



Andrew Wilhite McBeath

April 4, 1923 - May 17, 2007

Longtime newspaper owner and publisher Andrew Wilhite McBeath died May 17, 2007 at the age of 84 after a lengthy illness. He was born on April 4, 1923 in Orange, Texas to Mittie Agnes Greene and Joaquin Sylvester McBeath whose career took the family to many Texas cities where they owned and published newspapers. He attended Brownsville High School where he lettered in football before enlisting in the Marine Corps shortly before World War II, serving six years in combat areas including the Pacific Theatre. Following his honorable discharge as a Gunnery Sergeant, he entered college and received a degree in business administration from Southern Methodist University. He worked on newspapers in Dallas and Corpus Christi before purchasing the Eagle Pass News Guide and moving his family to that Texas border city where he spent many happy and successful years before retiring as owner and Publisher Emeritus and leaving a son in charge of the operation while he assumed residence in San Antonio. Maintaining a comradeship with his Marine Corps buddies and close friends from his school days, he was active for over half a century in his press association, serving in several positions including president. He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister, Lolita Tracy and a son, Brett Allen McBeath. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Margaret, and six children: sons, Dexter McBeath and wife, Kay of Lumberton, Rex McBeath and wife, Debra of Eagle Pass, Blake McBeath and Cathleen of Eagle Pass; daughters, Melinda Horton and husband, Brian of Smithson Valley, Teresa McBeath and Nancy McBeath of San Antonio;

grandchildren, John Andrew McBeath of Beaumont and Christopher McBeath of Florida, Joel Taylor McBeath and wife, Whitney of Lumberton, Darius Horton, Christian Horton, Jared Horton, Reed Horton and Joaquin Horton all of Smithson Valley, Taylor Dale McBeath of Eagle Pass , Samantha Minten and Francis Minten of San Antonio and Kyle McBeath of Eagle Pass; great-grandchildren, Avery McBeath of Beaumont and Kade Taylor McBeath of Lumberton; a brother, Sylvester McBeath of Sweetwater; several nieces and nephews and a host of friends. The family extends its love and gratitude to his special friend, Henry Rodriguez, his physicians who helped him to several extra years of life, especially Dr. Melissa Isbell whose devotion over the past few years meant so much to him and his family; to longtime loyal News Guide employees Jesus Escontrias and Al Kinsall; and to the outstanding staff of Methodist Specialty and Transplant Hospital. Pallbearers are his six eldest grandsons, Andrew, Christopher, and Joel McBeath, Darius, Christian and Jared Horton. Honorary pallbearers are Eugene Palmer, Gilbert and Tom Veters and his many friends from Mitchell's Restaurant and Bar where he regularly spent two hours each weekday evening for a decade.

Services

Visitation will be from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Sunday, May 20, 2007 at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North. Funeral service will begin at 1:00 PM on Monday, May 21, 2007 at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North. Interment will follow in Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery with military honors.

Tribute Wall

RE

“ *Andrew Wilhite McBeath*

Robert Allen Eakin - June 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RE

“ *To the family of my dear friend, Andy.
I feel deep sorrow for the passing of Andy. We shared many years
of comradship. We swapped many war stories. He was the kind of
guy who could tell a story over and over again. We go back a long
time. We lived n*

Robert Allen Eakin - June 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ *itwasalwaysahappytimetoseeandvisitwithandy.itwasanhonortobehisfrie.*

sharoncook - May 21, 2007 at 12:00 AM

VP

“ *On behalf of the Maverick County Appraisal District staff, we wish to
convey our most heartfelt condolences to the passing of Mr. Mc
Beath.*

VICTOR PERRY - May 21, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ *Maggie and family:
So sorry to hear that Andy has left us -- in body only. His spirit lives
on! So many memories . . . I still have the clipping of Andy's
challenge to the county commissioner to meet him on Main Street at
high noon. What a guy!
Hope yo*

Mary Henkel Judson - May 21, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Hello to all,

I'm so sorry for your loss, may God be with you all.

We were next door neighbors in Eagle Pass for a couple of years in the late seventies & remember Mr. MacBeath fondly. I went to school with Teresa & Blake.

Our prayers are with

Suzann Hogan Haces - May 21, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ *My sincere condolences to Maggie, Dexter, Rex, Blake and the rest of the family. In these times that journalists are questioned and sued over their job, I am certain that Andy would be proud that his family and his newspaper are not buckling under and con*

David Riojas - May 21, 2007 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ *A True Newspaper Man!!!....Andy will be Missed by all his friends, and loved ones!...especially by the McLemore Family!!...*

Phillip McLemore - May 21, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ *Our condolences and sympathy to the McBeath family upon the passing of their Patriarch and our long-time friend, Andy. He'll be missed, but remembered, by all who knew him and especially the many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. His quiver was cert*

Chip Miller - May 21, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ *All our prayers are with you and the family.*

Cathy Mauldin - May 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *Letter of condolence to Mrs. Margret McBeath and family members on the demise of a great friend known to all as "Andy McBeath". May he rest in peace. Our prayers are with you and your family. Manuel Reyes Jr. and family from Eagle Pass, Texas.*

Mauel Reyes Jr and Family - May 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ *My deepest sympathies to Mrs. McBeath and the family you are all in my prayers.*

Barbara Kelly Diaz - May 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM

ED

“ *My most sincere condolences to the entire family, and most especially to Maggie, Rex and Blake. My prayers are with you. May the love of Jesus fill your heart during this time of pain. Even though I did not see Andy during the last years of his life,*

Enriqueta Diaz - May 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ *It was with great sadness and a profound sense of loss that I learned of Andy's passing. I will always remember him coming into the Pack Saddle every morning to pick up the Express and shoot the breeze about what was going on in Eagle Pass. My deepest s*

Jerry Grossenbacher - May 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM