



Mr. John Daniel McLaurin

November 18, 1921 - August 10, 2014

John Daniel McLaurin passed away peacefully at home on August 10, 2014. The son of Daisy McDonald McLaurin and Alexander Bethune McLaurin, he was born in Bethune, SC, on November 18, 1921. He was educated in the Bethune schools and the Darlington School in Rome, GA, before attending The Citadel and graduating from Presbyterian College.

He was predeceased by his beloved wife of 57 years, Dorothy Ouzts McLaurin, a brother Alexander Bethune McLaurin, Jr., and two sisters, Mary Ellen Carter and Lorena McDonald Troeger.

In early December 1944 he deployed as a staff sergeant to continental Europe with the 22nd Tank Battalion, 11th Armored Division, landing in Normandy. By December 23 the division had joined Gen. George S. Patton's US Third Army and fought in the Battle of the Bulge. Before the end of WWII the Battalion had moved through France, Belgium, Luxembourg, Germany, and Austria. He was honorably discharged in November 1950.

Mr. McLaurin oversaw the initial construction of telephone service for portions of both Chesterfield and Kershaw counties. He was general manager of Sandhill Telephone Cooperative from 1957 to 1992. He served on many statewide committees within the industry and was president of the statewide association from 1982 - 1984. He was inducted into the SC

Telecommunications Hall of Fame in 1999, serving on the Board of Directors of the National Telephone Association from 1966 - 1992.

A charter member of the Bethune Lions Club, Mr. McLaurin also served on the Board of Trustees for Kershaw County Medical Center from 1988 - 1994 and as Chairman of the Board from 1992 - 1994.

Mr. McLaurin was a lifelong member of Bethel United Methodist Church where he was chairman of the Administrative Council, a lay leader, and a respected Sunday School teacher.

He is survived by his daughters Ellen McLaurin of Pawley's Island and Mary Anne Norwood of the home; grandchildren Johnathan(Ashley), Lexi, Daniel, Maryanna, Hannah, and Eric; great grandchildren Grayson and Jordan; and a loving extended family.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 P.M. on August 16 at Bethel United Methodist Church in Bethune, SC, with the Rev. Barbara Seegars, the Rev. Larry Brown, and the Rev. Sanders Read officiating. The family will receive friends in the fellowship hall following the service. Committal will be held in Scotch Cemetery, Bethune, SC.

The family appreciates the tender love, care, and support from the Hospice staff, Renda Hodges, Melinda Phillips Williams, Brian Ogburn, Megan Quigley and his caregivers Charity Canty, Brenda Commander, and Marvin King.

Memorials may be made to Bethel United Methodist Church, 103 King St. E., Bethune, SC 29009 or Scotch Cemetery Association, 603 S. Walton St, Bethune, SC 29009.

Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home, Hartsville, SC, is serving the family.

Cemetery Details

Scotch Cemetery

Bethune, SC

Previous Events

Service

AUG 16. 2:00 PM (ET)

Bethel United Methodist Church (Bethune, SC)
103 King Street East
Bethune, SC 29009

Visitation

AUG 16. 2:45 PM (ET)

Bethel United Methodist Church (Bethune, SC)
103 King Street East
Bethune, SC 29009

Tribute Wall

AL

“ To Ellen and the Mclauren family-
Wishing you comfort, peace and serenity. May
all your wonderful memories help you through
this difficult time.
Hugs-
Ariane and Craig Lieberman.



Ariane and Craig Lieberman - August 16, 2014 at 12:07 PM

AL

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Ariane and Craig Lieberman - August 16, 2014 at 12:09 PM

TS

“ The Holley Family (Bethune, SC) lit a candle
in memory of Mr. John Daniel McLaurin



The Holley Family (Bethune, SC) - August 16, 2014 at 11:21 AM

TS

Sending condolences at this sad time. All our love, The Holley Family

The Holley Family (Bethune, SC) - August 16, 2014 at 11:23 AM



“ Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Fisher send prayers of comfort to the family
of this wonderful man.

Teresa Fisher - August 15, 2014 at 05:36 PM

JG

“ Joel Gaskins lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Daniel McLaurin



Joel Gaskins - August 15, 2014 at 03:18 PM

RC

“ Rick And Tammy Gardner Couick lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Daniel McLaurin



Rick and Tammy Gardner Couick - August 15, 2014 at 08:40 AM

CG

“ Carl And Nancy Graham lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Daniel McLaurin



Carl and Nancy Graham - August 14, 2014 at 06:08 AM

DR

“ David And Rhonda Rhyne lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Daniel McLaurin



David and Rhonda Rhyne - August 13, 2014 at 09:20 PM

AH

“ *Al Huggins lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Daniel McLaurin*



Al Huggins - August 13, 2014 at 07:51 PM

IW

“ *Irvin & Debra Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Daniel McLaurin*



Irvin & Debra Williams - August 13, 2014 at 04:10 PM

RC

“ *Ronnie And Dell Chapman lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Daniel McLaurin*



Ronnie and Dell Chapman - August 13, 2014 at 11:11 AM

JS

“ Dear Ellen and Mary Ann and family,

We were sad to learn of John's passing. Obviously, he was a a tremendous leader in the telephone business, Church, and community.

You have our deepest condolences. We know he will be missed.

We won't be able to attend the service on the sixteenth, but know that we share your loss and that the McLaurin family is in our thoughts and prayers.

Joe and Mary Anna Summer, Charlotte

Joe Summer - August 12, 2014 at 08:00 PM

MN

Joe, I really would love to see y'all and hate that you can't come. It's been way too long. We love y'all!!!

Mary Anne McLaurin Norwood - August 12, 2014 at 10:20 PM

BK

“ *Mr. Mac was my manager at Sandhill from 1957 until we both retired at the end of 1992. He was a true gentleman and always wanted to know what was going on with all our Sandhill families. He genuinely loved his wife, Dot, and his daughters, Ellen and Mary Ann, as well as his grandchildren. He was a Christian man and made Sandhill a successful company. Your family has great memories and know that Mr. Mac lived a long and blessed life.*

Barbara Kirkley - August 12, 2014 at 06:19 PM

BK

“ I met Mr. Mac over 22 years ago when he hired my daughter to work permanently at Sandhill. He was always her mentor and became a very close family friend as well as Mrs. Mac. We used to spend time together at certain meetings and always listened to his stories of years past!!!! Mr. Mac will be dearly missed, but he has now made his journey to Heaven to be with Mrs. Mac once again!!!! Barbara Knoles



Barbara Knoles - August 11, 2014 at 12:06 PM

WT

“ Mr. McLaurin was one of the strongest Christian leaders of men that I have ever had the privilege to be associated with. He set a high mark to follow and was an example to step up and be the best you can be. Wayne Tidwell and family.

Wayne Tidwell - August 11, 2014 at 11:14 AM

MH

“ At the age of 26, Mr. McLaurin hired me to work at Sandhill Telephone. For the next 20 plus years, I worked under the leadership of one of the most honest, Christian men I have known. From him I learned more than how to complete the job at task, but the way one should live their lives being true and fair to others, recognizing and enhancing the best in others. His interests in my family and life outside of work were genuine, and my children and my husband grew to know him as a friend as did I. My family and I will be forever thankful for having known Mr. McLaurin.

Margaret Hinson

Margaret Hinson - August 11, 2014 at 10:02 AM

JO

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Jeanne Oliver - August 11, 2014 at 09:27 AM

MB

A job well done. You will always be in our hearts. Merrill Brown

Merrill Brown - August 12, 2014 at 07:30 AM

MN

oh Jeanne, I love this! Thank you for sharing.

Mary McLaurin Norwood - August 13, 2014 at 10:02 AM

JO

“ Mr. McLaurin began as my mentor, became my friend which grew into tremendous admiration and love. Never had I met a more honorable man. I am so blessed to have known him. He changed my life. My heart will always hold a special place for Mr. & Mrs. McLaurin and family. I can't even express my deepest sympathies and heartfelt prayers.



Jeanne Oliver - August 11, 2014 at 09:00 AM

RB

“ I am sorry to hear of your loss. May you find comfort in the promises at Revelation 21:4 that reads; "And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes and death will be no more. Neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things has passed away."

RW Brown - August 11, 2014 at 08:59 AM



“ *Mr. McLaurin will truly be missed. He was always very nice to me and always wanted to know how my family was doing. He lived a long life and definately made a difference!* ”



Shann Deese - August 11, 2014 at 08:19 AM



“ *He made a difference, it is good that he was here.* ”
Gloria & family

Gloria Melton - August 11, 2014 at 07:57 AM