



Dr. Mack McElwain

April 1, 1947 - March 5, 2026

Dr. Mack McElwain passed away on March 5, 2026, at Baptist Memorial Hospital–Union County at the age of 78. He was born on April 1, 1947, to the late Lee McElwain and Icy Reed McElwain.

Mack proudly served his country as a member of the United States Armed Forces. He was married to his beloved wife, Jane Cross McElwain, with whom he shared many cherished years.

During his professional career, Mr. McElwain served as the Director of Psychiatric Services at North Mississippi State Hospital, where he devoted himself to helping others and providing compassionate care to those in need. His commitment to his field and to the well-being of others left a lasting impact on the many people whose lives he touched.

Mack is preceded in death by his parents, Lee McElwain and Icy Reed McElwain, and his son-in-law, Allen Murphy.

Mack is survived by his wife Jane Cross McElwain of Ripley, MS; his four daughters, Chimene McElwain of Denver, CO, Kerri Murphy of Ripley, MS, Karen Walden (Greg) of Falkner, MS, and Kristen Wiginton (Clay) of New Market, AL; one sister, Nelta M. Jamieson of Ripley, MS; his six grandchildren, Wesley Murphy (Sami) of Falkner, MS, Lacy Cranford (JT) of Walnut, MS,

Jarrett Walden (Taylor) of Corinth, MS, Janna Walden of Starkville, MS, Tyler Wiginton of New Market, AL, and Connor Wiginton of New Market, AL; his two great-grandchildren, Harper Willard, and Westin James Murphy, both of Falkner, MS.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to Geuteva Hospice, the ER doctors, and the ICU staff at Baptist Memorial Hospital in New Albany, MS.

Officiated by: Dr. Jack Bennett

Assisting Minister: Rev. Dr. Jody Hill

Pallbearers: Greg Walden, Clay Wiginton, Wesley Murphy, Jarrett Walden, JT Cranford, Tyler Wiginton, Conner Wiginton

Honorary Pallbearers: Andy Braddock, Larry Street, Cuddin Donnie Jackson, Darrell Reed, James Reed, Dan Harrell, Steven Harrell, Barry Hobson, Randy Lancaster, Gerald Hill, Joe Gay, Lonnie Goolsby, Jimmy Rowland, Charlie Mathis, Russell Clemmer

The family asks that any donations be made to Tunnel to Towers Foundation. This foundation provides mortgage-free homes to Gold Star families, fallen first responder families with young children, and builds specially adapted smart homes for catastrophically injured veterans.

Cemetery Details

Falkner Cemetery

CR 301
Falkner, MS 38629

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 9. 5:00 PM (CT)

McBride Funeral Home, Inc.
206 N. Commerce St
Ripley, MS 38663
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Service

MAR 10. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

DC

“ I enjoyed reconnecting with Mack over the last few years. We shared old memories and spent hours swapping life stories. I truly valued his kindness and friendship. RIP brother. My condolences to Jane and the family.

Dave Childers - March 28 at 11:56 AM

JF

“ From Texas—We have known and loved Mack for 40+ years. It was a strong friendship forged over Sunday School lessons, playing basketball, tinkering with an ancient pickup truck, and there were lots of conversations and stories. He will be missed! Our sincere condolences to Jane, Chimy and his many relatives and friends.—J. D. and Charlotte Fuller

Joseph Fuller - March 09 at 09:21 PM

MN

“ Marc & Beth Nichols purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Dr. Mack McElwain.



Marc & Beth Nichols - March 09 at 08:26 PM

MN

“ Marc & Beth Nichols planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Mack McElwain.

Marc & Beth Nichols - March 09 at 08:26 PM

CD

“ My great-great- grandmother was a McElwain, and one day Mack called me asking about her and if I had pictures. We talked it seemed like hours about her and my great-great uncle Porter Pasteur. He was known for his wild antics and Mack filled me in on several of them. I loved so much talking to him anytime. I am so sorry for his passing. God Bless his Precious family during this difficult time. You have lost a dear soul. Love, Colleen Graves Dunnam.



Colleen Graves Dunnam - March 09 at 05:41 PM

BW

“ A special friend and kin! I will miss our conversations. His interest in others was genuine! Much loved!

Brenda Williams - March 09 at 04:30 PM

WF

“ With Love: Matt & Emily Givens & family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dr. Mack McElwain.



With Love: Matt & Emily Givens & family - March 09 at 03:10 PM

DJ

“ Before we were old enough to have drivers license we rode bicycles on the country roads West of Falkner. I have many fond memories of Sunday afternoons riding with Mack.
Danny Jackson

Danny Jackson - March 08 at 04:21 PM

PW

“ Sorry for your loss. Prayers for comfort. I will miss his calls on my birthday. Take care.

Patricia Weeldreyer - March 07 at 08:06 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Mack McElwain.



March 07 at 07:02 PM



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March 07 at 07:02 PM

MK

“ Jane
I am so sad to learn of Mack's death. I enjoyed our years at NMSH. He was a wonderful clinician. I will be out of town next week. But please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Marilyn Kelly - March 07 at 06:20 PM

DN

“ Donna Lancaster Newby lit a candle in memory of Dr. Mack McElwain



Donna Lancaster Newby - March 06 at 12:56 AM