



Rev Bennie J. McWha

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Rev. Bennie J. McWha, 68, of Fayetteville, Arkansas, went to be with the Lord on Thursday, January 20, 2005 in Fayetteville, Arkansas. He was born August 09, 1936 in Glenwood, Arkansas the son of Ernest and Lottie Thrash McWha. He received his Doctorate of Divinity at the Missionary Baptist Seminary in Little Rock, Arkansas. He served as a missionary in Japan for 17 years and Russia for 9 months. Then he ministered in Indiana, Texas, and Michigan, with the Institute of Basic Life Principles and recently served as Chaplain for the Washington Regional Medical Center in Fayetteville, Arkansas. He attended the Fellowship Bible Church in Springdale, Arkansas.

He is survived by his wife; Shelba Jean Shuffield McWha of the home, his mother; Lottie McWha of Fayetteville, Arkansas, one son and daughter in law; Ernie McWha and his wife Debra of Fayetteville, Arkansas, two daughters and sons in law; Carrie Bennett and husband Ken of Fayetteville, Arkansas, Diane Burns and husband Jimmy of Fayetteville, Arkansas, one sister and brother in law; June Jones and husband the Rev. James Jones of Batesville, Arkansas, eighteen grandchildren, one niece and two nephews.

Following a private burial, funeral services will be at 2:30 PM, Sunday, January 23, 2005 at the Central Baptist Church in Fayetteville with Mr. Ron Fuhrman, and Rev. John Glasser officiating. Pallbearers will be; Steve Schneider, Chris Overby, Ken Bennett, Jimmy Burns, Bradley Burns and Ernie McWha. Honorary pallbearers will be grandsons; Benjamin Burns, Joseph Burns, Stephen Burns, Samuel Burns, Caleb Burns, Michael Bennett, Andrew Bennett, and the Chaplains of Washington Regional Medical Center.

Visitation will be 5:00 PM till 8:00 PM Saturday, January 22, 2005 in the Chapel of Nelson-Berna Funeral Home, with the family being present.

To sign the online guest book go to www.nelsonberna.com.



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Memorials may be made to the Whetstone Ministries, 12338 Little Elm, Road, Farmington, Arkansas 72730, www.whetstoneministries.com, of which he was a co-founder, a ministry to strengthen families.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nelson-Berna Funeral Home and Crematory of Fayetteville.

Visitation Date Time Saturday, January 22, 2005 5:00 PM till 8:00 PM Visitation Location Chapel of Nelson-Berna Funeral Home, 4520 North Crossover, Fayetteville, AR, The family will be present. Service Date Time Sunday, January 23, 2005 2:30 PM Service Location Central Baptist Church, 1301 North Gregg St., Fayetteville, Arkansas 72703.



RF

Rev. Donald Cunningham (Childhood Friend) posted:

Attended Oaklawn Missionary Baptist Church in Hot Springs when Bennie's dad was the Sunday School Superintendent and his mother was our pianist. I always knew God had special plans for Bennie. I'm glad to have known him as a child and that God used him to further the work of the kingdom. Bennie, save a place for me in the pew next to you in that heavenly sanctuary! I'm on my way!

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CF

Chaplain Jo Jones (Friend) posted:

Please accept my sincere sympathy in regard to Bennie's passing away. I knew Bennie from the CPT training class at Washington Regional. He was a very loving and dedicated man of God. He will be greatly missed by all. Love and Blessings,

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TF

Tom Cunningham (Childhood Friend) posted:

I saw the obituary in the online edition of The Sentinel-Record in Hot Springs AR. I hadn't seen Bennie since I was a child at Oaklawn Missionary Baptist Church. He and his family lived down the street on Oaklawn Blvd. from my grandparents not far from the church, where my grandfather was caretaker. Bennie was in my Sunday School class, taught by Ernie Pryor. I lost touch with him, as so many of us do, when people move away. But my father, Cecil, who died in 1968 at age 57, spoke highly of Bennie. Dad had been an alcoholic for years but finally was saved by the Lord from his cravings and joined AA. He heard Bennie preach somewhere, probably at Oaklawn, in 1968 and told me what a great preacher he was. I'm sorry I never got the chance to hear him, but I remember him and his father, Ernest, and that his mother, Lottie, was our pianist for many years at Oaklawn. Good memories for me. I'm so glad he became a missionary and served for 17 years in Japan, my wife's homeland. My brother, Don, is now a Baptist minister in Hot Springs. I'm sure he'll be visiting this nice Web site. The photos are great. I shall miss Bennie, a fellow Christian. My sympathies to his family. May God bless each of them.

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TI

Tim Irizarry posted:

Bennie and his family have helped so many college-aged students make the adjustment easier to "life on your own". I am fortunate enough to have been one of these and will always be thankful for the guidance he gave me in my years at the University. You are all in my and my family's prayers.

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BF

Billy Corbin (Friend) posted:

Bro. McWha was a great friend and even a father figure to me. He (and his family) ministered to me in so many ways... spiritually, emotionally, physically and even financially once when struggling through some medical problems while attending school in Fayetteville. He was also my mentor direct from the Lord. I will never forget all the personal time he spent with me in EE. He showed me how to serve the Lord. It is hard to know he is gone from us now, but very comforting to know that he is with the Lord. He spent his entire life serving, loving, helping and guiding others. I feel blessed to have been in his shadow for even just a while. I thank God for him and Shelby. I pray that the Lord will comfort the family in this loss and sad time. I love you all. Billy Corbin

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BM

Brian D. Moren posted:

Pastor McWha meant a lot to me. He's had as much influence in my life as anyone. I learned so much from him at Central. He had a heart for God and His truth. I thank him and Shelby for opening their home to me many times when I was in college - just to visit, seek counsel sometimes, and be a home away from home.

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LE

Linda Vanbrunt/Lorena Vanbrunt (Wrmc Employees) posted:

Our deepest sympathy and prayers are with each of you. We worked with Bennie and he was a dear friend. May God comfort you in this time of sorrow. With deepest sympathy, Linda & Lorena VanBrunt

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RF

Ray & Debby Price (Friend) posted:

Rev. McWha was a very special and wise man. We consider having known him to be a gift. We praise God for Rev. McWha's willingness to be a channel through which the love of Christ flowed. His life reflected his obedience and love of the Lord through his work and actions on this earth. We know that he will be greatly missed by all, but his memories will always be special treasures. Love Ray and Debby

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GB

Gerald Bunn posted:

We're thinking about you

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RF

Ron And Linda Austin (Friend) posted:

We are saddened by the death of this great man of the Lord. Many men say their life is dedicated to the Lord and His principles for life. Bennie not only said it, he lived it. No greater thing could be said of Bennie McWha than that he was a brother in Christ, a Christian. We looked to him many times in our lives to give us a glimpse of Christ. He was predictable, dependable, and trustworthy. As a family leader, he was an example to us, as well as to many others. His quiver was indeed "full". He loved his family and friends. To Shelby, Earnie, Carrie, and Diane, we are truly sorry for your loss and we know how much you hurt right now. Your faith will see you through! God bless each of you and your families. We were hoping the funeral would be on Monday so we could get there and back between clinic visits. I dialyze on Saturday evening and it is very difficult to get going early the next morning. Just know we are with you in spirit and our prayers. We love you. Ron and Linda Austin

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BA

Bill And Faye Willis (Acquaintance) posted:

We remember with great fondness the work of Bennie and Shelby on the mission field. Our church has extended itself through his work that the Lord might be glorified. Now we glory in his homegoing and pray for grace and comfort for those left behind. Our prayers are with you all.

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JF

Jimmie And Joy Alford (Friends) posted:

Heaven is a little richer today for the life of Bennie McWha. No greater tribute can be stated than that he gave his life in the ministry to others. 2Tim 4:7 Shelby, we regret our paths have not crossed often enough but we rejoice at every remembrance of your joy and your faithfulness in the service of our Lord. May the God of all peace give you strength and grace for the days ahead. Jim and Joy Alford

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CS

Cindy Sigmon posted:

Diane and Rebekah, I was so sorry to learn today of Bro. McWha's passing. I am so glad he was able to participate in Rebekah's graduation last May and that I was able to meet him. My sympathies to you and the rest of the family.

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EF

Eddie & Beth Lewis (Friend) posted:

Our hearts are heavy but at the same time we celebrate Bro. Bennie's life and legacy. We were truly blessed to have known him, been taught by him, and loved by him. Our prayers are with you, the family, now and in the coming days. May God's peace that passes all understanding comfort and keep you now and always. We love you all.

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BK

Bob And Pauline Kendrick posted:

Our deepest sympathy and Prayers are with you all. Bob and Pauline Kendrick

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MT

Michael And Judy Thompson posted:

Our prayers are with you today. We got the first word from Japan, through Kabsu. Bro. Bennie had an impact on our early ministry and married life.

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