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John Evans McKee, Jr. went to be with the Lord November 21, 2011 at the age of 88. He was born on June 29, 1923 in Chattanooga, TN to Mr. & Mrs. John E. McKee. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Kay McKee Spear. He attended Messick High School and graduated from Milan High School in Milan, TN where he played football. After High School Mr. McKee joined the U.S. Air Force. In early 1944 he transferred to the 338 Fighter Squadron, 55 Fighter Group, 8th Air Force, Colchesten, England. He flew 67 combat missions in P-38 and P-51 Fighters including 6 combat missions during the first two days of the Normandy invasion. In the late summer of 1944, John and his squadron were selected to escort a large group of U.S. bombers to Russia from England. His unit flew 2/3 of the way as top cover and then returned to England while another group of fighters provided top cover to Russia. This was a 1600 mile flight. As World War II ended John was training a new unit for preparation for the invasion of Japan. During his combat tour he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal, Five Oak Leaf Clusters and Eight Battle Stars. He was also in the Tennessee Air National Guard. He attended Southwestern University where he was a member of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity. In 1949 he graduated from Vanderbilt Law School where he was a member of the Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity and he loved the Commodores. He practiced law in Memphis for almost 60 years. His first association was with the law firm of Nelson, Norvell and Floyd. He retired from Lewis, McKee and Hall. He served on various committees for the Memphis and Shelby County Bar Association. He has been a member of Second Presbyterian Church since 1954 where he was active in every phase of the church life. He taught Sunday School, served as clerk of the session, deacon, elder, Elder Emeritus, president of the church corporation, he and his wife are long time members of the chapel class. He was a member of the American Bar Association, The Shelby County and Memphis Bar Association, Downtown Kiwanis



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Club, 32nd Degree Mason and Shriners and English Speaking Union. He was also a longtime member of the University Club. He enjoyed tutoring and serving on the youth guidance committee. He was a devoted Christian man who loved his church and family. Mr. McKee is survived by his devoted wife of 64 years, Martha Ann Osterloh McKee; son, John Evans McKee III (Billie); sister, Katherine B. Le May (Bernie), 3 grandchildren, Stacie Northcutt Denton (Bill Joe), Taylor McKee Waring (Jeff), Evans Brooke McKee. John and Martha enjoyed family, staying at Bed & Breakfasts where ever they travelled, bridge, dancing, their friends and all church activities. A funeral service will be held at 10:00 am, Wednesday, November 23, 2011 at Second Presbyterian Church Chapel. The family will visit with friends following the service until 12:30 pm with the interment to follow at 1:00 pm at Memorial Park Cemetery. The family requests that memorial donations be made to Second Presbyterian Church or the charity of your choice. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Memorial Park Funeral Home, 5668 Poplar Ave. Memphis, TN 38119, (901)767-8930, "Behind the Stone Wall".



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GE

Geevarghese posted:

I'll be telling others about your site I already have many of the books you list thanks for telling me about others to obtain. I already have bought many, many books for my grandchildren. I just became a Great Grandmother! Books are valuable. Thanks, JunePS

May 19 at 8:33 AM

DO

Doris posted:

Hi Ben and Amy, Great to hear from you. I went to frosteddreams.com and read your very interesting story and passion to make Frosted dreams come true. I am impressed with your high standard and effort. To answer your question, Would you mind if I share y

May 17 at 5:21 AM

TB

Tina Tregoning Busby posted:

Martha Ann, I don't know if you remember me, but I am Gerry and John Tregoning's daughter, Tina. I was so sad to hear about your loss. Buddy was so special. My dad thought the world of him as I think everyone did. I have so many fond memories of y

December 6 at 5:58 PM

MW

Mrs. Williams posted:

Please take comfort in John 5:28,29. The promise of a resurrection.

December 3 at 1:25 PM

ER

Eugene & Maurine Roden posted:

We want to send our deepest sympathy and sincere condolences in this time of sorrow. We think often of the good times we had at the University Club. We regret that our individual illnesses and disabilities prevent us from attending the services.

November 24 at 10:36 AM



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Elaine Larmer posted:

Martha Ann and family, The Alticks, Larmers and Rawlings in Chattanooga, TN are so sorry to hear about Buddy's passing away. He was a special man and friend of our family. We always loved getting together with Buddy and Martha Ann. I remember pictures

November 22 at 5:09 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring John by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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