



## William Platt McLaughlin

June 23, 1930 - January 13, 2016

William Platt McLaughlin, 85, of Huntsville, Texas, passed away January 13, 2016.

Platt was born June 23, 1930, in Centerville, Texas, to Robert Frank and Vesta Pauline Platt McLaughlin. Platt grew up in Jewett, Texas and graduated from Jewett High School in the class of 1947. He attended Sam Houston State Teachers College where he received his Bachelor of Business Administration in 1951 and his Masters in Education in 1956. He served in the United States Air Force from 1950-1954 during the Korean War.

Platt married Joyce Mitchell on June 26, 1954, at Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church in Huntsville. They had two daughters, Cheryl and Susan. Platt was in education for 30 years. He worked in Conroe ISD, Klein ISD, Huntsville ISD, New Caney ISD, Porter ISD and Region 6 Service Center.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Joyce Mitchell McLaughlin; daughter, Cheryl Washington (George Robert) of Wharton. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Michael Wayne Walker (Autumn) of Huntsville; William Travis Washington and Robert Austin Washington of Wharton along with great-grandchildren Payton Pullin and Wesley Platt Walker of Huntsville.

Platt is survived by a brother, Robert A. McLaughlin (Jan) of Waco; brother-in-

law, Will Parrish of New Waverly; brother and sister-in-law Royce and Sue Adams of Huntsville; many cousins, nephews, nieces, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Florence Reed Dillon; brothers, Harold Lee McLaughlin and Raymond Frank McLaughlin; daughter, Mary Susan Walker Sylvester; in-laws Rufus and Mary Edith Mitchell; sister-in-laws Linda Parrish and Mary Louise McLaughlin.

Platt enjoyed spending time with his family at their farm west of town where they raised Christmas trees, vegetables and cattle. Platt enjoyed hunting, fishing, traveling, playing bridge, and dominoes.

Platt never met a stranger. He always wanted to know where you went to school and where you grew up. He will be dearly missed by all of his family.

Platt and Joyce attended First United Methodist Church in Huntsville. He was a wonderful husband, dad, and grandfather with a strong Christian faith.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the building fund at First United Methodist Church in Huntsville.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 pm on Friday, January 15, 2016 at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home. Services will be held Saturday, January 16, 2016 at 2 pm at First United Methodist Church with Rev. Scott Dornbush and Rev. Ellen Willett officiating. Interment will follow at Mayes Addition of Oakwood Cemetery.

Full obituary may be viewed and memorial condolences made to the family at [www.shmfh.com](http://www.shmfh.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Mayes Addition of Oakwood Cemetery

800 Martin Luther King BLVD.  
Huntsville, TX 77320

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **15**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville  
1700 Normal Park Dr.  
Huntsville, TX 77340  
(936) 291-7300  
belinda@shmfh.com

## Service

JAN **16**. 2:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church of Huntsville  
1016 North Sam Houston Ave  
Huntsville, TX

# Tribute Wall



“ *Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of William Platt McLaughlin*



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**Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home** - January 15, 2016 at 05:55 PM



“ *William Platt McLaughlin*

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November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *I just saw that Mr. Mac passed. I truly regret I was did not know in time to attend his service!!! I had such a sweet and deep connection with him. He came and spoke with me at my Mom's visitation just recently and gave me comfort. He was one of the greatest and sweetest men that I have known and there will be a void place in my heart reserved only for him. I will keep the family in my prayers.*



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**Robyn Flowers** - January 19, 2016 at 03:29 PM

NC

“ I am so sorry for your lose. I have not know Mr. McLaughlin long, but I must say he was one of my favorite patients at the dental office. We could talk for hours and I will miss him dearly and his smiling face.

Nancy Crawford

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**Nancy Crawford** - January 18, 2016 at 09:16 AM

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“ HHS Class of 1976



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**HHS Class of 1976** - January 16, 2016 at 05:21 AM

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*HHS Class of 1976 sends our deepest condolences.*

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**HHS Class of 1976** - January 16, 2016 at 05:24 AM

LW

“ Our heartfelt sympathy to the McLaughlin family at the loss of your loved one. May God provide you love and peace during your time of sorrow.

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**Lyndol, Leroy, and Chris Wilkinson** - January 15, 2016 at 06:41 PM

VM

“ I first met Mr. McLaughlin, when I worked for the Education Service Center in 1974. He was principal at the Junior High School. I worked with him on ADA accounting and class scheduling. "Mr. Mac" always had a big smile, a kind heart, and was a true gentleman. What an honor it has been to know this good Christian man all these years! Love and hugs to Joyce and all your family. We will miss his bright and cheerful smile. Virginia Miller

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**Virginia Miller** - January 15, 2016 at 05:43 PM

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“ Cathy Hayman Warren, HHS Class Of 1977 lit a candle in memory of William Platt McLaughlin



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**Cathy Hayman Warren, HHS Class of 1977** - January 15, 2016 at 03:42 PM

SB

“ Cheryl, Mrs. McLaughlin and family, I am so very sorry to hear of the passing of Mr. McLaughlin. I had the pleasure of working for "Mr. Mac" at Huntsville High School in his office in the West Wing back in 1971/1972, as a student helper. Mr. Mac was not only patient, he was kind, great to work for, and always had a smile on his face. I couldn't have asked for a better first boss. Dick and I are praying for peace, comfort and strength during this difficult time.

*Susan Irvine Bright*

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**Susan Bright** - January 15, 2016 at 12:15 PM

JH

“Joyce: Learned of Platt's passing this morning through Patsy. Jo and I are sending you our warm thoughts and prayers. We are sad that he is gone. Jane Dillon Henderson and Jo Dillon Sturgeon

Jane Henderson - January 15, 2016 at 10:13 AM

CW

Jane and Jo,  
So glad you found out about dad. We searched for your phone number. We ran into a dead end with Chap and Poston, too. Keep in touch.

Cheryl Washington - January 17, 2016 at 04:35 PM

PD

“Joyce, sorry to find that Platt passed away. I saw the notice in the Houston Chronicle this morning. It has been years since I have seen the both of you, but I know that Jack did talk to you a few years before he passed away. Platt looks alot like "Daddy Rob". You will have so many memories to take you thru the coming years. Thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family.

Patsy Dillon

Patsy Dillon - January 15, 2016 at 08:27 AM



“Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William Platt McLaughlin.



January 14, 2016 at 11:43 PM

MF

“ Mrs. McLaughlin and Cheryl,

*I am so sorry to hear of the loss of Mr. McLaughlin. He was such a sweet and wonderful man. Always a smile on his face. I have so many fond memories of your family while growing up. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Monetta (Mooney) Frenza*

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**Monetta Frenza** - January 14, 2016 at 03:03 PM

DP

“ Donna Paschall lit a candle in memory of William Platt McLaughlin



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**Donna Paschall** - January 14, 2016 at 09:18 AM

KH

“ Mrs. McLaughlin, Cheryl and family, you are in my thoughts and prayers. Your family is such a special part of my memories growing up in Huntsville. I know Susan and Mr. Mac are hugging each other in heaven. Much love to you.

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**Karel Pickett Henry** - January 14, 2016 at 09:16 AM

FP

“ Condolences to the family. He was a very sweet and funny man. Loved seeing him come into Golden Corral. He will be missed.

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**Freida Payne** - January 13, 2016 at 05:50 PM

SS

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. Mr. Mac was a very special man. Love, Sue and Pat Sprott

sue sprott - January 13, 2016 at 04:48 PM

DM

“ David McKee lit a candle in memory of William Platt McLaughlin



David McKee - January 13, 2016 at 04:41 PM

DP

May God give you comfort and peace. Our prayers are with the entire family. The McLaughlin's and the Robinson's were one big family. We love you all. Mr. Mac was one of my favorite people God ever made. Mom, Dad, and Steve greeted him upon his arrival to Heaven. Walter and Donna (Robinson) Paschall, Richard and Carol (Robinson) Byrd, Tom and Jan (Robinson) Rogers and Nathan and Mary (Robinson) Roe

Donna Paschall - January 14, 2016 at 09:18 AM