



Coach Gary Don McKee

December 22, 1953 - October 14, 2011

Gary Don "Coach" McKee died at his home on Friday, October 14, 2011. He was 57 years of age. Coach McKee was born on December 22, 1953 in Borger, Texas to Hale Donald and Laverda Jean (Moyers) McKee. He was a veteran of the United States Air Force before becoming a teacher and father early in life. Coach McKee moved to Okmulgee in 1986 where he coached football, wrestling, track and softball. He enjoyed working on motors and all outside activities. Coach McKee's joy was coaching but he loved being a daddy and especially a grandpa to Jaylie. He was a member of OEA, CTA, the Oklahoma Wrestling Coaches Association, and Little League Wrestling. His father Hale McKee and a brother Richard "Mack" McKee preceded him in death.

Coach McKee is survived by two children: Chris McKee and girlfriend Angelique Hughes and Halie McKee and husband Jarrell Dean all of Okmulgee, granddaughter Jaylie Dean, the mother of his children Laverne McKee, his mother Laverda McKee of Ardmore, brother Hugh Dale McKee also of Ardmore, honorary brother Gary Follis of Oklahoma City, many nieces, nephews, cousins and the thousands of OMS students and faculty he has touched throughout his 27 years of teaching and coaching.

Services will be held on Thursday, October 20, 2011 at 10:00 A.M. at the First Baptist Church. Interment will be at 3:00 P.M. at the Greenhill Cemetery in Davis, Oklahoma. Casket bearers are Kerry Walters, John Kincaid, Jeff Pulliam, Chad Lemmons, Robert Moyers, Don Moyers, Milee Kriege and Mike

Scott. Honorary casket bearers are Gary Follis, Richie McKee, and Raymond Dean, Jr. Friends may view Coach McKee at the McClendon-Winters Funeral Home in Okmulgee on Wednesday from 12:00 – 8:00 P.M. The family requests memorial contributions be made to the Okmulgee Education Foundation. Online condolences may be sent to www.mcclendon-winters.com

Previous Events

Service

OCT **20**. 10:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Okmulgee
311 W. 5th Street
Okmulgee, OK

Tribute Wall



“ Coach McKee was a mentor to me. He was my very first wrestling coach as a coach myself all these years later I still look up to him and always will.

Miss ya Coach!!!! God bless the Mckee Family.

Jones J Jones class of 1998

Jones Jones - September 01, 2023 at 03:31 PM



“ Coach Gary Don McKee

December 20, 2022 at 11:29 AM



“ Mrs. McKee I'm so sorry to hear about Gary. You just never know what life is going to hand you but whatever it does you know God will see you through. Seems like just a short while ago I was visiting with you at Daddy's visitation. Sounds like Gary had a great life and he made the most of it. God Bless you and may He keep you in His arms.##imported-begin##Barbara Miller Davis##imported-end##

October 21, 2011 at 09:50 PM



“ He'll be missed. Our prayers will be with you.##imported-begin##Thomas, Mary Dunn##imported-end##

October 21, 2011 at 05:34 PM



“ Our condolences goes out to all of the family. Prayers are with you. He was a great coach, person, and friend. We will miss him very much. GOD bless you.##imported-begin##Rogers Family##imported-end##

October 21, 2011 at 11:44 AM



“ I got to see your beautiful grand baby for the first time today. Wish it hadn't been under these circumstances though. Your students, family, friends, and most of all your kids and grand baby were blessed to have you in their lives. You've helped raise two wonderful children. Give them the strength they need to get through this. God bless and rest in peace!##imported-begin##Stacey Rose##imported-end##

October 21, 2011 at 01:12 AM



“ My prayers are with the family. Gary was a very nice man and dad.##imported-begin##Sharon Chronister##imported-end##

October 20, 2011 at 02:19 PM



“ My prayers are with Gary's family and friends. Even though I have not seen Gary in many years, I will never forget him. We were in the same class and on the wrestling team at Ardmore High School. We shared many workouts, trips, meals, weigh-ins, meetings. All the things teammates endure, we went through together. We were roughly the same weight, so we wrestled each other every day during the season for 5-6 years. I like to think we made each other better. My memory tells me he was always steady and always there when we needed him. I can't believe he is gone.##imported-begin##Keith Crites##imported-end##

October 20, 2011 at 10:04 AM



“ Chris and Halie, you are in my prayers. You all have always been like family to me. Gary was like a brother to me and one of the kindest man I have ever known. He would help anyone in need. I know he has touched a lot of lives throughout his years as a teacher/coach. Gary is in a much better place with the Lord. May the Lord heal our heavy hearts. Rest in Peace my brother!##imported-begin##John Kincade##imported-end##

October 20, 2011 at 12:23 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all. A life well lived but ended much too soon. However, we must place our trust in God and treasure all of our memories. Love & prayers....Pat Wilson##imported-begin##Pat Gouthier Wilson##imported-end##

October 19, 2011 at 09:23 PM



“ *Laverda & Dale,
We are very sorry for your loss. I have always looked up to Gary. I
thought a lot of him. I will miss him. My prayers will be with
you.##imported-begin##David Ruth##imported-end##*

October 19, 2011 at 06:01 PM



“ *Our prayers are with you. We have such wonderful memories of the
McKee family.##imported-begin##James and Millie (Scrivner)
Adams##imported-end##*

October 19, 2011 at 12:50 PM



“ *A sad good-bye to my friend, a part of my OMS family, and Coach
and teacher to many of my former students. Prayers, Love, and
Peace to Halie, Chris, and Coach's family and friends.*

*Donis Volturo Cook
Bartlesville, OK##imported-begin##Donis Volturo Cook##imported-
end##*

October 19, 2011 at 12:00 PM



“ *thank you coach for all your time spent as an okmulgee bulldog, you
are missed##imported-begin##Mollye Mabrey Furch##imported-
end##*

October 19, 2011 at 10:58 AM



“ My condolences to the McKee family. I consider myself lucky to have had Coach McKee as a coach and a friend so early in my life. I remember him always having a positive attitude and I have so many great memories of him. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family.##imported-begin##Jeff Hankins##imported-end##

October 19, 2011 at 03:00 AM



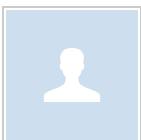
“ You were way too young to go from us. Rest in peace and peace and loving memories for your family.##imported-begin##Diana Bergman##imported-end##

October 18, 2011 at 07:49 PM



“ My prayers go out to you all. Gary was a great man and will be missed by all. Keep your good memories close to your heart, he will always be with you.##imported-begin##Nancy Hummel Melton##imported-end##

October 18, 2011 at 04:23 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers go out to the family of Coach McKee. He was a great teacher and coach and will never be forgotten. I used to play church league softball with him and we always had a great time. He was just a fun person to be around. I pray for peace and comfort for Hailee, and Chris, and may god give you strength in this difficult time.##imported-begin##Ginger Wolfe Hardgrave##imported-end##

October 18, 2011 at 07:56 AM



“ My prayers are with Gary's family at this time. I had not seen Gary since high school, but he was a good person then, always smiling. I know he will be missed by many.##imported-begin##Denita Duke Strube##imported-end##

October 18, 2011 at 07:49 AM



“ Rest in peace my friend.##imported-begin##Steve Peterson##imported-end##

October 18, 2011 at 12:47 AM



“ Gary was a respected colleague and friend of wrestling. His influence on so many young lives will return positive memories for years to come. Rest in Peace Coach. Greg Hinkle, Ft. Gibson Wrestling, 1978-2000.##imported-begin##Greg Hinkle##imported-end##

October 17, 2011 at 09:58 PM



“ Dear McKee Family,
I am so sorry for your loss. I knew Gary and his family while growing up in Ardmore, OK. May God give you peace during this sad time.##imported-begin##Tracy Martin Yarbrough##imported-end##

October 17, 2011 at 03:05 PM



“ You all have touched our lives in a way you will never know. Coach will be missed. I am thankful that he was a part of our lives. He was a great man.##imported-begin##Michelle McGovran##imported-end##

October 17, 2011 at 01:15 PM



“ COACH McKEY WILL BE FONDLY REMEMBERED FOR HIS WORK WITH THE YOUTH WRESTLING PROGRAM. OUR PRAYERS AND THOUGHTS ARE WITH THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS. MAY GOD BLESS.##imported-begin##DON WASHINGTON AND FAMILY##imported-end##

October 17, 2011 at 10:56 AM



“ My heart goes out to the McKee family. Coach McKee was a great man and I was lucky enough to have him as a little league coach. He will not be forgotten.

-Melissa O'Mealey Thomas##imported-begin##Melissa O'Mealey Thomas##imported-end##

October 17, 2011 at 09:20 AM



“ Hailey and Chris Your Dad will be remembered by many as he touched the lives of so many each day he was here. Your in our prayers .##imported-begin##The Colpitt Family##imported-end##

October 15, 2011 at 07:57 PM



“ Halie and Chris,
Gary Don left you a legacy of love.
He will always be a part of who you are.
We will all miss him very much, his laughter and smile, his pranks
and jokes
will forever be a part of our lives never to be forgotten.
Love to You both,
Barbara###imported-begin##Barbara Jones###imported-end##

October 15, 2011 at 05:09 PM



“ Halie and Chris, your dad loved both of you so very very much. A
part of him is in each of you. He left you with lots of memories to
cherish. God will give you strength at this time, and comfort too in
knowing that you will be reunited again some day. I love you both
and will keep you in my prayers. love, Aunt Rie###imported-
begin##Marie Blakley###imported-end##

October 15, 2011 at 11:41 AM