

Charlene M Neill

November 14, 1937 - February 10, 2017 (Age 79)



Charlene Neill went to be with her Heavenly Father on February 10, 2017. Visitation: Tuesday, February 14, 2017 from 6:00 – 8:00pm at Bluebonnet Hills Funeral Home. Funeral: 11:00 am Wednesday, February 15 2017 at Temple Baptist Church in Fort Worth.

Charlene was born on November 14, 1937 to Jesse and Francis McFadin in Fort Worth, Texas. Charlene and her husband Melbourne Neill spent over 60 years touching, and changing lives in their missionary career with the world Baptist Fellowship. Charlene was an excellent cook and loved to host family gatherings. She was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother that will be missed.

Those preceding Charlene in death are her parents, husband of 61 years Melbourne Neill, grandson Greg Howeth and sister Louise Reynolds.

Those left to cherish Charlene's memory are: daughters Sharon Howeth, husband Charles, Melanie Neill and Marsha Neill, grandchildren; Taryn, Jason, John, Merissa, Duston and Cameron, great-grandchildren; Baylee, Clayton, Michael, Max, Chance, Hailey, Zoey, Ella, Axel, Finn and Ava, great-great grandson; Layne, brothers; J.B. McFadin, wife Joy and Joe McFadin.

MISSIONARY CHARLENE NEILL WITH THE LORD
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Retired Missionary Charlene Neill went home to be with her Lord on February 10, 2017 after a long illness. Charlene was born on November 14, 1937 in Fort Worth, Texas, to Jesse and Francis McFadin. She was saved at the early age of 6. She and Melbourne (Mel) Neill were married in 1954 in Ardmore, Oklahoma. Mel graduated from the Bible Baptist Seminary in May 1961. They were approved as World Baptist Fellowship missionaries in 1962 and served the Lord faithfully in Costa Rica, Peru and Ecuador for over 52 years with more than 25 of those years in Ecuador. When it was discovered that Mel had cancer in 2000, they returned to the States but made frequent trips back to Ecuador for building projects. He also started the WBF Bible Ministry to provide Bibles to missionaries in their language.

Their ministry was starting Independent Baptist churches, teaching and training pastors and workers. Mel had a burden to start a Bible Institute in Ecuador. Along with the help of other World Baptist Fellowship missionaries, the Bible Baptist Institute “El Paraíso” was started and continues to this day with over 500 students receiving training. Mrs. Charlene was one of the professors to teach ladies and youth how to teach, prepare lessons and songs, to use visual aids and she did a superb job.

The Neill’s bought property in the mountainous jungle area and the Lord provided the funds to build the institute on their property with a men’s dorm, women’s dorm, cafeteria and a dining hall with a complete kitchen and classrooms. Men and women were trained for ministry, youth camps were held; it was a very fruitful ministry at the camp. There was no vehicle access to the camp or their home, so everything had to be carried across a suspension foot bridge over a raging river. The property was like a paradise because beautiful flowers, plants, orange, lemon, grapefruit, banana, papaya, and coffee trees were grown on the property. Mel and Charlene had some very memorable experiences they would share with anyone that came to visit them. Charlene was an excellent cook, loved to host family gatherings and loved to have people

over to play games. She planned the meals, shopped for the food and was involved in cooking for the Bible Institute as well.

She was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother who will be greatly missed. She was a sweet lady, had a great sense of humor, and was fun to be with. Mel and Charlene have three daughters: Sharon Howeth, Melanie Neill and Marsha Neill and a host of grandchildren and great grandchildren and two living brothers J.B McFadin and wife Joy; and Joe McFadin. May the Lord give us many more dedicated missionaries like Charlene Neill.