



J.L. McNamee

October 4, 1934 - May 27, 2019

J.L. McNamee passed away peacefully at age 84, surrounded by family, on May 27, 2019. J.L. was born on October 4, 1934, in Shady Grove, Texas, to John L. McNamee and Georgia Lorene Barber McNamee. J.L.'s father, John, passed away in 1942, leaving his mother, "Lorene," to raise J.L. and his two brothers, Bob and David, in rural East Texas. The three boys grew up very close to their maternal grandparents, Horace and Myrtle Barber. J.L. graduated from Big Sandy High School in 1952 and married Glenda Hagler on September 17, 1955, in Gilmer, Texas. J.L. would tell you he fell in love with Glenda when she whistled at him while he was driving on the square in Gilmer. The young couple moved to Dallas in 1955 to begin their life together. Ever loyal, J.L. worked for Ford Motor Company from 1955 until he retired in 1999. An avid car-enthusiast, J.L. loved everything about cars and spent most of his free time refurbishing cars, building race cars, and cheering on his favorite NASCAR drivers. He delighted in his job and passion, which proved one in the same. J.L. and Glenda were blessed with two children, Justin Lynn and Kimberly Ann, whom they raised in Dallas, Texas. J.L. was an active part of his children's lives and never gave up the driver's seat on family vacations. He was the consummate handyman, always capable of taking things apart and putting them back together better than before. He was a loyal husband and deeply loving father to Justin and Kim. In 1965, J.L. was baptized and wholly committed himself to serving the Lord at Meadow View Church of Christ, formerly known as Casa View Church of Christ, where he served as deacon for more than 44 years. J.L. coordinated a teen visitation program, taught junior high Sunday school, served as maintenance coordinator for the church's bus program, and served as contribution and attendance recordkeeper for 31 years. J.L. exemplified 1 Thessalonians 4:11, "Make it your ambition to lead a quiet life and attend to your own business and work with your hands." He was an honorable, hard-working and humble man—a family man, who invested in his children and grandchildren wholeheartedly. His very favorite thing in the world was being "Pop" to his adored grandchildren. On July 27, 1999, J.L.'s vivacious wife Glenda passed away. They had 44 beautiful years together and poured themselves into their family, friends and faith community. J.L. later fell in love and remarried Lillie Peyronet on March 19, 2004, after a memorable ride together on the road to Henryetta, Oklahoma. Together, they spent their time loving their combined family and

dear friends for more than 15 blessed years. J.L. is survived by his loving wife, Lillie Peyronet McNamee; his treasured daughter, Kimberly McNamee Moore, and her husband, Rodney, and their children Max, Sam and Georgia; former daughter-in-law, Deena McNamee King, and her children Sheridan and Bethany; step-daughter, Peggy Porter, and her husband, Bob, and their children, Robert Porter and wife Charlotte, and Michelle Jones and husband Brad; step-daughter, Cindy Peyronet; brother, David McNamee; beloved great grandchildren, Joseph, Lillie and Mia; and many special nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his first wife, Glenda McNamee; his son, Justin Lynn McNamee; his parents, John L. and Lorene McNamee; step-father, Chester Gage; and brother, Bob McNamee. The visitation will be held at Restland Funeral Home from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm on June 13, 2019. The funeral service celebrating J.L.'s life will be held at Meadow View Church of Christ, 4100 N. Galloway Avenue, Mesquite, Texas 75150 at 10:00 am on June 14, 2019, burial immediately following at Restland Memorial Park. There will be a reception at Meadow View Church of Christ following all services honoring J.L. McNamee. The family wishes to extend their heartfelt thanks to Minister Mike Hisaw for officiating and to the staff of Total Hospice and Palliative Care, who ministered to and cared for J.L. during his final days. Should friends desire, memorial donations may be sent to Meadow View Church of Christ or M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, In honor of J.L. McNamee, PO Box 4486 Houston, TX 77210 or online at <http://www.mdanderson.org/gifts>.