



Joseph Moody McKee

December 4, 1925 - January 4, 2010

Joseph Moody McKee Forever loved Joseph Moody McKee, 84, went to be with our Heavenly Father on December 30, 2009, having lost his long battle with Dementia-Alzheimer's. Joe was born on December 4, 1925 to James Hollis McKee and Nora Peebles McKee in Livingston, Texas. He spent his formative years in Livingston and graduated from Livingston High School in 1943. He later attended Sam Houston State Teachers College in Huntsville. After college, Joe met and married Merle Solomon, now deceased. For several years, he managed and/or owned parts stores in Livingston and Liberty before moving to Huntsville. He opened McKee's Auto Parts Store located on 12th street across from the Old Town Theater. He sold the parts store and in 1964 went to work for the Texas Department of Corrections, now known as TDCJ. He was the manager of the Prison Store for a while then transferred to Administration, where he stayed the rest of his tenure with TDC. Joe retired from TDC in 1990 as the Personnel Manager. He joined the Board of Directors of the Community Service Credit Union, where he was an active member until his health began to decline. In 1983, he met and married the love of his life, Joan Park Shelly McKee. They were happily married for 26 years. Joe was an avid fisherman, golfer and a lover of nature and bird watching. He never let his birds or squirrels go without food. His steady companions were his pet dogs, "Sadie", "Doc", "Dottie" and "Buzz". He also liked spending time at their lake house on Toledo Bend, LA. Joe was blessed with many friends and family members and always had a smile and

handshake for everyone he met. He was active in service to the Lord, and held many positions at Cook Springs Baptist Church. Joe was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers, James, Jack and Jerry, and sister-in-law Lou Ciel. Joe is survived by his wife of 26 years, Joan McKee; sister Joanne Westmoreland & husband Perry of Livingston; daughters Gloria Rehrman & husband Carl of Oklahoma and Jodye Ryan, of Nacogdoches; step-children Melvin Shelly & wife Deana, of Trinity, Randy Shelly, of Montgomery, and Lee Ann Victory & husband Robert (Bobby) of Huntsville; numerous nieces, nephews, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, it is requested that memorials be made in his name to Thee Hospice, PO Box 6548, Huntsville, TX 77342-6548, whose staff provided professional and loving care. The family wants to especially thank Rena Murray, of Rena's Personal Care Home, 1116 Holly Springs for the loving care given to Joe while he was a resident. She became like a daughter to Joe during this time. Visitation will be 4:00-6:00 PM Sunday, January 3, 2010 at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home. Funeral Services will be 10:00 AM, Monday, January 4, 2010 at Cook Springs Baptist Church. Officiating will be Tom Cole and Robert Nichols. Interment will be at Brooke Cemetery. Memorial condolences for the family may be sent to www.shmfh.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Joseph Moody McKee*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Joan,
It is an honor and pleasure to have known and worked with Joe.*

James D Griffith - February 01, 2010 at 07:14 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear about Joe's passing. I worked with Joe for many years in Human Resources and thought the world of him. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.*

Dawn Bradley Moore - January 06, 2010 at 03:03 PM



“ *We are sorry to hear of your loss.*

Bob, Mellicent, Bobby II, Heather, Heath & Justin Wiley - January 05, 2010 at 06:04 PM



“ *Joan, I'm so sorry to read of your loss of Joe. Even when our mind tells us it for the best, our hearts are never ready to let go. My prayers are with you and the family. Judy*

Judy Ellington - January 05, 2010 at 12:27 PM

MC

“ Our prayers go out to you in this time of sorry. He lived a long life, and just hope he didn't suffer in time of death, and that he has gone to a BETTER place. I read some of the obits to Karen while she was here yesterday. Merle and Chan

Merle and Chan - January 04, 2010 at 11:43 AM

LC

“ "Find rest, O my soul, in God alone."---Psalm 62:5 True spiritual rest can be found no other place. In those quite days to come, bring to recall...He's home...In the presence of God. Our prayers are with you during this period of adjustment in your life.

Lawrence and Dessie Cherry - January 03, 2010 at 07:55 PM

NG

“ Joanne and Perry and the rest of the McKee family, I didn't know Joe, but just looking at his photo tells me he was a kind person. I believe one can tell that in a person's face. From reading others' comments here, it's good to know that he is in Heaven, where there is no sickness or disease. May God comfort his family at this time of sorrow.
Neva Grauberger

Neva Grauberger - January 03, 2010 at 03:01 PM

JA

“ It was a pleasure to meet and briefly know Joe when he visited his brother, Jerry, who lived next door to our camp house at Riverside. He was so friendly and kind, and we came to appreciate him and his interest in Jerry's declining health. We also love and appreciate Joanne and Perry. God bless all the family and comfort your hearts in the days and weeks ahead.

Jerry & Ruth Amos - January 03, 2010 at 02:22 PM

BM

“ Words seem inadequate to express the sadness we feel in the loss of such a wonderful and precious man. Joe will be deeply missed by Bob and I. We have so many fond memories of him from the last 22 years by us being neighbors with you and Joe.....especially of him always being outside mowing or working in the yard and us stopping by for a visit and his love of birds.

Our hearts go out to you, Joan, and to the family. Although no words can really help ease the loss of Joe.....just know that you are very close in our thoughts and prayers.

Bob and Linda Moore

Bob and Linda Moore - January 02, 2010 at 06:11 PM

JP

“ Joe was a true friend. He always had a smile for everyone and never seemed to meet a stranger. He always had something good to say no matter what the circumstances. Joe is part of my memories of TDC and the TDCJ. Thoughts are with you.

Jerry and Billie Peterson - January 02, 2010 at 09:02 AM

DP

“ Aunt Joan, our thoughts, love and prayers are with you and your entire family. May God place his comforting hands around you all during this time of sorrow.

Danny & Pam - January 01, 2010 at 11:37 AM

RP

“ Aunt Joan, I was so sorry to hear about Joe. He was one of the best men I have ever met. He was a mentor & friend. We had lots of laughs about OLE' TDCJ. God be with you and know that Joe is in his mansion now and in no more pain. Love you very much.

Rickey & Pat - January 01, 2010 at 12:13 AM

LB

“ Joan,my prayers and thoughts goes out to you and the family of Joe.We loved him dearly and He will be missed.keep Gods faith and he will se you through this.Love,Lois Shelly Batchelor

Lois Batchelor - December 31, 2009 at 07:16 PM

RM

“ I'm so very sorry to hear about Uncle Joe, but I cant help but think what it was like when he got to the gate and my Dad (Jack Mckee), his brothers James, and Jerry were there to meet him!

Rhonda McKee Mauldin - December 31, 2009 at 06:10 PM

TR

“ Dear Joan and family,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of loss.
It was a pleasure to care for Joe and be a part of his "Homegoing"
May you find peace knowing He is in the arms of Jesus.
Sincerely,
Tami

Tami Dees, RN - December 31, 2009 at 05:25 PM