



Eddie McPherson

February 17, 1962 - November 17, 2019

Rufus Edward “Eddie” McPherson, 57, of Cartersville, Georgia, formerly of Fort Payne, passed away Sunday, November 17, 2019. Eddie was a 1980 graduate of Fort Payne High School and later Jacksonville State University and Lincoln Memorial University. He was an educator, currently the Drama Department Director at Woodland High School in Cartersville. Eddie directly impacted so many lives, whether as a youth minister in years past, volunteering in tutoring programs or the countless students he taught. He was instrumental in the fundraising efforts of the Dekalb County Childrens Advocacy Center, where he acted in 21 of the 25 plays, 17 of which he wrote. Eddie was an accomplished author of over 75 plays/books as well as two novels with the third near completion.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. CST Thursday, November 21st at Second Baptist Church with burial following in Fischer Cemetery. The family will receive friends Wednesday from 12 noon until 8 p.m. and Thursday from 9 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. at Wilson Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions be made to one of the organizations Eddie loved: Child Advocacy Center, P.O. Box 680173, Fort Payne, AL 35968 or Woodland CATS Drama Boosters, PO Box 2455, Cartersville, GA 30120.

He is survived by his sister, Sharon Bailey and husband Coy; brothers, Jeffery and wife, Carmen, Terry and wife, Natalie, and LaDon and wife, Amber; his

much loved nieces and nephews, Katie Bailey, Heather and Alan Conkle, Logan and Madison McPherson, Jacy McPherson, Evan McPherson, Aubrey McPherson, Elijah McPherson, and Alex McPherson; great-niece and nephew, Leah and Ridge Conkle; and many, many aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Hubert and Bobbie Jean Gilliam McPherson.

Wilson Funeral Home and Crematory is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Fischer Cemetery

1321 Fischer Road NE
Fort Payne, AL 35967

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **20**. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Wilson Funeral Home
3801 Gault Ave. N
Fort Payne, AL 35967

Visitation

NOV **21**. 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Wilson Funeral Home
3801 Gault Ave. N
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Funeral Service

NOV **21**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Second Baptist Church - Fort Payne
1021 Grand Avenue NW
Fort Payne, AL 35967

Tribute Wall

AN

“ I know this is quite late. I was one of his students at woodland and one of the very last of the group to speak to him. We were writing monologues. He was going over our drafts. He was the sole person that kept me from dropping out. The program he fostered and the people he raised up kept me there. One of the last things he had ever told me was to continue to write. “Please. Always write.” I think of him ever so often and I think of him now. I dearly miss McPherson. And I am so glad I was one of the final generations to be blessed by such a wonderful director.

anon - December 17, 2024 at 08:11 PM



“ Eddie McPherson

January 12, 2023 at 10:45 AM

KO

“ Kenny OBryant lit a candle in memory of Eddie McPherson



Kenny OBryant - February 27, 2020 at 11:24 PM

RW

“ I’ve corresponded with Eddie since the early ‘90s, when he wrote his first Cricket County play and we at Contemporary Drama Service (now Christian Publishers) had the joy of helping to introduce Fester, Elkin, Glenda Mae and Brenda Mae, etc. to appreciative churches across the country. Every Christmas, we could count on Eddie to add another CC adventure to the lineup. His plays were among our most popular of all time! He’s left a true void. His writing quite often caused me to LOL, even though I worked in an office with several others! Reading through all these memories, I am amazed at all he accomplished during what was to all of us a too-short life. I am so sad I’ll never get another warm-hearted email from our talented author and good friend. McPherson family, I’m so sorry for your loss. The essence of Eddie will live on in his published works and cherished memories of those whose lives he touched. I have been and will continue praying for you all.

Rhonda Wray - November 26, 2019 at 09:53 PM

JU

“ Judy&terrell lit a candle in memory of Eddie McPherson



judy&terrell - November 21, 2019 at 08:01 PM

AS

“ Anita Smith lit a candle in memory of Eddie McPherson



Anita Smith - November 21, 2019 at 04:49 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Eddie McPherson.*



November 21, 2019 at 09:54 AM



“ *Eddie was not only a friend/mentor to his students, he was a friend to the parents as well. He is the kind of teacher that parents dreamed they could have over and over. We were fortunate enough to have Eddie for 4 great years of Drama at SPHS. For that we are so thankful and are better people for having him a part of our lives.*

Stewart and Janie Mosman



Stewart Janie Mosman - November 20, 2019 at 09:03 PM

KB

“ Dear Sharon, Jeffery, Terry, LaDon and Family,
It's taken me awhile to be able to put together words. I think back to wonderful times growing up at Second Baptist Church in our youth group! Eddie and I went on to doing “Sounds of the Living Spirit” radio program for several years and then a gospel tv program on Century TV Cable! Eddie was always the creative one coming up with themes for the show, organizing songs and devotionals! I am privileged to have worked with him! I am praying for the Lord's comfort now and in the coming days!
In Jesus' Love,
Kathy Edwards Barber



Kathy Edwards Barber - November 20, 2019 at 08:09 PM

MK

“ I've just heard of Eddie's passing. I'm so sorry to hear this. I worked with him his first year at Sarah Smith Elementary School in Atlanta and truly, he was one of the nicest people I have ever known. May his memory be a blessing for all who grieve.

Meredith Kaltman - November 20, 2019 at 07:36 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Eddie McPherson.



November 20, 2019 at 08:19 AM

LA

“ All lucky enough to be in his sphere were better for having known him. He fostered courage and independence in his students, and pride in the parents of his school kids on his stage. He exemplified everything a teacher should be. Grateful my kid got to be yours, too, Rufus;-) With endless love from all Patriots.

LA - November 20, 2019 at 07:00 AM

SR

“ He was. The single greatest teacher I've ever had. Mr. McPherson was so kind, funny, and so intelligent in his field. And he WILL be missed by everyone whom he ever came in contact with. It's hard to believe he's gone and there will never be one day that I don't think of him.

- ❤️ Steven Roberts

p.s. I'm considering moving to C.A.T.S. And leaving band! I know you would be happy to hear that!!

Steven Roberts - November 19, 2019 at 05:58 PM

SA

“ My prayers are with all those who are blessed to be in the McPherson family. May you find peace. Eddie is on my list of "People Most Admired." I've never known anyone who touched so many hearts and lives with his talent and his uplifting spirit. To say he will be greatly missed is an understatement.


Sheila AKINS - November 19, 2019 at 04:11 PM

FS

“ From, Morris Brandon Elementary School purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Eddie McPherson.




From, Morris Brandon Elementary School - November 19, 2019 at 03:50 PM

 Keleada Davis

“ Praying for the family of this amazing man that taught me in high school. He was always a positive influence never came to school in a bad mood. He touched so many lives and we thank him for being such a wonderful teacher friend. Rest In Peace Mr. McPherson we love you.

Keleada Davis - November 19, 2019 at 01:35 PM

 Keleada Davis

“ Keleada Davis lit a candle in memory of Eddie McPherson



Keleada Davis - November 19, 2019 at 01:31 PM

KJ

“ Kathy Johnson sent a virtual gift in memory of Eddie McPherson



Kathy Johnson - November 19, 2019 at 11:30 AM

KA

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Karen Adams - November 19, 2019 at 11:27 AM

GC

“ I am so very sorry for your loss! Eddie was such a talented, loving young man. I have so many great memories of him and Mr. Mac from First Federal! You are all in my thoughts and prayers! 🙏❤️



Gina Welch Carr - November 19, 2019 at 10:49 AM

SL

“ Sandy Lea lit a candle in memory of Eddie McPherson



Sandy Lea - November 19, 2019 at 10:24 AM

KA

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Karen Adams - November 19, 2019 at 09:54 AM

CL

“ *Lit a candle in memory of Eddie McPherson*



Carol Loyal - November 19, 2019 at 08:51 AM

JD

“ *I taught with Eddie at East Cobb Middle. Oh, the laughs we had over our weekly dinners! He was a bright light and loved our kiddos tirelessly. Eddie, Rufus, you are missed!* ❤️



Jordan DeGennaro - November 19, 2019 at 04:56 AM

NT

“ **Thankful for a life well-lived. Seems Eddie made a big splash and 'real difference' everywhere he went. His short stay in Buckhead came at a time when a school so needed his warmth & care. In this way he was such a gift ... and at just the right time. My condolences to his family and his beloved students at Woodland.*



Neil Thompson - November 19, 2019 at 12:47 AM

CD

“ He groomed my son into a superstar. He gave him a part in a play then eventually gave him the lead in Beowulf. My son had a broken leg and all, but Mr. Mac always encouraged him to keep going no matter what. My heart is heavy, but I'm praying that the sorrows are turned to sweet memories!

carolyn dukes - November 18, 2019 at 11:44 PM

JK

“ I have known Eddie for a very long period of time, here in Atlanta. We lost a good one. His love of family, friends, his students, his school and 'Bama ring in my ear. Eddie, please watch over me. Love you.

Jamie Kirk - November 18, 2019 at 10:42 PM



Deborah
Carpenter

“ I worked with Eddie at the Fort Payne Walmart. I have so many good memories of him. He was a very talented person.

Deborah Carpenter - November 18, 2019 at 09:50 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Eddie McPherson.



November 18, 2019 at 09:46 PM

R.

“ I was a student of his during this school year 2019-20. He was one of the best people I have ever met. Not only did him and a few others help me gain confidence and learn to not be afraid of anyone else's opinion, but he truly showed me what a caring human being was. All I can say, is rest in peace Mr. McPherson. You will be missed by many, and shall never be forgotten. For you do hold a special place in my heart, and many others.

R.W. - November 18, 2019 at 09:32 PM

BT

“ I had the blessing of serving with Eddie as a youth leader at Little Flock. He was kind and generous with his time and talents. He loved the kids and they dearly loved him as did all of us who knew him. May our God of comfort pour out His comfort on his family and all of us who knew him. I thank God that I knew him.

Brenda Tatchell - November 18, 2019 at 09:16 PM

DM

“ Denise Jackson Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Eddie McPherson



Denise Jackson Mitchell - November 18, 2019 at 09:13 PM

DE

“ Dr. Norma Elmore lit a candle in memory of Eddie McPherson



Dr. Norma Elmore - November 18, 2019 at 06:59 PM

CW

“ *Rest in peace you will be missed* ”



Carole ward - November 18, 2019 at 06:19 PM

KB

“ *Kristy Burbol lit a candle in memory of Eddie McPherson* ”



Kristy Burbol - November 18, 2019 at 04:09 PM

DK

“ *There are no words to describe what an incredible person Eddie was. He was so much to so many. I considered him my friend and there is an empty place in my heart today. Fly high, Eddie.* ”

Deborah Key - November 18, 2019 at 03:23 PM

VD

“ *Such a gentleman. He will be missed. My family always enjoyed his plays and were excited for the next one. Heavens angels are rejoicing ever tho we are sad.* ”

Violet Davis - November 18, 2019 at 02:49 PM

RL

“ *He was always a go getter thinking of others than himself. He really Blessed many far and near. Very proud to call him a great Christian Man of God and Friend. Praying for the Family Peace and Comfort.*



ReJeana Leeth - November 18, 2019 at 02:13 PM