



Charles D. McNary

May 24, 1932 - January 18, 2022

Charles Douglas McNary passed away on January 18, 2022. He was born in Dearborn, Michigan on May 24, 1932 to Howard and Clara (Jurn) McNary. Raised in Brown City, Michigan he attended Burnside Country School and graduated from Brown City High School in 1950. From being a dairy farmer and factory worker, he went on to graduate from Central Michigan University and Garret Theological School. His first student pastorate was at Melvin and Roseburg Methodist Churches. He then pastored Kent City and Casnovia, orchestrating the merger of those congregations into Chapel Hill United Methodist, and then Bangor Simpson UMC. He and Joan Shoemaker of Brown City were married August 20, 1960. They adopted two children, Kelly Marie and Michael Howard. After the death of Joan in 1974, he remained in the Bangor community, serving Breedsville UMC part time and becoming an educator, where he helped found the Bangor Alternative High School. He and Sandra Babcock Hoffman McNary were married on January 1, 1996. After retirement, they became Volunteers in Mission through the United Methodist Church and spent seven winters volunteering in Tucson, Arizona. They moved to Tucson in 2015. They were living in Albuquerque, New Mexico at the time of his death.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Joan Shoemaker McNary; grandson, Zechariah McNary; brother, William McNary. He is survived by his wife, Sandra; daughter, Kelly Bakr (Munier) of Kalamazoo; son, Michael (Sheri) of Sierra Vista, Arizona; grandchildren, Tamara Bakr, Alexandrie Bakr

of Kalamazoo, Victoria Williams (Devin) of Colorado Springs, Andrew (Gabiella) McNary of San Antonio. Also surviving are Erik (Emi) Hoffman of Osaka, Japan and Heather Hoffman (Ben Schlicht) of Albuquerque. Memorials may be made to Bangor Simpson United Methodist Building Fund.

Tribute Wall

JE

“ On behalf of the Michigan Conference Clergy Spouses Association, we want to express our sincere sympathy to Sandra McNary and the family in the death of Rev. Charles McNary. We appreciate the ministry that you both have done together. Prayers for you during these days. In Christ, MC CSA of the UMC

Jackie Euper - January 29, 2022 at 03:04 PM

JR

“ Dear Sandra,

Grief is difficult, but it is a time of blessings. I understand that you understand it as well from your years of counseling, but now it is you suffering the loss of a best friend. I send prayers of healing and love. Know that and hang tightly to all the prayer energy surrounding you. Absorb it and use it as you see fit.

This note comes from me and my best friend in the afterlife, Walter Rothfuss. Being profound was not his gift, but Walt's was a gift of positive joy, hugs, and laughter which he shared in abundance.

Sincerely, Jackie Rothfuss

Jackie and (Walt) Rothfuss - January 27, 2022 at 03:34 PM

CH

“ Like so many of his colleagues and friends, I just loved Chuck. He was wise and wonderful, and the only person I ever knew who blessed something by naming it "very excellent" -- It is odd how some small habits of speech or mannerisms attach themselves to a person. Chuck was unique, trustworthy and kind. His friends in heaven must be celebrating!



Claudette Haney - January 25, 2022 at 10:00 AM

ES

“ Sorry to hear of Chuck's passing. Many fond church memories of him. I will truly miss him.



Eric Smith - January 24, 2022 at 07:55 PM

CK

“ Chuck was a wonderful man. He was like a stand-in father for my brother, Brian. When Brian died, he came right over to my mom's house and expressed his heartfelt sympathy and love for Brian. He was truly a wonderful man who loved others with all he had. Rest in peace, Chuck.

Cathy Kimbler - January 23, 2022 at 05:33 PM

LF

“ Chuck will surely be missed. He was such a wonderful person. Our thoughts and prayers are with Sandra and the family. Dan and Lynne Farmer

Lynne Farmer - January 23, 2022 at 08:01 AM

JD

“ *Mr. McNary was such an inspirational teacher. He taught Creative Writing at BHS my sophomore year. I loved listening to him read or tell stories. You could tell he had a passion for helping people. He had an amazing laugh and smile. Rest peacefully, Mr. McNary* 🕊️



Jessica Drake-Parish - January 23, 2022 at 01:35 AM

JF

“ *He will always hold a special place in our hearts. John and Judy Fry*

judy fry - January 21, 2022 at 06:14 PM

RJ

“ *Rocky Johnson lit a candle in memory of Charles D. McNary*



Rocky Johnson - January 21, 2022 at 10:49 AM

LW

“ *Larry and I were brought up in MYF by Chuck. So many memories..sleepovers up in the old church upstairs, movies, skating, singing, visiting Albion college, the state capital, Western. He brought us into what we are today, Christians and proud of it.*

Larry and Becky Woodley - January 21, 2022 at 08:29 AM

SS

“ *Many fond memories of MYF under his leadership. God's speed.* ”



Steven Smith - January 20, 2022 at 08:48 PM

SB

“ *Sue Bray lit a candle in memory of Charles D. McNary* ”



Sue Bray - January 20, 2022 at 05:30 PM

MM

“ *Sandra, I am so sorry for your loss. Charles was a super volunteer at Casa Maria. We enjoyed his many stories on our rides to and from CM!* ”

Mary Lou Metzger - January 20, 2022 at 05:09 PM

NJ

“ *Sandra & family,*

Sending my most heartfelt sympathy to you on your loss.

Loved any minute I was around Chuck. He was a special person. I will remember all the Peter Piper Pizza "get togethers" so much to talk about & catch up with one another.

Can't forget to mention bingo nights at FHE

RIP my friend.

Nena

Nena James - January 20, 2022 at 01:59 PM

TF

“ *Tina Maxwell Ford lit a candle in memory of Charles D. McNary*




Tina Maxwell Ford - January 20, 2022 at 01:46 PM

MB

“ *Maggie Brooks lit a candle in memory of Charles D. McNary*



Maggie Brooks - January 20, 2022 at 12:32 PM

 Lisa
Kay

“ Kelly and Mike,
I'll never forget your dad he was a special
person. May you both find comfort in knowing
he's now resting peacefully. My thoughts and
prayers are with you both during the difficult
time.



Lisa Kay - January 20, 2022 at 11:57 AM

K(

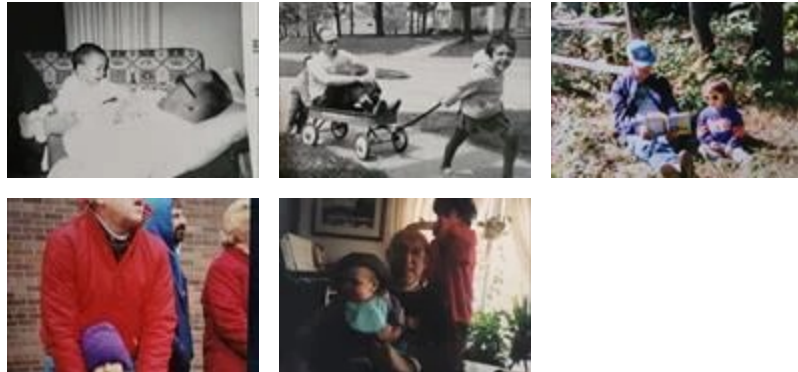
“Dad was an amazing man. I am blessed that he chose to be my father.

He sacrificed so much for the ones he loved. He taught by example, was loving, creative, had a passion for life, and so much more. I will treasure the time I spent with him and I am grateful I was loved by such an amazing man.

From the words of his first grandchild, which were posted on her Instagram feed...

"He was a soft-spoken man, with hands that always seemed to be covered in baking flour or garden dirt. He was a man in love with the theater, and he gave that world of musicals, orchestras, and ballet to me. He was a published Author. A retired minister. He found comfort in good, telling good stories over good pics. He was a point of stability, a source of comfort, and a dynamic influence in my life. Rest well Grandfather I miss you so much"

I miss you daddy. I will always love you...



Kelly Bakr (McNary) - January 20, 2022 at 11:55 AM

KB

Kelly Bakr (McNary)

Kelly Bakr - January 20, 2022 at 11:57 AM

SM

Thank you Kelly! A beautiful tribute to a wonderful guy!

Sandra McNary - January 20, 2022 at 02:35 PM

MM

“ 4 files added to the album Memories Album



Michael McNary - January 20, 2022 at 11:30 AM

MZ

“ A very special human being that lives on in many hearts for he touched so many lives. A kind man who loved as Jesus taught us to love. He counseled and married so many couples of my generation. Great sense of humor and community. He is home at last! My condolences to Rev. Sandra and his family including the multitude of friends that he held dear. -Melanie Thompson Walantyn Zeiger

Melanie Thompson Zeiger - January 20, 2022 at 08:13 AM



“ Rev. McNary was a kind man who had a great sense of honor, humor and love of God and God's people; I feel honored to have known him. As I hold them in prayer for peace and comfort, I extend my sympathy to Rev. Sandra and his family.

Gobles Pantry - January 20, 2022 at 08:03 AM



This memory is from Pastor Sheila Baker.

Gobles Pantry - January 20, 2022 at 08:05 AM

MM

“ 2 files added to the album *Memories Album*



Michael McNary - January 20, 2022 at 07:58 AM

MM

“ 2 files added to the *tribute wall*



Michael McNary - January 20, 2022 at 07:57 AM

MM

“ My dad and I were not connected by DNA but by choice. He chose to be my dad. My dad was then left to raise my sister and me, as a single parent, after my mom died when I was almost 8. I will miss my dad, I will miss his perspective on many things. There are a lot of things and stories I could tell to express what kind of man he was but I will summarize this way.
My dad loved,
My dad was joyful,
My dad was a man of peace,
My dad was patient,
My dad was so very kind,
My dad lived a life of goodness,
My dad was faithful,
My dad was gentle,
My dad lived a life of self-control.
“I have come home at last! This is my real country! I belong here. This is the land I have been looking for all my life, though I never knew it till now...Come further up, come further in!” – C.S. Lewis

Michael McNary - January 20, 2022 at 07:53 AM

SM

Thank you Michael. What a beautiful tribute!! Sandra

Sandra McNary - January 20, 2022 at 10:54 AM

MH

My condolences to Sandra and the children. Chuck was the embodiment of a loving, kind and caring man. On a lark about five or six years ago we took a day trip up north to visit cool cities on the coastline of Lake Michigan. He also took me to a symphony in Kalamazoo around the same time. I will fondly remember him as a great man of God. Bangor was blessed that he spent many years there. RIH Chuck. You led an exemplary life!

Michael Hanners - January 23, 2022 at 11:30 AM

CW

“ I was honored to have known Mr. McNary. He was a kind a caring man. He taught me many things from the Blueberry field to my English Classroom. He even helped me get through some tough times when my parents passed. I can't say enough kind words about this man. To have know him is a pleasure and honor.
And to his family My deepest sympathy goes out to you, you have lost a treasure like no other.



Charlotte Wires-Harrison - January 19, 2022 at 08:09 PM

JL

“ This breaks my heart. Mr. McNary was very special to me. I probably wouldn't have made it thru my teen years without him!!!!
May he forever R. I.H.💕

Jayne Landers - January 19, 2022 at 07:51 PM

DB

“ David Bournay lit a candle in memory of Charles D. McNary



David Bournay - January 19, 2022 at 05:19 PM

DB

“ David Bournay lit a candle in memory of Charles D. McNary



David Bournay - January 19, 2022 at 05:18 PM

CF

“ Chuck was a dear friend. While in Bangor enjoyed and discussed many topics over coffee. Studied the Bible together, taught in Middle School together. Was such a great friend who will be missed. So glad he was able to complete 2 books in his last few years. I enjoyed reading them and could just hear him telling the stories. He truly loved his church and country.
Chuck French

Charles French - January 19, 2022 at 03:52 PM

LW

“ Larry And Becky Woodley lit a candle in memory of Charles D. McNary



Larry and Becky Woodley - January 19, 2022 at 03:35 PM