



## Lewis McCrary

August 20, 1919 - November 2, 2014

Funeral Services for Lewis McCrary, 95, of Rusk, Texas are scheduled for 2:00 p.m., Friday, November 7, 2014 at Wallace-Thompson Funeral Home Chapel, Rusk, Texas under the direction of Wallace- Thompson Funeral Home. Robbie Arrington will be officiating. Burial will follow in Salem Cemetery, Rusk, Texas.

Lewis McCrary went to be with his Lord and Savior November 2, 2014. He was born August 20, 1919 in Cushing, Texas to the late Jacob and Dollie McCrary.

Lewis joined the Army Air Force on September 16, 1940 and served during WWII. When the war was over, he was stationed at Barksdale Air Force Base in Louisiana. While visiting his brother in Rusk, he met and married Betty Ann Jones. While being in the service, they traveled the United States. Each of their four children were born in different states.

Lewis retired from the Air Force on August 31, 1962 after serving 22 years. Moved to Waco, Texas and then to Rusk, Texas where he lived and worked for over 50 years. He got his nursing degree in 1969 from Nan Travis Nursing School and retired from Rusk State Hospital after 22 years.

Lewis was very outgoing; he would help anyone, or whoever needed help anytime—all they had to do was ask. Taking care of people was his life; he's the guy that would give his shirt if you needed it. He enjoyed reading, adored spending time with his grandchildren and family, and taking the kids fishing.

Mr. McCrary was predeceased by his parents, 3 sisters and 3 brothers.

Left to cherish his memories is his loving wife of 66 years, Betty, one son, Roger McCrary and his wife Rose, Kirvin, TX, three daughters, Nancy Fenton and her husband John, Olympia, WA, Mary Crews and her husband Dale, Rusk, TX, Anita Woody and her husband Jack, Rusk, TX, his twin sister Lois Smith, Tyler, TX, his brother R.C. McCrary,

Nacogdoches, TX, many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, friends, his adopted daughter by heart, Donna Reynolds Parks, "The Cat Lady", and all the nurses from Bethany Home Health and Heart to Heart Hospice.

A very special Thank You to the ladies that willingly gave their time, love, and attention to Mr. McCrary: Shinita Hicks, Peg Green, Becky Durett, Mary Kellis, Terrie Irby, Kathy Moesser, and Lisa Penn.

Visitation is Thursday, November 6, 2014 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at Wallace-Thompson Funeral Home. Pallbearers include Roger Hardy, Clint Norwood, Chris Crews, Paytn Woody, Michael Crews, Chuck Bosley, and Willie McCrary. Memorial donations may be made if desired to Heart to Heart Hospice, 209 Christie Street, Lufkin, Texas, 75904.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Lewis McCrary*

October 04, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *My prayers are with Droke (Roger) and Nancy. I knew him well and he was a GREAT friend.....I drove his red Volkswagen for many years after he sold it to me*

**Mike Hanson** - November 08, 2014 at 10:38 PM



“ *Lewis will be missed. He would often visit with my parents. One visit he had on a Hawaiian shirt. My father mentioned that he liked it and Lewis did take that shirt off and give it to him. My father wore it for years. When my husband was listed MIA, Lewis and Betty were the first friends to come visit with me. Please know that Lewis was one of a kind. His family is in my prayers.*

**Dianne** - November 08, 2014 at 06:23 PM



“ *I worked with Mr. McCrary at RSH AND LET ME TELL YOU WORKING WITH HIM AND Billy O'Neal there was never a dull moment. Rest in Peace Mr. McCrary*

**Shirley Herring** - November 05, 2014 at 06:04 PM



“ *I work with Mr. McCrary at the State Hospital and let me tell you working with people like him and Billy O'Neal there was never a dull moment. Rest in peace Mr. McCrary*

**Shirley Herring** - November 05, 2014 at 05:58 PM



“ *I-45 Coffee Shop crew purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Lewis McCrary.*



**I-45 Coffee Shop crew** - November 05, 2014 at 01:40 PM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Lewis McCrary.*



November 05, 2014 at 08:09 AM

KG

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you right now. My heart is heavy with sadness for each of you. He was a very sweet and caring man and will be greatly missed by everyone that knew him and that he came in contact with.*

*I love you all,*

*Kileen and Kenny*

*Jessica, Clay, Steven, Jeri, Chelsea, Maddison, Casey, Sean, Ethan and Landen*

**Kileen Gaddis** - November 04, 2014 at 10:34 AM

ST

“ *My heart is so sad that I will be unable to see you again. You were always so special to me. If I could adopt another Dad, you would be him. Who am I kidding I always thought of you as my second Dad. I Love and will miss you. Thank you for making my life so much brighter. I and so many others are so lucky to have known you.*

*Love You*

*Sharon Lee*



**Sharon Taylor** - November 04, 2014 at 09:48 AM

MK

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**Michele Kellebrew** - November 04, 2014 at 09:13 AM

CB

“ I will miss you dearly! You were one of a kind, nobody else like you! You can never be duplicated by anyone! Your spirit will live on forever through all of us, your family!  
Love ya!  
Chuck Bosley  
Grandson!

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**chuck bosley** - November 04, 2014 at 08:48 AM

RM

“ PaPa-Son you were one of a kind and a heck of a man you taught us valuable lessons in life and guess what? It took I lost a real good close friend you will be missed we love you don't party to hard (ha)

Love you forever  
# 1 Son

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**Roger McCrary** - November 04, 2014 at 06:33 AM

LH

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Please know that I understand and share your grief. He was a real gentleman. LaRae "Aint Rae" Helstrom

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**LaRae Helstrom** - November 03, 2014 at 10:50 AM

PT

I am very sorry for your loss Mr. Mac will be missed so much. Y'all have been very dear neighbors and were always there for my in-laws. You are both very kind and generous people. May The Lord bless you and keep you safe in his loving arms. If you need anything at all please let us know. Love Tim & Pam Tyer

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**Pam Tyer** - November 09, 2014 at 11:32 AM