



Henry Reid "Hank" McKenney Jr.

October 11, 1937 - February 7, 2018

North Augusta, SC—Memorial Services for Mr. Henry Reid “Hank” McKenney, Jr., 80, who went to his heavenly home February 7, 2018 surrounded by his loving family, will be conducted Saturday, February 17, 2018 at 2 o’clock in Fairview Presbyterian Church. Rev. Masaki Chiba, Dr. G. Daniel McCall and Rev. Allen Thompson officiating.

Hank was born on Oct. 11, 1937 in Woodbury, GA to Henry Reid McKenney, Sr. and Sarah Elizabeth McKenney. He attended the Georgia Institute of Technology as a co-op student working for Chemstrand Corporation in Pensacola, FL where he met his wife, Helen. Hank graduated in 1960 with a Bachelor’s Degree in Chemical Engineering and started his working career in Wilmington, DE with Hercules Powder Company, moving with that company to California. In 1964 he was hired by Columbia Nitrogen Corporation in Augusta, GA, later, working for DSM Corporation as Vice-president of Manufacturing. He and Helen spent almost 3 years in Nanjing, China on a foreign assignment. Leaving China, he worked for DSM Copolymer in Baton Rouge, LA until his retirement.

Hank served as mayor of North Augusta from 1975 to 1981, having served on Council from 1973-1975. While mayor he helped North Augusta lay the groundwork for what eventually became The Greenway by purchasing the railroad right of way through the city. Hank was named North Augusta

Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year in 1981. He was active in the North Augusta Rotary Club and he and Helen hosted students who became special to them. They are Wilma Dehn (Herbert Celar), Austria; Bernard (Catherine) Cornelis, Belgium; and Estelle (Philippe) Remise, Capucine, Guillemette & Louise, France. In addition, they count Zhengchun (Michael) Peng and XiaoJing Zu, Bian Boxin and Benjamin Zhang of China and Akber (Fareeda) of Kenya who they count as their foreign children.

Hank obtained his Master Gardener certification and became very active as a volunteer on the grounds of The Living History Park in North Augusta. He served on the Nancy Carson Library Board and was a volunteer at The Arts & Heritage Center of North Augusta. He was also active with Symphony Orchestra Augusta and served as Treasurer of the Symphony League. Hank was an active member of Fairview Presbyterian Church, having served as elder, Sunday school teacher, chair of Pulpit Nominating Committee, and on various committees. Cooking was one of Hank's passions and he was head of one of Fairview's Wednesday Night Service cooking teams. Hank headed up a group of volunteers that auctioned off a gourmet dinner several years, as part of the fund-raising event for the Arts & Heritage Center.

Music was always an important part of Hank's life and he was active in the Augusta Choral Society in past years and was an active member of Fairview's Chancel Choir. Before his illness he and Helen enjoyed traveling and visited many wonderful places together. Hank was preceded in death by his parents and his younger brother, Ken McKenney and sister-in-law, Anne McKenney.

Survivors include his wife of 57 years, Helen McKenney; three sons; Mike (Spring) McKenney, Decatur, GA, Keith (Alba) McKenney, Augusta, GA and Sam (Jamie) McKenney, Frisco, TX; two grandsons, Donovan McKenney Casey, Ft. Campbell, KY and Anderson McKenney, Tyrone, GA; granddaughter-in-law, Caitlynn Casey; two great-grandchildren, Marshall

Casey and Morgan Casey, Muskogee, OK; his brother, Glenn (Yvonne) McKenney, Marietta, GA; his brother-in-law, Lewis (DiAnn) Friedrichsen, Virginia Beach, VA; his sister-in-law, Suzanne Friedrichsen, Pensacola, FL; several nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews.

The family will receive friends in the church fellowship hall following the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Fairview Presbyterian Church, 1101 Carolina Ave., North Augusta, SC 29841; Olde Town Preservation Association (www.colonialtimes.us), P.O. Box 7915, North Augusta, SC 29861; North Augusta Arts & Heritage Center (www.artsandheritagecenter.com), P.O. Box 6462, North Augusta, SC 29861; North Augusta Cultural Arts Council (www.naartscouncil.org), P.O. Box 6415, North Augusta, SC 29841; or Symphony Orchestra Augusta (www.soaugusta.org), P. O. Box 579, Augusta, GA 30903.

Special thanks and love goes to Hank's caregiver, Nikki Lambert, and to our wonderful and supportive friends and family who walked this journey of tears with us every day.

Posey Funeral Directors of North Augusta in charge of arrangements (803.278.1181). Visit the registry at www.PoseyCares.com

Cemetery Details

Fairview Presbyterian Church Columbarium

1101 Carolina Avenue
North Augusta, SC 29841

Previous Events

Service

FEB 17. 2:00 PM (ET)

Fairview Presbyterian Church
1101 Carolina Ave
North Augusta, SC

Visitation

FEB 17. 3:00 PM (ET)

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1101 Carolina Ave
North Augusta, SC

Tribute Wall



“ Posey Funeral Directors created a Tribute Video in memory of Henry Reid "Hank" McKenney Jr.



Posey Funeral Directors - February 15, 2018 at 05:39 PM



“ Henry Reid "Hank" McKenney Jr.

October 06, 2023 at 06:29 AM

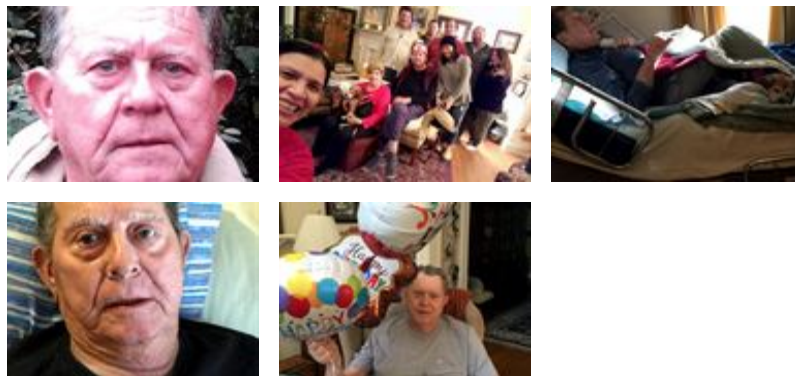


“ Henry Reid "Hank" McKenney Jr.

September 24, 2022 at 12:12 PM



“ 36 files added to the album LifeTributes



Posey Funeral Directors - February 15, 2018 at 04:35 PM

MG

“Helen,
We learned about Hank's illness when we moved back to North Augusta. We've been praying daily for you and Hank. We are out of town Saturday so we will miss the memorial service. Please know that you and the family continue to be in our thoughts and prayers.
Melba and Terry Good

Melba Good - February 15, 2018 at 09:22 AM

FF

“from Lewis, DiAnn, Uma, and Suzanne Friedrichsen purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Henry Reid "Hank" McKenney Jr..



from Lewis, DiAnn, Uma, and Suzanne Friedrichsen -
February 13, 2018 at 10:51 AM

AP

“Chip and I have been friends with Mike since our Clemson days. We send our deepest sympathy to Mike and all of the family. We will continue to pray for all of you.
Chip and Anne Price

Anne Price - February 13, 2018 at 10:27 AM

EN

“We've been friends with Mike since he moved to Atlanta in the late 80s. Our deepest sympathies and prayers to all of Mr Hank's friends and family. We're so sorry for your loss.

Ellen and Roger Nance - February 11, 2018 at 06:33 PM

SK

“ *Shaukat, Sherbanu & Hussein Kadibhai purchased the Meat & Cheese Sympathy Gift Cra te for the family of Henry Reid "Hank" McKenney Jr..*



Shaukat, Sherbanu & Hussein Kadibhai - February 11, 2018 at 05:02 PM

MH

“ *My favorite memories of Hank are of the wonderful food that he cooked and served us when we visited you. He was such a gracious host, as were you Helen. Our visits were so enjoyable and we were excited to see you take Michael under your wing. Both of you certainly made a difference in the lives of many people. Thank you!!*

Marie Hershey - February 11, 2018 at 11:59 AM



“ *As neighbors and friends of our dear Hank, we rejoice in seeing him go home to be with his Savior; no more cancer, no more treatments. But we have to see him go through our tears of missing him as he departs on his final itenerary, and wow, we all know how he loved to travel. Our tears dry because we know his final destination is paved with streets of gold and a place our Lord has prepared for him. Now there is a place he has never seen before.*

Bon Voyage our friend, mentor, and brother.

Steve and Johnny

Stephen Newell - February 09, 2018 at 02:20 PM

TR

“ To Helen and the McKenney family - Gilles and I are all so deeply saddened by the loss of Hank. He will be truly missed but most of all remembered as being such a wonderful, kind and interesting man. My sincere condolences to you all.

Theresa Rousseau - February 08, 2018 at 12:08 PM

HH

To the McKinney family our deepest sympathy for your loss . He will be surly missed by all that knew him.
With deepest sympathy,
Herbert&Brenda
Higgenbottom

Herbert Higgenbottom - February 09, 2018 at 12:20 PM

FE

My deepest sympathy to you and your family. May God's perfect peace and love comfort you now and in the days ahead. Faye Ergle

Faye Ergle - February 11, 2018 at 05:39 PM