



## James Grady McKewen

December 13, 1921 - June 15, 2019

James Grady McKewen, age 97, died Saturday, June 15, 2019 at Northbrooke Healthcare in Jackson, TN. He was born in Ripley, MS to the parents of Bethel and Annie Wiley McKewen. He was an Army Veteran serving in WW2 and after leaving the Army, went to work for GM&O Railroad at the Iselin Yard for four years and was retired from Conalco as an electrician and from Parkview Baptist Church as a custodian. He enjoyed volunteering at the church along with fishing, eating out, travel, electrical projects, and most importantly, his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He is survived by his two daughters, Paula (Ron) McCollum of Jackson, TN and Judy (Larry) Pratt of Jackson, TN; eight grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Oma Jean (Pounds) McKewen in 2002, and one son, Kenneth McKewen in 1980. Two step-brothers, Harry Betty & Louis Betty.

**SERVICES:** The family will be receiving friends on Wednesday, June 19, 2019 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Arrington Funeral Directors. A Funeral Service will be held on Thursday, June 20, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. with Bro. Henry Richardson and Bro. Jimmy Breedlove officiating. Burial will follow in Ridgecrest Cemetery with full Military Honors.

Arrington Funeral Directors, 148 W. University Parkway, 731-668-1111 [www.arringtonfuneralgroup.com](http://www.arringtonfuneralgroup.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Ridgecrest Cemetery

200 Ridgecrest Road  
Jackson, TN 38305

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **19**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Arrington Funeral Directors  
148 W. University Parkway  
Jackson, TN 38305  
[info@arringtonfuneralgroup.com](mailto:info@arringtonfuneralgroup.com)

## Funeral

JUN **20**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Arrington Funeral Directors created a Webcast in memory of James Grady McKewen



Arrington Funeral Directors - June 20, 2019 at 02:19 PM

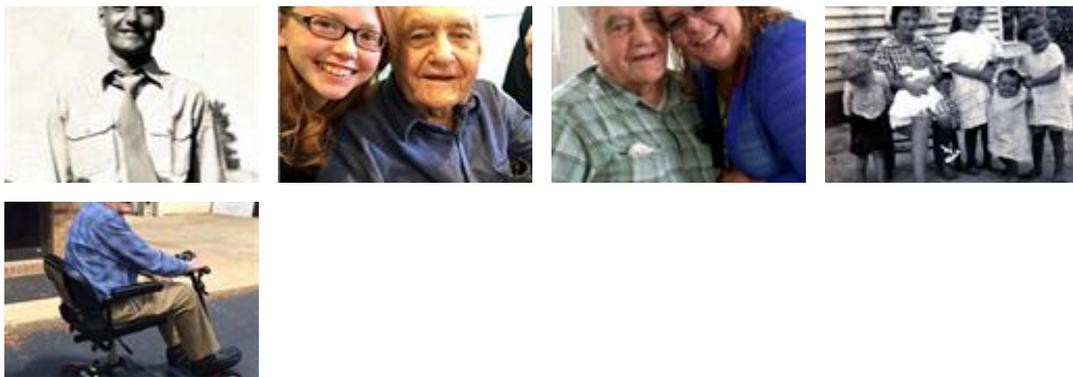
DH

“ Thinking of you all today and tomorrow. I cannot make it down but wanted to say how sorry I am about losing your Dad. He was always such a sweet down to earth person that seem to love all of us "neighborhood kids" that I am sure drove him crazy at times back in the day, as we did all of our parents! Cannot believe it was 9 years ago on the same day Mr. Grady passed away, that Dianne and I lost our Dad. We miss him so much and have such fond memories of his humor and goodness, as I'm sure you all will also. Much love to you all.  
Debbie Wilcher Hopper

Debbie Hopper - June 19, 2019 at 09:50 AM



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Arrington Funeral Directors - June 18, 2019 at 02:15 PM

DH

Grady was a great guy and lived a good life Godspeed Grady

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GF

“ Grady was one of the most precious people I have ever known. He was such a pleasure to be around. God bless Paula & family as they miss him so much.

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**Gale Fulton/Northbrooke friend** - June 18, 2019 at 09:08 AM

RS

“ As one of several sitters with Mr. Grady, I had the pleasure of spending quality time with him. He especially liked to go for rides around Jackson and the surrounding area. I remember he loved to eat hamburgers with onion, pickles and mustard. He loved fish sandwiches as well so on our "adventures" we would frequently stop at Burger King and Dairy Queen. He loved to look at all the old trees and flowers native to Jackson. I remember we were way out on a Madison county road one afternoon when we came upon a muscadine vine full of fruit. Although he did not care for the wild fruit he patiently waited on me to pick several handfuls AND pull down the vine for me to weave into a wreath. His was so humble and kind to me. I had great respect and love for him and I felt that he showed the same to me.

*Rebecca Schmidt*

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**Rebecca Schmidt** - June 17, 2019 at 10:59 PM