



Rev. James (Babe) Newton McLain

April 14, 1930 - October 22, 2016

Rev. James Newton “Babe” McLain, age 86, of Statesville, passed away, Saturday, October 22nd, 2016 at Iredell Memorial Hospital, Statesville. Babe was born April 14th, 1930 in Alexander County, to the late, William Durant McLain and Pearl Munday McLain.

Babe was employed with, Thomas & Howard Wholesale Distribution, Broyhill Furniture and was Pastor of Friendly Chapel Baptist Church for 25 years. He was of the Baptist faith and a faithful servant of the Lord.

Babe was a member of Fairview Baptist Church and honorably served his country in the Army, during the Korean War from September 1951 until discharged in June 1953. He came out with the rank of Sergeant and was rewarded “The Commendation Medal” for meritorious service. Babe was a member of VFW Post 10,000 of Alexander County. He served also on the Central Volunteer Fire Department and was their chaplain.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Ruby Sloan McLain, and seven brothers; Tom, Roscoe and Ray Russell, Jack, Lee, Johnie and Bill McLain. Six sisters predeceased him as well; Elizabeth Meadows, Elva Bunton, Kate Bunton, Ellen McLain, Mildred McLain and Lessie Marlowe. Babe is survived by his son, Tom McLain (wife Angela) of Mt. Holly and a daughter, Terry McLain Steelman (husband Russell) of Wake Forest, NC, and a brother, Edd McLain (wife Ruth) of Hiddenite. Four grandchildren surviving Babe are; Erica and Wade McLain of Mt. Holly and Craig (wife Jennah) Steelman of Greensboro and Carol Steelman of Winston-Salem. Three great

grandchildren; Audrey, Sam and Henry Steelman of Greensboro also survive. Funeral services will be conducted 2:00 pm Sunday, October 23th, 2016 at Fairview Baptist Church 41 Center Church Road, Hiddenite, NC. Rev. Ray Raymer and Rev. Durant Barr will officiate. The family will receive friends at Fairview Baptist Church from 1:00-2:00 PM prior to the funeral and will also receive friends after the graveside committal. Burial will be in the Fairview Baptist Church Cemetery. In lieu of flowers the family request donations to Fairview Baptist Church 41 Center Church Road, Hiddenite, NC, 28636.

Tribute Wall



“ *Rev. James (Babe) Newton McLain*

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