



Ronald "Ron" Hughes McConkey

Ronald Hughes McConkey, age 85, died peacefully Friday, May 29, 2015 at Clare Bridge of Topeka, Kansas, after a three year battle of Parkinson's and Lewy Body Syndrome. Ron was born in Storm Lake, Iowa to Samuel and Florence (Hughes) McConkey on March 26, 1930.

He was the oldest sibling of his two sisters and brother. He attended school in Storm Lake, college at Minnesota Bible College, and seminary at Lincoln Illinois Christian Seminary. While attending Bible College, he met Lois Arlene Tuschoff. They married June 24, 1951, at Storm Lake, Iowa. They were married one month short of 64 years. From this union four children were born, Pamela Ann and Timothy Lynn in Illinois and Ruth Eileen and Stephen Ronald were in Lewistown, Montana. Ron and Lois ministered churches in Oreana, IL, Malta, MT, Lewistown,

MT, Casa Grande, AZ, and Fort Benton, MT.

While in Lewistown, Ron inspired more than 25 young students to attend Bible College. Because of that, he accepted the call to become the Student Recruiter and Promotional Director at Nebraska Christian College from 1973 to 1986. While there, he continued to inspire young people to serve the Lord in all capacities. During his 18 year ministry in Lewistown, Ron participated in various community clubs, as well as historical and civic improvement projects. Some activities included member of Kiwanis, chairman of Key Club, and on the board of directors for the mentally disadvantaged. In the 1960s he had a radio program called "Good News" that ran for 15 years. For several years he announced sporting events for the area high schools and was the morning radio man for KXLO. Ron was also an avid hunter.

While at Norfolk, he earned his pilot's license being instructed by his son-in-law John. Ron's passion was ministering to the youth and in that, he was instrumental in starting Little Rockies Christian Camp. He spent many hours as camp manager and working on camp improvements. Ron and Lois retired, October 1, 1997 and returned to Lewistown MT. While retired, he served as interim minister for several churches including McAllen, TX, Casper, WY, Libby, Stanford and Geyser, MT.

He also conducted many weddings, funerals and assisted the staff at Creel Funeral Home. Ron was known for his sense of humor and practical jokes. In addition to following his beloved Nebraska Cornhuskers, he also enjoyed restoring antiques, woodworking and sharing his projects with friends and family.

Ron is survived by his devoted wife, Lois, of Lewistown, his children Pamela (John) Swedburg, of Moses Lake, WA, Tim (Susan) McConkey of Lewistown, Ruth (Rich) Mohr, of Topeka, KS, Steve (Deb) McConkey of League City, TX. He is a proud grandpa of thirteen grandchildren, John Marc (Erica) Swedburg, Tiffany (Eamonn) Carolan, Erica (Jared) Schmutz, Justin Arnold (Kisha), Jessica (Mike) Dean, Kyle (Amy) McConkey, Sarah (Tim) Fain, Christina (fiancé, Evan) McConkey, Tyler Arnold, Bryan (fiancé, Angie) Mohr, Darren (Kate) Mohr, Kevin Mohr,

Adya Gore (fiancé, Robert); and twelve great grandchildren, Gracelin, Jack & Graham Hughes Swedburg, Enzo & Greenlee Schmautz, Liam & Keegan Carolan, Micah & Ruthie Fain, Max Mohr, Nolan & Caleb McConkey. He is also survived by his two sisters, Florine (Richard) Vick of Fort Worth TX and Norma Jean (Norman) Maynard of Medina, OH; sisters in law Marcia McConkey, Minnetonka, MN, Virginia Dunham, Carroll, IA, Ardyce (Bill) Stevenson, Spencer, IA, Alice Tuschoff, Austin, MN; brother in law, Bob Griffiths of Okoboji, IA. Ron's nieces and nephews were important to him and they enjoyed spending time with their "Uncle Ronnie". He was preceded in death by his parents, brother, Duane McConkey, sister in law, Gerry Griffiths and brothers in law, Logan Dunham and Merle Tuschoff.

A memorial service will be held on June 6, 2015, 11:00 a.m. at First Christian Church in Lewistown. Memorial donations can be made to Nebraska Christian College Scholarship Fund. Arrangements are under the care of Creel Funeral Home. Ron's family and friends can share memories and condolences at www.creelfuneralhome.com "Well done, good and faithful servant...enter thou into the joy of thy Lord" Matthew 25:21 To plant a tree in memory of Ronald "Ron" Hughes McConkey, visit the Tribute Store .

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