



Grover McElvain

December 9, 1932 - April 25, 2010

Grover J. "Mac" McElvain, 77, of Fort Worth, Texas, went to be with his heavenly Father on April 25, 2010 after a brief battle with cancer. Mac was born in Ramah, Colorado on December 9, 1932, the son of Grover Cleveland McElvain and Iona M. Scott McElvain. He married Sylvia Genelle Reese on September 17, 1955 in Dayton, New Mexico. "Mac" was well known for his strong commitment to God, family, and country. He served twenty plus years in the USAF which included tours of duty in Vietnam and Korea. Upon completion of his military service he moved his family to Texas where he and his wife received ministry training from the Arlington Baptist College. Together they were involved in Christian schools and various youth ministries. He was a long time member of Covenant Life Baptist Church in Kennedale. Survivors include his wife, Sylvia Genelle McElvain; sons, Rick McElvain and wife Tammy and Ted McElvain and wife, Kathy; daughters, Susan Canright and husband Dell and Sharilyn Griffin and husband Arnold; grandchildren, Andrew McElvain and wife Brandilyn, Ryan McElvain and wife Kristin, Buck McElvain and wife Tracy, Justin, Jacob, Kyle and Julie McElvain, Mindy, Brady and Marissa Canright, Cortney, Britney, Tanner and Chase Sellers and Valerie Nettles and husband, Zachary; great grandchildren, Addisyn McElvain, Trinity Nettles, Caleb and Mackenzie Cobb; and sister, Ada Morris. Mac was preceded in death by his parents, Grover and Iona McElvain, daughter, Sheryl Ann McElvain, and brothers, Wendell, Harvey and Harold McElvain. In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting that donations be made in his honor to The

Gideons International.

Tribute Wall

DM

“ Only knew "Mac" for a short time, but was glad I did. He was at the same senior living facility as my mom, as also was his wife, Sylvia.

He always had time to visit and talk and I could tell he was a quality person. He was obviously devoted to his wife, Sylvia and saw to it that she needed nothing. He even took the time to give me his life story and relayed to me his strong commitment to his ministry and life's work. I pray I will see him again one day.

Dale Martin - April 30, 2010 at 05:19 PM

KR

“ We remember being in Arlington and knowing Grover and Sylvia. Our condolences and prayers are with your family at this time. Ken and Joy Roshon in Willcox, AZ

Ken and Joy Roshon - April 30, 2010 at 11:42 AM

SP

“ I will always remember all those bus trips, Bro. Mac driving and He always seemed so calm and bedlam going on in the back of the bus. He was always available to talk but he would make you think and want you to be able to back up what you thought. I can not express the thankfulness I have to God for putting this man in my life. I loved him and Mrs. Mac greatly and to this day their impact lives on. Love Goober

Sondra Pendergras - April 29, 2010 at 11:13 PM

DH

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family during this time.

Dennis & Shelley Hale - April 29, 2010 at 03:42 PM

CM

“ I was fortunate enough to be in one of the youth groups that the McElvains led @ Everman Bapt. If it wasn't for Bro Mac's persistent & caring demeanor, I probably wouldn't have met my husband. Bro Mac was a huge influence to so many people and I hope he doesn't have a hard time wearing the heavy crown that was waiting for him in Heaven.

Christy McFarland - April 27, 2010 at 06:53 PM

BM

“ Bro Mac...church camps, volleyball, youth leader and sometimes a comedian. I will always remember the impact that he had on my life with his pointed teaching and a willing heart to listen during our teenage years. Will miss you Bro Mac and see you later...if you know what I mean!!!

Bobby Mowell - April 27, 2010 at 02:33 PM