



Dr. Earl P. McQuay

August 15, 1932 - October 31, 2017

Dr. Earl P. McQuay, a man of noble character and humility entered the presence of his Lord and Savior on October 31, 2017.

He was a devoted follower and servant of his Lord, an exceptional, faithful husband of 63 years to his beloved wife, Rose and his much-loved daughter, Pamela. Dr. McQuay was predeceased by his beloved son, Timothy in 1982.

He was converted to Christ in the First Baptist Church of Charlotte, N.C. under the ministry of Billy Graham in 1947. Dr. McQuay began studying and preaching Gods Word at the age of 16 and was ordained at the age of 21 in the church he was called to pastor in his senior year of college, the First Baptist Church of Leesville, S.C. He was the founding pastor of Grace Baptist Church in Sarasota in 1956. Dr. McQuay served as Dean of Student Affairs and taught New Testament Survey and Pastoral Ministry for 30 years at Columbia International University and six years at Denver Seminary. Dr. McQuay served faithfully as interim pastor of several churches in S.C. and Denver, Colorado. Upon his retirement to Sarasota he served as interim pastor at Bethel Community Church for 9 years. He authored 15 books during his teaching career.

Dr. McQuay was predeceased by his two sisters, Frances McQuay and Helen Flack in 2017 and his brother Wallace "Buddy" McQuay in 1976. He was a

loving uncle to many nieces and nephews.

The family will gather for a private committal service at Sarasota Memorial Park prior to the service Saturday.

A celebration of life will be held at 11:00 am Saturday November 4, 2017 at Sarasota Baptist Church, 7091 Proctor Road. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service.

The family is grateful to the staff at The Springs and Hospice for their compassionate care.

Memorial donations may be made to the Nelson Community Group of SBC.

"I am the resurrection and the life, he who believes in me will live even if he dies." John chapter 11, verse 25.

Tribute Wall

GH

“ Pam. I remember you and your family while in Denver. So sorry for your loss. I trust you are well

Gordon Hahn - January 02, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Dear Rose and Pam : I am so sorry for your loss. I remember the night that I was at your house when your dear husband led me to Christ It was the most important decision that I have ever made in my life. It has been 40 years since that night in your home and I still am following JESUS. Rose as I am sitting here typing this little note I am very sad and very happy , I am happy that he is with his LORD & SAVIOR now. My heart and my prayers go out to both you Rose and Pam for I know how much you will miss him.

John Fischer - December 04, 2017 at 12:00 AM

TR

“ It was a privilege to know Dr. McQuay, and to have had an opportunity to hear him preach at a beautiful little church in the woods near his home. One of my happiest memories was spending Thanksgiving with him and his family, and enjoying a houseful of friends and great food and lots of laughter. He was the calm rudder in a sea of women running around looking for their lipstick, the proper table settings, and the right words to say at the proper time. Much like the good father in *Pride and Prejudice*, Dr. McQuay was truly an instrument of God's peace. My deepest sympathy and most fervent prayers are for Pam and Rose who will miss him the most.

Terry Reid - November 10, 2017 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ Dearest Rose & Pam,
We ache with you in sorrow and rejoice with you knowing that Dr. McQuay has entered into glory. We have been privileged these past 23 years to state you both as our wonderful life mentors. Our ministry was formed on the principles of love and faith you both taught us! May our gracious Lord pour his peace over you in the upcoming days.
We love you,
Tom & Kathy Carpino

Tom & Kathy Carpino - November 04, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ He was the pastor at Crooked Run when we started going there. We were attracted by his teaching and all the young Bible College students who were our age. Boy, that was a long time ago. We love both of you, Rose and the Dr. Thank you for your strong leadership throughout the years we enjoyed your fellowship at Crooked Run.

Debbie and David Bjork - November 04, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Dear Rose and Pam,

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.

Psalm 116:15

Dr. McQuay was the reason we came to visit Crooked Run Baptist Church and the reason we stayed. From my time at CIU in the 1980s, I knew Dr. McQuay would be faithful to preach the truth of Gospel. He did and with such compassion.

I still remember one sermon he preached on letting God handle your fears that touched my life just when I needed it.

When we moved to SC with our young family, you all were so welcoming. Getting an invitation for a Sunday afternoon with Dr. McQuay and "Miss Rose" was such a treat for our children. They were blessed to spend time with you. Especially Benjamin--do you remember when he was about 5, he wanted to marry "Miss Rose" when he grew up? Now he is all grown up and was married just a few weeks ago. Thank you for the spiritual encouragement you two were to our family.

In His love and with prayers for your comfort,

*Mary Ann and Charles McElmurray
(Sarah, Ben, Anna, Mary, Ruth)*

Mary Ann McElmurray - November 04, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Rose,

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and Pam.

Woodrow and Jean Miles

November 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dr McQuay had such an impact on my life while I was a student at Columbia Bible College, now CIU. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time.*
Julieann and Greg Allen

November 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *Rose & Pamela, my deepest sympathies. So glad I was able to meet Pastor Earl, and you both at F.O.H. Prayers for you two...blessings & love! 2 Corinthians 5:8*

Christine Gruters - November 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM