



Garvin McMakin

May 8, 1919 - March 22, 2008

Heading: Garvin (Mac) McMakin

Dateline: Greenville

Garvin Carr McMakin, 88, loving husband of Virginia Albright McMakin, died Saturday, March 22, 2008, at the Rolling Green Village.

A native of Spartanburg County, he was the son of the late John Weaver and Annie May Cunningham McMakin, an engineer with Industrial Fire Protection, a U.S. Army veteran of WW II, 88th division, was awarded a Silver Star for heroism in Italy and the Purple Heart. He was a graduate of Clemson University and was a member of the First Baptist Church of Mauldin. His greatest love was for God, his family, his church and Clemson.

During his retirement he gave many hours of service to the First Baptist Church of Tucker, GA, as chairman of the buildings and grounds committee and church treasurer.

He was very active in the Lions Club.

Surviving in addition to his wife are two daughters, Ann McMakin Cochran (Clark) of Fort Lauderdale, FL and Mary McMakin Head of Greenville; two sons, John Garvin McMakin of Burlington, WA and David William McMakin (Kathy) of Huntsville, AL; and twelve grandchildren, Daniel W. Head; Scott C. Cochran; Andrew D. McMakin (Ashley); Michael W. Head; Julie E. McMakin; Jordan M. McMakin; Amy C. Quinn (Lee); Benjamin W. Head; Silvana M. McMakin; Meredith C. Head; Milan M. McMakin; and Mikel M. McMakin; and many beloved nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by three brothers, J.W. McMakin, Gordon K. McMakin and Frank McMakin and three sisters, Annie M. Johnson, Margaret McMakin and Marie McMakin.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday March 25, 2008 at 4:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church, Mauldin.

Burial will follow in Wood Memorial Park, Duncan, SC.

Visitation will be held 3:30-4:30 p.m. prior to the service.

The family is at Rolling Green Village.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Debt Reduction Fund of the First Baptist Church, 5073 LaVista Road, Tucker, GA 30084, or the First Baptist Church of Mauldin, 150 South Main Street, Mauldin, SC 29662.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.thewoodmortuary.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 25. 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM (ET)

Mauldin First Baptist Church
Mauldin, SC

Service

MAR 25. 4:30 PM (ET)

Mauldin First Baptist Church
Mauldin, SC

Tribute Wall



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November 07, 2008 at 01:42 AM



“ *Dear McMakin Family,*

I am a 22 year employee of Factory Mutual (your Fathers employeer) and did not have the privliege and honor to know him. My family has several WWII veterans, including my Father (Okinawa). The record of your Fathers infantry division is one for the record books. To this day the sacrifice, the service and the duty to God and country by men like your Father leave me in tears (Approx. 15000 casualties; with over 2300 KIA). In over 300 days of combat, your Father and his division was awarded:

3-Distinguished Unit Citations

2-Medals of Honor

12-Dist. Service Crosses

2-Dist. Serv. Medals

522-Silver Stars

32-Legion of Merits

3784-Bronze Stars

Plus countless Purple Hearts

May our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all, and bring you comfort in knowing that your Father is with him.

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Insurance Company##imported-end##*

March 26, 2008 at 12:25 PM



“ Dear Mary,

How strange that I have been thinking about you and wondering if you were in Greenville. I also have been taking care of parents. I am so sorry for the loss of your father. I remember all your trips to Atlanta. I didn't realize your parents lived here now. I know we are both busy but I would love to hear from you.

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“ David- so sorry I can't be there in person to visit with you, but know that Caroline and I will be praying for you, your Mom, and rest of the family. Please let us know if there is anything we can do for you.

God bless you,

Jim Hess###imported-begin##Jim Hess###imported-end##

March 24, 2008 at 05:13 PM



“ I am deeply sadden by the death of Mr. McMakin. He was one of the finest gentlemen I have ever had the privilege of knowing. He had the right priorities: God, family, friends, and of course, Clemson. He always meet you with a broad smile and a firm hand shake. He always made you feel welcome and was interested in what was happening in your life. He was a great American. He served his country honorably and with distinction. He was the kind of man you can say you were proud to have known. He will be missed by many!###imported-begin##Ken Head###imported-end##

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