



Mr. Winston Haynes McElveen

November 18, 1929 - September 28, 2017

Mr. Winston McElveen, 87, of Hartsville died the morning of September 28th. He is preceded in death by his son, Mark, in 2001. He is survived by his daughter, Jana (David, Gibbs and Harrison) of Charleston, his brothers Kenneth (Eunice) and Don (Francis), his former wife and friend, Georgianna, who was a devoted helper to him in his last months, as well as a host of nieces and nephews who cherished their Uncle Wint.

Winston was born and raised in Hartsville, SC. He graduated from Hartsville High School where he was named Personality Plus. He developed a strong Christian faith as a child, attributing this to his mother's powerful influence. After several years of odd jobs, dating, and service in the National Guard, he married Nancy Bartholomew and moved to Georgia where his son Mark was born and Winston obtained a degree in Religion from Piedmont College. He went on to receive a master's degree at Wheaton College in Chicago and began a Ph.D. program at the University of Iowa, but God had other plans. Winston taught theology and religion at Toccoa Falls College, GA, where he was looked down upon by the administration for helping his students think for themselves and being a divorcee. The students felt otherwise, awarding Winston with Teacher of the Year. Winston was a preacher at several churches, spent time in Iowa, Richmond, VA, and Los Angeles. During those years his passion for community work was sparked and he met wonderful friends that he kept in touch with for much of his long life. He finally made his

way back to Hartsville in 1972. Although he thought it would be a short stay, he became editor of the Darlington County Tribune where he tackled everything from controversial political issues to human interests. He married Georgianna Privette, who hoped he would take her back to CA, but they settled in Hartsville and had their daughter, Jana. Winston and two other community members had the vision to establish a facility for alcohol and drug abuse support and they formed Rubicon in the early 70s. Winston wanted the center located in a house to give its clients a more comfortable environment and it has remained in the same old house since that time. Winston was the executive director of Rubicon from 1976 until 2016. He was known throughout the state and in the field of alcohol and drug abuse for his leadership, integrity, and faithful mission.

His hobby included genealogical research and he produced several books on the McElveen family that have helped dozens of people across the US understand their family tree. His detective work led to finding and refurbishing an old McElveen family cemetery in Lynchburg, SC where he will be laid to rest. Extended family deemed Winston “the glue” for keeping everyone connected. He was known for his warm smile, sweet spirit, and giving soul, constantly providing for those in need. He accomplished much in his 87 years through his leadership and labors, his unwavering faith in God and his steadfast belief in kindness to others. A true dreamer, he was a lover of books, music, and convertibles. His real joy in life was his children for whom he always made time and made it surprisingly easy for them to discuss matters of the heart. He adored his children’s friends and they adored him back. Sometimes a little rebellious of social convention and despite mistakes along the way, Winston always sought the truth and God’s direction.

Bring a smile, share a story, write a note, or just show up when the family receives friends at the home of Georgianna and Jana on Saturday, September 30, 2017, from 2-4 pm. Graveside service will be private. Memorials may be

made to the Winston Mark McElveen Scholarship Fund, FDTC Foundation, Box 100548, Florence SC 29501-0548. Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home is serving the family.

Tribute Wall



Melanie
Clark

“ *Just found out Winston had passed. He was an amazing person!!! Always had a smile!*



Melanie Clark - September 03, 2018 at 10:39 PM

PJ

“ *I just found out today you had passed and are now with Mark. My heart is broken. I so enjoyed working with you for 11 years at Jiffy Print. You will be forever loved.*

Paula Jordan - April 12, 2018 at 02:22 PM

LF

“ Winston McElveen,

You moved on to your next adventure and was buried while I was away playing at VA Beach. I'm sorry I missed it. You leave a big hole here in this world that will probably never be filled. You were the type of boss some people look for and never find. We talked and I told you all the creative things I wanted to do and you set me free to do it for over a dozen years.

You came to visit me once at the Billie Hardee Home for Boys in Darlington, SC, but always supported the programming I setup there. Many boys from all over South Carolina benefited from Equine Assisted Psychotherapy, Equine Assisted Growth and Learning Activities with Debby Lynn, Trail Rides at Lee State Park, trips to the Ropes Course in Conway, trips to the Alpine Tower and Odyssey Course at Heathwood Hall in Columbia, SC and canoe trips down the river and camping and hiking in the mountains and fishing, family counseling, individual and group substance abuse and prevention counseling, thousands of urine screens, flying kites, catching ball, and playing Bocci on the lawn at the Boy's Home.

I was nominated the person most likely to play on the job once by the BHHB staff.

You knew teens love and need novel experiences and they need to be kept busy with caring adult supervision, clear limits and consistent behavior related consequences to manage their acting out and develop self-discipline, self-esteem and self-respect.

The teen focused computer programs you purchased for the boys like the "Teens4Teens Program" made a big hit and may have prevented some STD's and pregnancy's. The boys and me even got in some "Wheel of Fortune" computer games in my office at times. I don't know how many games I lost on purpose.

You tolerated my doing workshops on Multiple Family Group

Therapy around the state and sent me to more fun training at the beach than I needed, but maybe that was the point.

You were the wind beneath my wings while I worked at Rubicon and I knew it and will never forget it.

I miss our talks in your office prior to my retiring and I will miss you not being with us here on this earth.

You rest in peace and I'll see you soon.....but not just yet.

Lewis N. Foster

Lewis N Foster - October 05, 2017 at 12:24 PM

JF

“ *When I think of Winston, I think of him with a big smile on his face. He always seemed to be happy. Isn't that a great way to be remembered? I'm sorry that I didn't know of his passing until after the service. My prayers for the family. I know he will be missed.*

Julie Morris Fails

Julie Morris Fails - October 03, 2017 at 07:07 PM

LF

“ *Lachelle Frederick lit a candle in memory of Mr. Winston Haynes McElveen*



Lachelle Frederick - October 03, 2017 at 02:38 PM

MB

“ *Melinda Byrd lit a candle in memory of Mr. Winston Haynes McElveen*



Melinda Byrd - October 02, 2017 at 08:01 PM

RT

“ *Rudy And Jayne Tyner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Winston Haynes McElveen*



Rudy and Jayne Tyner - October 02, 2017 at 07:04 PM

TT

“ *Tabitha Talley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Winston Haynes McElveen*



Tabitha Talley - October 02, 2017 at 04:03 PM

BH

“ *Bobbie Huggins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Winston Haynes McElveen*



Bobbie Huggins - October 02, 2017 at 09:11 AM

SG

“ My husband and I purchased a place in Apache Campground, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina in 2010. On our first visit down to stay for a while, we pulled in and across the street, Winston was standing out in his yard with that big smile on his face. We enjoyed that smile along with his friendship for only a few short years compared to many of you, but he has made a lasting impact on our lives which we will cherish.....always.

Steve and Gail Garrett
Apache Campground
and Jellico, Tennessee

Steve and Gail Garrett - October 02, 2017 at 06:48 AM

KJ

“ Kathi Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Winston Haynes McElveen



Kathi Johnson - October 01, 2017 at 10:25 PM

GO

“ I have known Winston McElveen almost my whole School Career going to The Darlington County Tribune and taking the papers from place to place to sell them. I miss those days. He has been the friend amongst friends. Lots of prayers for Don Kenneth and the extended family. Hartsville has lost an Icon of the City.

Grady O'Neal - October 01, 2017 at 09:10 PM



“ *He was always smiling. He will be missed.* 🙏



Jennifer Flowers - October 01, 2017 at 04:14 PM

RM

“ *Rae McDonald lit a candle in memory of Mr. Winston Haynes McElveen*



Rae McDonald - October 01, 2017 at 01:26 PM

RF

“ *Rev. Eddie & Allene Fleming lit a candle in memory of Mr. Winston Haynes McElveen*



Rev. Eddie & Allene Fleming - October 01, 2017 at 01:22 PM

JS

“ *Jennie Sellers lit a candle in memory of Mr. Winston Haynes McElveen*



Jennie Sellers - October 01, 2017 at 12:11 PM

JB

“ *Jeanette S. Blackmon lit a candle in memory of Mr. Winston Haynes McElveen*



Jeanette S. Blackmon - October 01, 2017 at 01:47 AM

VB

“ *Just got back in town and heard of Winston's death. Prayers for the family at this time.*



vernon Boyd - September 30, 2017 at 11:57 PM

LB

“ *Lori Bullard lit a candle in memory of Mr. Winston Haynes McElveen*



Lori Bullard - September 30, 2017 at 09:45 PM

LB

“ *Praying for the family. Sorry to hear about Winston we met at the Huddle House we use to drink coffee. I enjoyed his stories and the time we spend together as Friends.. I use to call him Hollywood, he was one of a kind. R.I.P. Winston "Hollywood".*

Lori Bullard

Lori Bullard - September 30, 2017 at 09:44 PM

AR

“ *Praying and sending love Georgiana and Jana!*

angie raines - September 30, 2017 at 04:58 PM

LR

“ *Winston was a charming character! The wonderful stories he told and the wit and knowledge he had in telling the stories will always be remembered. I knew him as director of Rubicon and through this work relationship, I gained a friend. I will miss him. My deepest condolences to his family. Lillian Roberson*

Lillian Roberson - September 30, 2017 at 04:01 PM

LT

“ *Lynn (Scottie Drugs) Tiller lit a candle in memory of Mr. Winston Haynes McElveen*



Lynn (Scottie Drugs) Tiller - September 30, 2017 at 03:16 PM

GG

“ *Gail Gilbert lit a candle in memory of Mr. Winston Haynes McElveen*



gail gilbert - September 30, 2017 at 03:14 PM

FL

“ *Georgianna and Jana,
We are sorry to hear about Winston's death. We will be praying for
your family.*
Lily Bailey & Fran Langley

Fran Langley - September 30, 2017 at 09:46 AM

JD

“ *Jennie Luther DeWitt lit a candle in memory
of Mr. Winston Haynes McElveen*



Jennie Luther DeWitt - September 30, 2017 at 09:45 AM

RM

“ *Rachel Adams Medlin sent a virtual gift in
memory of Mr. Winston Haynes McElveen*



Rachel Adams Medlin - September 30, 2017 at 09:28 AM



“ *Crystal Minnehan lit a candle in memory of
Mr. Winston Haynes McElveen*



Crystal Minnehan - September 30, 2017 at 12:32 AM

KM

“ *Georgianna and Jana, I am so sorry to hear about Winston's passing. Keeping you and your family in our thoughts and prayers. He will surely be missed by many friends.*

Kathy and Rodney McFarland



kathy mcfarland - September 29, 2017 at 11:32 PM

JB

“ *I had the pleasure of working with the McElveen family in helping establish "The Darlington County Tribune" newspaper and Winston was the best "bossman" I ever worked for. He was always so kind, jovial, easy to get along with, and never had a cross word with me. He had a bright and keen mind for the written word and for what would sell newspapers. We were good friends since then. I saw him just a couple months ago in the post office and had a good talk with him. One of the finest people I ever met, he will be missed and never forgotten.*

Jimmy Ballard - September 29, 2017 at 10:51 PM

GG

“ *Jana and Georgiana, we all are so sorry to hear of Winston's passing. He was such a joy to everyone who knew him. Our love and Prayer are with your sweet family. Gene, Teresa, Kym, Kelli and Kara and families.*

Gene & Teresa Gibson - September 29, 2017 at 09:54 PM

LL

“ *Lawrence & Cindy Lowe lit a candle in memory of Mr. Winston Haynes McElveen*



Lawrence & Cindy Lowe - September 29, 2017 at 09:15 PM

NK

“ *Noel & Howard Kinard lit a candle in memory of Mr. Winston Haynes McElveen*



Noel & Howard Kinard - September 29, 2017 at 08:43 PM

LL

“ *Lori And Randy Lowe sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Winston Haynes McElveen*



Lori and Randy Lowe - September 29, 2017 at 08:25 PM

BW

“ *Budgy And Nancy Wilhelm lit a candle in memory of Mr. Winston Haynes McElveen*



Budgy and Nancy Wilhelm - September 29, 2017 at 07:32 PM

LT

“ *Linda Thompson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Winston Haynes McElveen*



Linda Thompson - September 29, 2017 at 07:14 PM

LH

“ *Linda Hayden lit a candle in memory of Mr. Winston Haynes McElveen*



Linda Hayden - September 29, 2017 at 07:09 PM

SW

“ *Sarah O'Neal Wint lit a candle in memory of Mr. Winston Haynes McElveen*



Sarah O'Neal Wint - September 29, 2017 at 06:51 PM

PS

“ *Sending love to the family from one of the many who adored him.*



Prentiss Shealey - September 29, 2017 at 06:03 PM

EH

“ Erin Hudson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Winston Haynes McElveen



Erin Hudson - September 29, 2017 at 05:52 PM

DW

“ Debbie Brown Wynne lit a candle in memory of Mr. Winston Haynes McElveen



Debbie Brown Wynne - September 29, 2017 at 05:44 PM

HG

“ Harriet Gupton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Winston Haynes McElveen



Harriet Gupton - September 29, 2017 at 04:39 PM

KG

“ Kent And Linda Watson Gainey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Winston Haynes McElveen



Kent and Linda Watson Gainey - September 29, 2017 at 04:29 PM

CS

“ Charles And Lavonde Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. Winston Haynes McElveen



Charles and Lavonde Smith - September 29, 2017 at 03:01 PM

CB

“ Carol Bryant lit a candle in memory of Mr. Winston Haynes McElveen



carol bryant - September 29, 2017 at 12:20 PM

PH

“ OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH ALL THE FAMILY. LOVE IN CHRIST, BLAKE AND PATRICIA HOFFMAN.

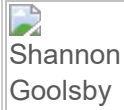
PATRICIA M HOFFMAN - September 29, 2017 at 10:51 AM

RS

“ So sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with you.



Ron & Sherron Skipper - September 29, 2017 at 10:44 AM



Shannon Goolsby

“ I am so sorry to hear about Winston. Known him a very long time. My condolences & prayers to his family.
Shannon Hicks Goolsby



Shannon Goolsby - September 29, 2017 at 09:08 AM

LD

“ Michael and I are so sorry to hear about Winston. He was always a kind man and brought so many smiles. Love and prayers for all of you.



Linda Duffield - September 29, 2017 at 09:03 AM

RS

“ Rhonda Stephens lit a candle in memory of Mr. Winston Haynes McElveen



Rhonda Stephens - September 29, 2017 at 08:57 AM

JE

“ Jonnie Thomas Estermyer lit a candle in memory of Mr. Winston Haynes McElveen



Jonnie Thomas Estermyer - September 29, 2017 at 08:23 AM

DM

“ *Denise McLain lit a candle in memory of Mr. Winston Haynes McElveen*



Denise McLain - September 29, 2017 at 08:08 AM

 Latricia Stalvey

“ *So sorry for your loss. I am deeply saddened. Thank you so much for the opportunity to care for and get to know Mr. Wint.*



Latricia Stalvey - September 29, 2017 at 05:32 AM

AB

“ *Amy Blackburn lit a candle in memory of Mr. Winston Haynes McElveen*



Amy Blackburn - September 28, 2017 at 10:15 PM

WT

“ *McElveen family, so sorry to here about Winston, have fond memories of the McElveen men going up across the street on Miller ave. God Bless*

wayne thompson - September 28, 2017 at 07:10 PM

TS

“ *Jana and family....so sorry for your loss. Praying for you all! Love,
Tara & Jeff Steen*

Tara Steen - September 28, 2017 at 04:47 PM

EM

“ *My sympathy goes out to Winston's family. Have been a friend of
Winston's forever. He will be missed by many.
Love and sympathy from Emma*

Emma Mims - September 28, 2017 at 01:26 PM

DB

*So sorry to here about Winston today.He will be missed by many. Lots
of memories with the McElveen family*

Dianne dann burress - September 28, 2017 at 11:01 PM

MY

My thoughts and prayers go out to the McElveen family.

Miriam Young

Miriam young - September 30, 2017 at 12:37 PM