



Mary Camille McCown

December 3, 1934 - January 15, 2019

Mary Camille Edwards McCown, 84, passed into the presence of Jesus on Tuesday, January 15, 2019, after a brief illness. Mary was born in Fort Worth, Texas, on December 3, 1934, and is preceded in death by her husband of 49 years, Charles F. McCown. She is survived by her brother and sister-in-law, William and Melinda Edwards; her daughters and their husbands, Camille and Steven Pitts and Connie and Fred Bowers; her grandchildren, Brent and Cristianna Pitts, Becky Pitts and her fiancé Brendon Newman, Carter and Katelin Bowers, and Shelton Bowers; and her precious great-grandson, Charles Frederick Pitts, along with many cousins, nieces, nephews, and dear friends.

Mary graduated from Lubbock High School in 1952 and received both her bachelor's and master's degrees from Texas Tech University. She taught mathematics at Monterey High School for more than 30 years and then took on the role of Secondary Math Coordinator for Lubbock Independent School District. After her retirement in 1990, she continued to tutor and mentor students at all levels because one of the passions of her life was teaching.

Mary was a faithful member of First Baptist Church from 1992 and of Calvary Baptist Church for many years before that. In both churches, she, along with Charles, served in many capacities teaching and serving God. One of the joys of her life was the Cornerstone Sunday school class at First Baptist Church for which she was a charter member and faithful servant. Mary had an especially deep commitment to missions and shared the love of Jesus with people in Japan, Mexico, Peru, Colombia, Chile, and most recently Hungary (2017) in affiliation with International Commission. She truly has been a steadfast prayer warrior.

Mary was a long-time member of the educators' organization Delta Kappa Gamma and served in leadership roles at both the local and state levels. She also volunteered for more than 15 years with the Word of Hope Ministry, sharing the gospel with prison inmates through weekly correspondence lessons. Her sphere of influence through all of her teaching and service opportunities is enormous, and she is very deeply loved and will be

missed by so many.

To the many friends across the country who have demonstrated their love, respect, and concern for our sister, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother: we are deeply and eternally grateful for your prayers and support at this most difficult of times. We rejoice knowing that Mom/Marni is with her precious Lord – Revelation 21:4.

A Celebration of Life service will be held in the sanctuary at First Baptist Church, 2201 Broadway Avenue, Lubbock, Texas, on Friday, January 18, 2019, at 2:00 pm. Visitation with the family will be Thursday, January 17, at Sanders Funeral Home, 1420 Main Street, Lubbock, from 5:00-7:00 pm. The family suggests any memorial gifts be given to the Word of Hope Ministry (PO Box 93490, Lubbock, TX 79493) or to International Commission (www.internationalcommission.org/gift).

Events

JAN **Visitation** 05:00PM - 07:00PM

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Sanders Funeral Home

1420 Main Street, Lubbock, TX, US, 79401

JAN **Funeral Service** 02:00PM - 03:00PM

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First Baptist Church of Lubbock

2201 Broadway, Lubbock, TX, US, 79401

Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Sanders Funeral Home - January 17, 2019 at 04:08 PM



“ Mary was one of the first persons I met when I began my first year of teaching at Monterey back in 1977. She was always a gracious, personable, caring teacher who truly loved teaching and her students. I always felt fortunate to call her a friend and I know that the joy she has today in her new home is greater than we can imagine. She was an inspiration to many because of her faith, her love of education, and the way she lived her life. May God surround the family with His peace, His love and His comfort.

RON SPEARS - January 18, 2019 at 10:52 AM



“ 22 files added to the album LifeTributes



Sanders Funeral Home - January 17, 2019 at 03:02 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Camille McCown.



January 17, 2019 at 02:56 PM



“ Camille and Connie,
So sorry to hear about your mother's passing. She was a wonderful lady, I always had a lot of respect for her. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your families during this time. Best Wishes. Coach Mize (JTH)

Jon Mize - January 17, 2019 at 02:18 PM



“ Camille,
Although I never had the privilege of meeting your wonderful mother, I did know so much about her through you. And now reading her tribute how much you emulate her. A difficult time for all of you right now. When you return home, would love to spend some time learning even more about her. You will be comforted by those who knew her and treated to some stories that you had not heard before.

Cathy King - January 17, 2019 at 12:42 PM



“ Mary Pauline, Vanessa, Oliver, and Pilar Edwards purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Mary Camille McCown.



Mary Pauline, Vanessa, Oliver, and Pilar Edwards - January 17, 2019 at 09:47 AM



“ Mary was a great lady in so many ways --- wonderful friend to me, when I came to Calvary Baptist in 1975 on a Wednesday night (the person who invited me didn't show up) but Charles and Mary pulled me inside, had me sit with them at dinner, and she recruited me into the college/ career department -- insisted that I visit on Sunday and then attend a weekend retreat with this group. That connection "enfolded" me into Calvary life, and launched me into a four-year discipleship season that was life-changing (and led to a new job and career field).

Mary simply loved God and everyone who came near her, with all of her heart, mind, soul, and strength. Heaven is richer and we are poorer, but we shall see her again, yes !

Jim Walters - January 16, 2019 at 07:24 PM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Camille McCown.



January 16, 2019 at 06:28 PM