



## Mr. Floyd McSwain McPhail

November 16, 1944 - December 25, 2020

Floyd McSwain McPhail passed away peacefully on December 25th, 2020.

He leaves behind his loving wife of 53 years, Ann Lee McPhail and his 2 adoring daughters: Ashley McPhail Sevick, her husband Major James Kenneth Sevick USAF Rt, and their two sons, Caleb James Sevick, and Cole McPhail Sevick, and daughter Leigh McPhail Campbell, husband Dr. Ross Martin Campbell, and their 2 sons, Aidan James Campbell and Silas Elison Campbell.

Floyd was the fifth of seven children born to Walter Hoolu and Addie Prater McPhail on November 16, 1944. He is predeceased by sister, Mary Cannon and brother, Steve McPhail. His remaining siblings are sisters: Hazel Schumaker and Elaine McPhail, brothers: Walter and Neil McPhail and numerous nieces and nephews whom he loved dearly.

Floyd was a lifelong resident of the Pine Grove Community. He was a member of Dickson Methodist Church, a 1962 graduate of Townville High School and attended Clemson University. He was a Renaissance farmer involved in the livestock and poultry industries. He was honored with a lifetime membership in the American Angus Association. He was instrumental in the Agricultural Conservation effort in southern Oconee County, he was awarded the Heritage Farmer of the Year in 2014. He believed in developing and conserving the

land with new ideas, new techniques, new equipment, and old wisdom. He worked with the Agronomy Department at Clemson University testing new seed varieties and planting techniques. He enjoyed wildlife conservation. His farming career lasted a span of 6 decades teaching many young people the value of work ethics and the bond of a hand shake.

Floyd lived a life full to the brim with love, kindness, tenderness, laughter and good red dirt. With unsinkable determination and beaming positivity he was known for perseverance in life, love and farming. Farming and helping others farm with respect and success was his passion. He was known for his deep pride and love of his family, and for his incredible generosity, with all that he had, to help those around him. The chasm left in our hearts with his loss will never be filled or healed. But the ripples of his legacy of love, kindness and genuine goodness will go on forever.

His daughters remember many times calling their dad with the news of some new life challenge, disappointment, or devastation... only to be told by their Dad "that sounds just like farming to me.... You oftentimes will lose, but you never, never, never give up!"

He will be remembered for his courage, compassion, sage advice, kindness and love of his family. To honor Floyd's memory, please show an act of kindness to someone in need.

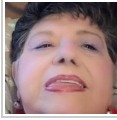
According to Floyd's wishes and health issues of the time, a memorial service will be held at a later date.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Floyd McSwain McPhail*

January 28, 2023 at 01:03 PM



*We had a story. It was short , but sweet at 18yezrs.I will never forget you. You had a bad Accident after leaving my house and ended up in OMH. Stories to tell and memories of you. ,RIP, Floyd. Gone too soon.*

**Frankie Morgan** - May 12 at 07:21 PM



“ *We were sorry to hear of the passing of Floyd.  
Our sincere condolences to the family.*

*The Graham Family  
Keith , Kristy, PAYTON*



**Keith Graham Family** - January 06, 2021 at 10:38 AM



“ *Sweet Ann Lee and family, How sad I am to read this; know your hearts are broken but trust that fond memories will sustain you in the weeks and months ahead. Actually, you have plenty for many years. Recalling times with you all in years past.*

**Kathy McGee** - January 04, 2021 at 09:19 AM

AS

“ Leigh, Ashley, & Family,

*I was so sad to hear of your Dad's passing. You & your family are in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Chad & April Shipman*

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**April Shipman** - January 01, 2021 at 06:39 PM



LT

“ Louise Lee Towe lit a candle in memory of Mr. Floyd McSwain McPhail

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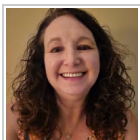
**Louise Lee Towe** - January 01, 2021 at 01:46 PM



“ Ann Lee, I am so sorry for your loss. Shirley Chappell (The Framery Inc.)

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**Ken Chappell** - December 31, 2020 at 05:39 PM



“ I am sorry for your loss. He was kind, generous, thoughtful and loyal to all that knew him. I pray for strength and brighter days. Our thoughts are with you Ann Leigh, Ashley, Leigh and family. Brian, Bridget and Grace Whiten

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**Bridget Whiten** - December 31, 2020 at 03:36 PM



RL

“*Floyd was a wonderful person. Everybody who knew him had a true friend . He will be greatly missed! We send our love to Ann Leigh and his family! Ray and Patty Lee*

Ray and Patty Lee - December 31, 2020 at 12:21 PM

RL

“*Ray And Patty Lee lit a candle in memory of Mr. Floyd McSwain McPhail*



Ray and Patty Lee - December 31, 2020 at 12:14 PM

Joel Davis

“*McPhail family, I am sorry for your lost. I am honored to have met Floyd as a 16 year old and learned how to take care of chickens and plant soybean one summer. He taught me many life lessons. I appreciated his friendship and respected him greatly. I look forward to sharing my condolences in person when planned. Thank you for allowing me to spend a summer on the McPhail farm and making life long memories.*

Joel Davis - December 30, 2020 at 08:27 PM

CD

“*I will never forget the years I was fortunate enough to work for and learn from Floyd. He was a great mentor. I will always remember him for his passion for farming and his generosity. Floyd will be missed.*

Chad Durham - December 30, 2020 at 07:44 PM

MG

“ So very Sorry for the loss of Floyd, a huge loss to the McPhail family, the Pine Grove, Cross Roads, Townville communities, and the farming community of South Carolina.

Michael Graham - December 30, 2020 at 06:42 PM

JJ

“ Floyd was a good friend and we are saddened to hear about his death. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.  
Love, Joe and Sandy James

Joe James - December 30, 2020 at 02:33 PM

AD

“ Ann Lee, I found out today that my friend Floyd had died. You have lost a husband and I have lost a dear friend. Lots of pleasant memories of Floyd and myself as we served the Agricultural community in Oconee County ,may God Bless and Keep you close in his love and care. You have a wonderful family. Your Friend, Alan D. Boggs



Alan D.Boggs - December 30, 2020 at 01:24 PM

ES

“ Ann Lee and Family,  
My sympathy to you and family. Mr. McPhail's adoption and development of new techniques in agriculture will continue to help other farmers and livestock producers.  
Emerson Shipe

Emerson Shipe - December 30, 2020 at 11:34 AM

HR

“ Dear Ann Lee and Family, I'm so sorry for your loss. Floyd was a special farmer and dear friend. I am grateful for the time I spent working with him while at the Oconee Agricultural Building. As so beautifully said in his obituary, he was indeed a leader of his community. There will forever be greener pastures and golden lands because of him. Love to you all. Heather Ramsay

Heather R Ramsay - December 30, 2020 at 11:03 AM

TO

“ My deepest sympathy goes to Ann Lee and the family. I imagine that my late husband, Michael, and Floyd are in Heaven reminiscing about their time as Clemson roommates and the farming they each did through the years.

Terri O'Tuel - December 30, 2020 at 10:37 AM

JD

“ Ann Lee, I am so sorry for your lost. I have often thought of you through the years with such fond memories. Sending much love and prayers for you and your family.



Joelyn Powell Donald - December 30, 2020 at 10:27 AM

JM

“ He was a great man and great friend to my Grandpa Jim English. I know they are both in heaven now cutting up and talking about hunting, tractors, and farming. Wishing the family peace and comfort in the days ahead.

Jennifer English Moss - December 30, 2020 at 10:24 AM

JM

“ Jennifer English Moss lit a candle in memory of Mr. Floyd McSwain McPhail



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**Jennifer English Moss** - December 30, 2020 at 10:22 AM

MS

“ Ann Lee, Floyd was an inspiration to me in all walks of life. i would like to come and see you but with this crazy virus, maybe later. Floyd was a pioneer in his farming skills and I tried to copy them and improve on them but he did it better. He was my mentor but most of all a good farming friend. Hope the best for you.

*Mendel*

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**mendel stone** - December 30, 2020 at 08:06 AM

SN

“ Condolences to the McPhail family. Our prayers are with you.



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**Susan Neal** - December 30, 2020 at 07:57 AM

DA

“ *Don Albertson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Floyd McSwain McPhail*



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**Don Albertson** - December 29, 2020 at 07:44 PM

LS

“ *So very saddened to hear of Floyd's death. Our farm bordered theirs and we all grew up as friends and neighbors. Will always remember his kindness and family closeness. Charles and I send our condolences. The Roysters*

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**Laura Sammons** - December 29, 2020 at 07:17 PM

DM

“ *Ann Lee and Family, so sad to hear of your loss. Back in the early 60's. Floyd was introduced by Steve as his "little brother". Those two have left so many special memories in my heart. May all your memories bring you comfort. Regrettably we lost track over the years, but when we bumped into one another he was always so quick to talk about you and his "girls" . Praying God's comfort for each of you.*

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**Debbie Edwards Morehead** - December 29, 2020 at 07:00 PM

KF

“ *Kathy Fitzgerald sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Floyd McSwain McPhail*



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**Kathy Fitzgerald** - December 29, 2020 at 06:04 PM

HA

“ *Harold Alexander lit a candle in memory of  
Mr. Floyd McSwain McPhail*



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**Harold Alexander** - December 29, 2020 at 04:10 PM