



Daniel "Dan" Lee McCandless

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Daniel "Dan" Lee McCandless went to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Saturday, August 3, 2019. He was born in Greeley, Colorado on October 22, 1941. Dan was the son of Charles and Wildon McCandless. He was preceded in death by his parents, and his eldest son Scott. Dan is survived by his wife Sharon, with whom he had just celebrated 54 years of marriage on August 2, 2019. He is survived by daughter Shelley Calhoun (Jon); his sons Tony (Tina) and Daniel; and seven grandchildren. Dan is also survived by his brothers David and Tim (Peggy), his sister Deanna Stemler, and many nieces and nephews.

Out of high school Dan joined the United States Air Force serving our country four years as a Flight Simulator Specialist during the Vietnam War. Dan and his wife Sharon were married in 1965 while he was still in the Air Force. After being honorably discharged from the service, he went into the electrical field as an electrician. He was an electrician for many years before being called into the ministry to serve the Lord. Dan had accepted Christ at the age of 7 being led to the Lord by his Sunday School Teacher. He was devoted to serving the Lord and seeing others come to know Christ as their personal savior. He was called into the ministry at age 33 to attend Bob Jones University in Greenville, South Carolina. As he tells it, "he crammed four years into eight" at Bob Jones University to earn his BA degree in Bible Studies. He received his certificate of ordination into the ministry in June of 1980. While attending Bob Jones, he pastored a church before being called to the mission field where he has faithfully served for the past thirty years with the Native American communities in Arizona.

Despite his failing health in the past twenty years due to his bouts with different types of cancer, he always continued to think about his mission field and was right back on the field as soon as he was able. His desire was to witness to everyone who cared for his medical needs; even in his last hours he witnessed to the hospice nurse



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caring for him. Dan was known for his quick sense of humor which kept everyone around him smiling and on their toes, doctors and nurses included.

Dan will be greatly missed by his wife Sharon, family, and dear friends- but they rejoice that one day they will once again be reunited with him in Heaven. 2 Timothy 4:7, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith."

Viewing: 5-7 pm, Thursday, August 8th at Evergreen Mortuary and Cemetery, 3015 N. Oracle Rd, Tucson, AZ. Funeral services at 9 AM, August 9th at Bethel Baptist Church, 11040 E. Escalante Rd, Tucson, AZ. In lieu in flowers, it was Dan's desire to help ministerial students at Ambassador Baptist Bible College in Lattimore, North Carolina. All donations can be sent there to the "Dan McCandless Memorial Fund." <https://ambassadorbaptistcollege.populiweb.com/router/donate/pages/2089>




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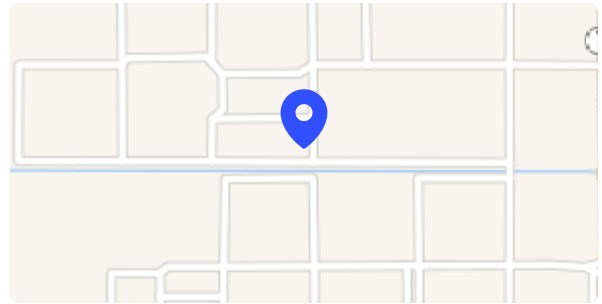
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Visitation


 **Thursday**, August 8, 2019


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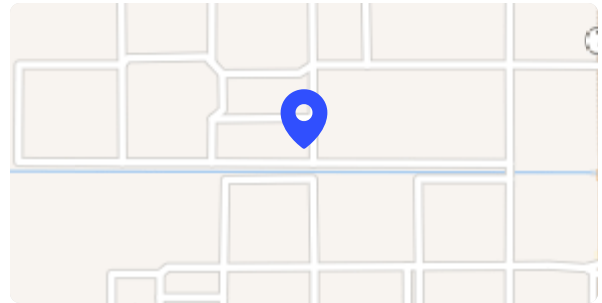
 **Evergreen Mortuary and Crematory**
3015 North Oracle Road, Tucson AZ 85705



Cemetery Details

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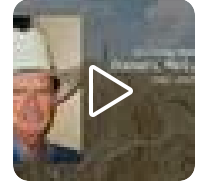
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Beth Reach posted:

It was January of 1979 - we newlyweds arrived in Greenville with all of our worldly possessions and \$75. Russell was transferring to BJU that semester. We drove by an Econolodge on Wade Hampton and I was ready to pull in (wasn't feeling well). But R wanted to drive by the school so we kept going. Further down WHB was a little motel. We pulled in but were told they didn't have a room. R started chatting with the man behind the desk; told him we were here for school. Dan McCandless pulled out a welcome card from his church, then called the Econolodge and got us a room. As we entered our room the phone was ringing - Dan and Sharon invited us to breakfast the next day. After breakfast he took Russell for a haircut and she took me to find housing. I remember being in awe (and so thankful) at the way they took us in and smoothed our path. Imagine Dan and Russell meeting in heaven! Again, Dan McCandless, thank you for being that kind of friend to strangers. And Sharon McCandless, thank you for being the kind of wife who he could count on to take folks in. Beth Reach

December 31 at 3:33 AM



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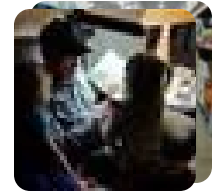
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How we miss you, dearest Dad/Grandpa, yet we are so thankful your body is not longer suffering! Thank you for your godly example of service to the Lord. We love you so much and look forward to the day when we are reunited in Heaven!



December 31 at 1:50 AM



Gail Ereddia posted:

Sharon, I was so thankful to get to be there for the lovely services, both in the church and at the graveside. Most of all, it was a joy to get to see you and the "kids" again! (How did Tony get to be a grandfather...I'm getting old!) I'm thankful you're being taken care of, and want you to know what a blessing you and Dan and your children have been to me since those early days at Faith. Love and prayers, Gail Ereddia

August 28 at 10:52 AM



Tony Mccandless shared 2 photos to the **McCandless** album.



August 28 at 3:15 AM



Jacobandlydia Jones posted:

Bro. McCandless's thoughtful card a few weeks ago was such an encouragement to us as we start deputation & our ministry here. He was such an example of faithfulness! We continue to pray for comfort and peace for you all. Love, The Jones Family

August 27 at 3:58 PM



Carrie L David posted:

Praying for you Sharon that God will uphold you, strengthen you, comfort you, give you grace, and wisdom for the days ahead. We are thankful for your and Dan's faithfulness to Him.

August 27 at 2:37 PM



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KB

Kathy Burrow posted:

Looking at the video of Dan and the ministry made me thankful. Sharon, you and Dan were a tremendous blessing to Hank and me during our engagement and early years of marriage back in Faith Baptist Church. I am praying for you as the Lord carries you through this most difficult loss. We will always love your family. Blessings to all of you.

August 27 at 3:28 AM

JG

Janet Grammer posted:

I remember the year that Sam took Rebecca and one of her friends to Mex to visit with you folks. (I had a sick boy and couldn't go) It was a good visit and we praise God for what He was doing there and using your family to do it. Thank you for your faithfulness.

August 27 at 3:04 AM

TC

Tim Cato posted:

Mrs. McCandless, He will be missed. I recall many Sunday lunch's with your family and playing my viola with you and Shelley before a heartfelt message from Pastor McCandless. His dedication to the Lord has always been and will continue to be very influential in my life. I will pray for you and the family as you mourn. Tim Cato

August 26 at 5:32 PM

TK

Tim Kienitz posted:

I was always inspired by Uncle Dan's willingness to follow God where ever He led. The photo video demonstrates his impact on many lives, through such hard work, sharing the Gospel, and caring for those around him. God's Spirit works on through His sweet family and through those who came into God's family through Uncle Dan's ministry. Still inspires me today. -Tim Kienitz

August 26 at 5:09 PM

YC

Your Friends At Wheatland Baptist Church sent a Beautiful in Blue to the McCandless family.

August 8 at 4:40 AM





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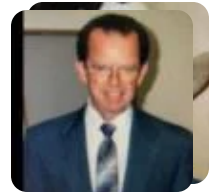
Sharon and family: so sorry to hear of the passing of Dan, but rejoicing to know that there will be a reunion in heaven one day with our dear loved ones. I remember his kindness and compassion and dedication to the cause of Christ. My prayers and with you in the coming days as you morn his death. Your Friend in Christ Dianna Cato

August 7 at 6:10 AM



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August 6 at 4:54 AM





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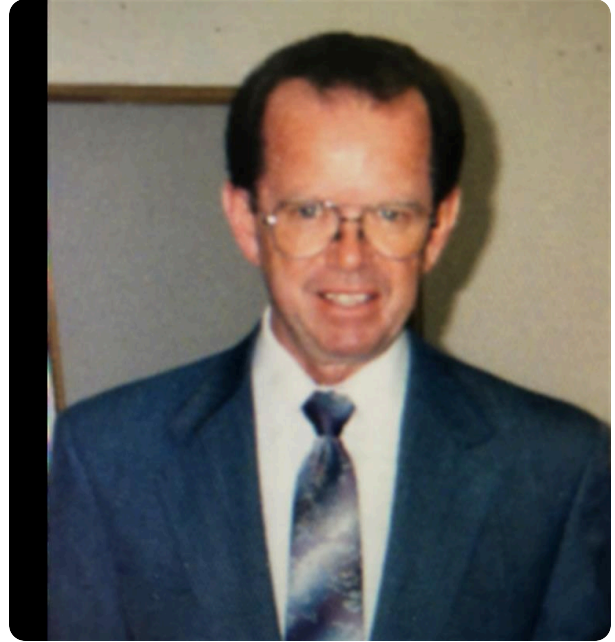
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