



Keith Davie McConnico

June 9, 1941 - February 18, 2018

Keith Davie McConnico passed away peacefully 18 February, 2018 at Methodist Hospice Residence in Memphis, TN. He was surrounded by his family and his loving caregivers.

Keith Davie, known by most as Dave, was born 09 June 1941 in Brownsville, TN to John William McConnico and Jewel Gray McConnico who preceded him in death along with his brother John William McConnico, Jr.. He is also preceded by his nephew, Brian Albert Neal, and his dogs Fritz, Snoo, Nicky, Rocket, Buckwheat and Cash and his cat, Maggie.

In 1943 he moved from Brownsville, TN to Memphis where he grew up and spent the rest of his life raising his family and pursuing his career in Accounting which, after more than 30 years of service, he retired as Chief Financial Officer of the Memphis Jewish Community Center.

His insatiable appetite for music and learning was infectious having started at a very young age with his love of books when attending Rozelle Elementary. He mastered the trumpet shortly thereafter while in the band at Bellevue Junior High and then the tuba while attending Memphis Central "THE" High School under the direction of A. E. McClain, "Mr. Mac" where one of his favorite concert pieces they performed was "Capriccio Italien Opus 45" by Tchaikovsky. He also earned the rank of Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of

America and won many prestigious medals for his musicianship.

Upon graduation from Central, Mr. McConnico continued his education at the University of Memphis where he was part of the Pride of the Southland band, obtained his BS in Philosophy, English and History, and later his MS in Accounting resulting in obtaining his CPA license. Because of his love of history and dream of becoming a history teacher he also obtained his MS in History from the University of Minnesota.

While he loved many, these he loved the most: his animal companions, medieval and military history, black and white photography, car racing, road trip adventures, family genealogy, his vast collections of art, historical reproductions and books, and classical music. Most will recall that classical music particularly Baroque followed him everywhere he went.

As a man he was multi-faceted with varied interests. He was a creative writer often crafting poems that were so beautiful, a dancer who won many a dance contest when in high school, a musician through and through who mastered many instruments to include the harmonica, guitar and French horn and a photographer who captured the essence of his subject with style and ease. Often Dave was referred to as a “Renaissance” man which in turn made him someone you wanted to know. He was a fantastic story teller, one who could weave together details in such a way that he would have you hanging on his every word, a talent that made him a wonderful teacher. He was also someone who could be that ray of sunshine on a cloudy day by making you laugh at one of his jokes just when you needed it the most. He was a pillar of strength to all who knew him, a problem solver and confidant.

Dave was a dedicated and loving husband, father and friend. He never met a stranger and was a friend to all creatures great and small. His motto in life was to defend the defenseless and he did it without question with grace,

valour, and when necessary self-sacrifice even unto death. He was nurturing, yet strong, never complaining as he met life head on without hesitation lifting up those along the way who needed a hand-up. His life's work of service to others gives us hope that he will live on through the lives he so lovingly touched.

Mr. McConnico leaves his wife of 20 years, Natalia U. McConnico, his two daughters, Karen D. McConnico of Memphis, TN and Catherine M. Parker (Ryan) of New York, NY along with his grandchildren, Oliver Davie Parker and Ila Dove Parker, his step-daughter Valeria Kazarinova of Philadelphia, and his sister, Alice M. Neal of Jonesboro, GA. He is also survived by, his nephews, Thomas William Neal (Debbie) of Marietta, GA and Michael Allen Neal (Beverly) of Naples, FL, along with his English bulldogs, Spanky and Maggie and his cousins of Brownsville and Jackson, TN.

According to current plans, his body will be cremated with a private memorial Celebration of Life service held in Brownsville, TN with close friends and family. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to Methodist Hospice Care. Please visit their website: at <http://www.methodisthealth.org/healthcare-services/hospice-care/> or to donate online visit the link below:

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“ *I will miss all of our Saturday excursions and adventures. We had so much fun and discovered so many new things plus it gave me a chance to listen to one of our countless stories. I love you, Dad! ~ Karen*

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