



Forrest Thomas McKie

December 31, 1953 - May 28, 2026

North Augusta, SC—Memorial Services for Mr. Forrest Thomas McKie, 72, who passed away peacefully, surrounded by his loving family, on May 28, 2026, will be conducted this Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock in Grace United Methodist Church. Dr. John M. Newell, III officiating.

Born on New Year's Eve in 1953, Forrest was a lifelong resident of North Augusta and a proud product of its public schools. He graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration in 1976 and earned his Master of Science the following year. Aside from his years in Columbia, Forrest spent 67 of his 72 years living at two addresses on Martintown Road — the community and roads he knew by heart.

On January 8, 1977, he married the love of his life, JoAnn McKie. Together they shared 49 years of marriage and built a beautiful life in their historic family home, where they raised their two daughters. Forrest was a devoted father who faithfully loved Anna and Rachel — their success in life, in large part, is due to his wise and practical counsel.

Forrest never met a stranger. He could strike up a conversation with anyone about anything. At church, on a job site, or running into friends around town, he made people feel welcome and valued. He was funny, tender-hearted and

deeply emotional. His laugh was unforgettable, and he could rarely pray without shedding a tear.

He devoted his professional life to commercial and residential real estate, helping shape the landscape of his hometown by buying, selling or building more than 300 homes throughout the area. He was a dedicated member of both the Augusta Home Builders Association and the Greater Augusta Board of Realtors. He was a recipient of the H. Gould Barrett Award, given for his exceptional real estate work in the Augusta area.

A man of deep and abiding faith, Forrest spent most of his life as a member of Grace United Methodist Church, where he was inspired to join by Reverend Dr. John Younginer, Jr. He was an active member of the Seekers Sunday School class and generously gave his time to the church community. When he was not teaching Sunday School, he could often be found wearing an apron and cooking meals for the youth ministry he cared for so deeply.

Forrest also quietly mentored several young men in North Augusta during their formative years, and many considered him a guiding light and steady presence in their lives.

He was an avid fisherman, hunter and cook. He enjoyed debating world economics nearly as much as making fishing lures by hand. If he was not driving the roads of North Augusta, he was likely sitting at the Smile Station with a cup of coffee and a conversation waiting to happen.

To know Forrest was to know that he loved everyone unconditionally – and we loved him back. None of us will be the same without him.

Forrest was preceded in death by his parents, George O. and Rachel McKie, and his dear friend, Junior Wright. In addition to his beloved wife, JoAnn, he is

survived by his brother, Felix (Sherry) McKie; his daughters, Anna (Bruce) Stoy and Rachel (Marcus) Covar; and his cherished grandchildren, Caroline and Hammond Covar and Forrest Jane Stoy.

The family would like to express their heartfelt gratitude to Dr. John Velky, Dr. Benjamin Barnes and the dedicated SICU and MICU staff at WellStar MCG for their compassionate care, professionalism and kindness shown throughout this difficult time.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations be made in Forrest's name to the Children and Youth Ministry at Grace United Methodist Church.

Cemetery Details

Grace United Methodist Church Columbarium

639 Georgia Avenue
North Augusta, SC 29841

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY 30. 2:00 PM (ET)

Grace United Methodist Church
639 Georgia Ave
North Augusta, SC

Tribute Wall

JB

“ Our condolences to the family. Our son worked for him in high school during the summers. Forrest encouraged and mentored him to become an architect which he did. Forest also build our home in 2002 and made sure it was specifically modified to provide for our special-needs daughter. He was a good man. He will be missed but remembered by all he influenced.

Curt and Joanne

Joanne Berg - June 02 at 10:14 AM

AB

“ I very well remember when the family was beginning to develop all of the residential section on Walnut Lane I was out scavenging for firewood and before just going to do that, I met Forest and asked him if it would be OK to get some of that wood. Without hesitation, he said you sure can. We didn't know each other but what a wonderful immediate response of generosity. It's little things like that in life that will be remembered forever. Kathy and I will be praying for the family and this is plenty evidence of a man of faith. Sincerely, Pastor, Al Branson, 106 Dogwood Glen Drive, North Augusta, South Carolina.

Al Branson - May 31 at 04:57 PM

DA

“ I am shocked and so sorry to learn of the passing of Forrest. He was a friend to me and it was always a pleasure to talk real estate with him. Praying for his family.

Don Alexander - May 30 at 03:56 PM

AC

“ All of Columbia Skin Clinic purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Forrest Thomas McKie.



All of Columbia Skin Clinic - May 30 at 10:40 AM

AC

“ All of Columbia Skin Clinic planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Forrest Thomas McKie.

All of Columbia Skin Clinic - May 30 at 10:40 AM

BM

“ Praying for the entire family's comfort and peace.

Bill Mottel - May 30 at 10:04 AM

TC

“ Team Cashman purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Forrest Thomas McKie.



Team Cashman - May 30 at 09:17 AM

LC

“ Laura C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Forrest Thomas McKie.

Laura C. - May 30 at 09:11 AM

RW

“ *May GOD BLESS THIS FAMILY IN THIS TIME OF SORROW.*

ROBERT WHATLEY - May 30 at 06:23 AM

MF

“ *Merit Flooring purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Forrest Thomas McKie.*



Merit Flooring - May 29 at 08:21 PM



“ *Forrest and JoAnn have been devoted members of Grace United Methodist Church. His church will certainly miss him.*

Carolyn Williams - May 29 at 06:05 PM

TG

“ *Ms. Joann:*

We are so sorry to hear of Forrest Passing. You both were so kind to us throughout the years. You and your family will be in our continued prayers.

Tabitha Grimes

Tabitha Grimes - May 29 at 04:38 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Forrest Thomas McKie.



May 29 at 03:29 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Forrest Thomas McKie.

May 29 at 03:29 PM



“ Meybohm Real Estate purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Forrest Thomas McKie.



Meybohm Real Estate - May 29 at 03:24 PM



“ Meybohm Real Estate planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Forrest Thomas McKie.

Meybohm Real Estate - May 29 at 03:24 PM

MA

“ Margot purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Forrest Thomas McKie.



Margot - May 29 at 01:43 PM

LC

“ Love, Wes & Kristen Carter purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of Forrest Thomas McKie.



Love, Wes & Kristen Carter - May 29 at 12:50 PM

LC

“ Love, Wes & Kristen Carter planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Forrest Thomas McKie.

Love, Wes & Kristen Carter - May 29 at 12:50 PM