AM

KH

“ Dear Mrs  
Mrs. Beverly & family , Thinking of you during the loss of your beloved Mr. Jimmy  
. Praying for comfort and may God wrap His loving arms around all of you . ❤️,  
Kim Hodge

Kimberly Hodge - September 03, 2023 at 07:09 PM

Michael  
Martin

“ I met Bro. Jim in 2001 when my wife Sarah and I came to FBC Lex. We attended  
FBC Lex for 2 years. Bro Jim was a great man of God! My personal walk with the  
Lord during that season of life was truly enriched by Bro. Jim's encouragement  
and commitment to the Lord. Oh how we miss our Lexington, TN days...Praying  
for the family!

Well done, good and faithful servant!

Michael Eric Martin, Pastor Seventh Street Baptist Church, Cullman AL.

Michael Martin - September 03, 2023 at 05:12 PM

LP

“ Such a great man. Never seemed to meet a stranger. He was such a strong man.  
We talked so often on Wednesday nights about his grandchildren and he was so  
very proud. He will be so missed. My prayers are with your family

Lori Parker

Lori Parker - September 03, 2023 at 04:08 PM

JM

“ I have a lot of good memories of Jimmy McKee as a college roommate at south  
stadium hall, as an Extension co-worker and as a special good friend. His was a  
life well lived! May God bless his family and friends in their loss!

Jimmy Matthews

jimmy matthews - September 03, 2023 at 03:12 PM

IF

“ Imogene Frye lit a candle in memory of James W. McKee



Imogene frye - September 03, 2023 at 02:36 PM

IF

*He was one of the nicest men  
I knew. Prayers for the family*

**Imogene frye** - September 03, 2023 at 02:39 PM

RH

“ *I knew Jim for over 65 years. He was always the same-genuine, professional,  
first-class. Ray Humberd*

**Ray Humberd** - September 03, 2023 at 12:51 PM

BC

“ *One of the best people, I ever knew. He was indeed Christ like. Henderson  
County is a better place to live because of him and his family. Shirley and I send  
our deepest condolences and prayers for the family.*

**Bobby Cogdell** - September 03, 2023 at 11:17 AM

PB

“ *Jim was a very fine man and good friend. My sincere condolences to Beverly,  
Annette, and Delaine and their children.*

**Pat Brooks** - September 03, 2023 at 10:14 AM

SV

“ *Mr. Jim was a wonderful man. It was always a pleasure to  
visit with Mr. Jim and Mrs. Beverly. He always told the best  
stories. Prayers for all the family and those that loved and  
admired him. He will definitely be missed.*

*Steve and Elizabeth Vineyard*

**Steve and Elizabeth Vineyard** - September 03, 2023 at 12:47 AM



JH

“ *Janice Houston lit a candle in memory of James W. McKee*



**Janice Houston** - September 03, 2023 at 12:40 AM

BN

“ *Mr Jim McKee loved people; loved his family; loved his church friends; and loved employees of the University of TN Institute of Agriculture. May God continue to bless his wife Beverly as well as the McKee Family in the days ahead.*  
*Rodney and Betty Neilson*

**Betty Neilson** - September 02, 2023 at 11:11 PM

KM

“ *I grew up in the neighborhood Mr. Jim loved in. He was always so kind and friendly. Always had a smile on his face. My condolences to the family.*

**Karla Morris** - September 02, 2023 at 09:03 PM

JJ

“ *Jimmy McKee was a giant of a Christian, wonderful family man, and friend to all who knew him. My prayers are with Beverly and the entire family. May God comfort you today as only He can. Johnny James*

**johmny james** - September 02, 2023 at 07:52 PM

RM

“ *I will always remember him as Jim Mckee, he was a tremendous asset to area farmers of Henderson County, I remember back in the early 1980s he would visit with us on different tracts of farm land to discuss whatever problems we were having with our crops, he always had a positive outlook,my prayers are for his family and friends, in this life he will be missed!*

**Ricky Moore** - September 02, 2023 at 07:51 PM

RB

“ *Loved Mr McKee. He was such a great man and lifted me up so many times. Prayers and condolences from me and my family. God bless Jim McKee!*

**Robin Bowman** - September 02, 2023 at 07:36 PM

EA

“ *Eddie Akins lit a candle in memory of James W. McKee*



**Eddie Akins** - September 02, 2023 at 07:33 PM

DB

“ So sorry for your loss. We at Scotts Hill Senior Center enjoyed his visits when he came to our Big Breakfast. He was so friendly and we have missed him during his illness.

Doris Buck - September 02, 2023 at 06:50 PM

DB

“ Doris Buck lit a candle in memory of James W. McKee



Doris Buck - September 02, 2023 at 06:46 PM

KG

“ Job well done. Mr Jim was professional, demanded community impact, and appreciative of good work. He set the example for many UT Extension colleagues. Ken Goddard

Ken Goddard - September 02, 2023 at 06:40 PM

BM

“ Betty Menees lit a candle in memory of James W. McKee



Betty Menees - September 02, 2023 at 06:07 PM

BM

“ Such an amazing man, my prayers are with all of you. Jim loved and supported everyone with such a big heart. I'll never forget the first time I met him. It was like he'd known me forever. I consider myself a lucky woman to be able to call him a friend, Love y'all  
Betty

Betty Menees - September 02, 2023 at 06:06 PM