



Rev. Edgar McElhannon

September 20, 1926 - May 19, 2024

Rev. Edgar Elic McElhannon, 87, transitioned to his heavenly home on Sunday, May 19, 2024 in Springfield, MO.

Edgar was born near Henryetta, Oklahoma, on October 20, 1936, to Rev. Marvin and Rosetta (Been) McElhannon. He was the second of four sons. The family sharecropped for many years with cotton and peanuts being the primary crops.

Edgar attended Wilson schools in rural Okmulgee County until his Junior year of high school when his father accepted a pastorate in Council, Idaho, where Edgar graduated in 1954. He remained quite close to his classmates and was able to attend several reunions with them.

A key time in Edgar's life was when he attended Southwestern Bible Institute (now Nelson University) in Waxahachie, Texas, graduating in 1958. He formed many lifelong friendships and served for many years in various alumni council roles, including vice-president.

Edgar was licensed with the Oklahoma District Council of the Assemblies of God in 1956 and ordained in 1958. He pastored his first church in Keefeton, Oklahoma. Other pastorates would follow in Alaska, Arkansas, Illinois, and Oklahoma. He would serve in the leadership role of presbyter in three of those states.

On May 3, 1959, he married Phyllis Nadine Walls at 1st Assembly in Okmulgee, a congregation they would later pastor from 1991-98. While pastoring in Berryville, Arkansas, their son Reggie and daughter Regina were

born. Feeling a call to minister in Alaska, Edgar and Nadine received home missions appointment and the family moved to Cordova, Alaska in 1961 where their younger son Rick was born.

During their time of ministry in Alaska, Edgar was elected to serve as the first statewide director of youth ministries for the Assemblies of God. During this time he and Nadine helped establish the varied youth programs that remain active today. He served as a youth camp speaker in Alaska, Arkansas, North Texas, and Southern Idaho camps.

Nadine was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis in 1971 and through the years Edgar served as her caregiver as her health declined to an invalid status. He later served many years as a prison chaplain in Arkansas and Alaska.

In July of 2002, Edgar suffered a paralyzing stroke in Palmer, Alaska. He and Nadine transitioned to Maranatha Village in Springfield, Missouri, where Nadine passed in December of 2004.

In 2009, Edgar reconnected with Ruth Isaacs Kersey, a fellow classmate at Southwestern, and a recent widow. They were wed on November 21, 2009 in Colorado Springs.

Two years ago, Edgar and Ruth relocated to Maranatha Village in Springfield, Missouri. They began a bi-weekly singing and time of fellowship in the lobby of their apartment building. This has been a wonderful source of encouragement to many.

Edgar was preceded in death by his first wife Nadine, his youngest son Rev. Rick McElhannon, his parents and three brothers, Marvin Lee, Walter, and James, and a grandson Ryan Engroff.

Edgar is survived by his wife Ruth of the home, son Reggie of Springfield, Missouri, and daughter Regina Lang of Bossier City, Louisiana. Five grandchildren Lindsay and Chris Mathis of Sand Springs, Oklahoma; Richard (Casey) and Leann McElhannon of Salina, Oklahoma; Katie and Stephen Spencer of Guthrie, Oklahoma; Courtney and Eli Vincent of Manhattan, Kansas; and Jeffrey Lang of Covington, Louisiana. He was a great-grandfather to 14 including Abraham Archer Vincent, born one week ago, who

joins Olivia, Addisyn, Gracie, Emily, Kylie, Ethan, Lily, Isla, LeeElla, Lucy, Rosie, Richard Silas, and Malachi.

When Edgar and Ruth married, he was blessed with an extended family that includes her children Robert and Sue Kersey, Cindy and Mike Caton, and Jayson and Amy Kersey and their children and grandchildren.

A visitation will be held from 11:30am - 1:00 pm, Thursday, May 23, at Okmulgee First Assembly of God, 301 N Seminole, in Okmulgee, followed by the funeral service at 1:00 pm. Internment will follow at Salt Creek Cemetery in the Wilson community at 3:30.

A memorial service will be held at 1:30 pm on Tuesday, May 28 at the Maranatha Village Chapel, 233 E Norton Rd in Springfield, Missouri.

In recognition of the impact Edgar's alma mater had on his life and ministry, memorials may be directed to the existing McElhannon Scholarship, SAGU/Nelson University, 1200 Sycamore, Waxahachie, Texas 75165. Online donations may be made at www.sagu.edu/give (be sure an include McElhannon scholarship in the comment section).

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Hayhurst Funeral Home of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma.

Cemetery Details

Wilson Salt Creek Cemetery

Wilson, OK

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 23. 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

First Assembly of God
301 N Seminole Ave
Okmulgee, OK 74447

Funeral Service

MAY 23. 1:00 PM (CT)

First Assembly of God
301 N Seminole Ave
Okmulgee, OK 74447

Burial

MAY 23. 3:30 PM (CT)

Salt Creek Cemetery
35.49670, -96.03530.
Henryetta, OK 74437

Memorial Service

MAY 28. 1:30 PM (CT)

Maranatha Village Chapel
233 E Norton Rd
Springfield, MO 65803

Tribute Wall

JS

“ *My Husband & I visited Alaska & got to visit Edgar.*

Then we were invited to the wedding of Edgar & Ruth in Colorado Springs.

We came to Colorado each year to visit.

My husband Howard Wayne Strange & I were so blessed again to visit Edgar & Ruth at Church , thier home. Go our to eat for visits & trips thru the church with James & Penny Kressman.

What fun, to be with these 2 special couple.

God bless the family thru this time. Love to all.

Joyce Strange

Joyce Strange - June 05, 2024 at 04:39 PM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Rev. Edgar McElhannon.*



May 26, 2024 at 01:45 PM

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“ *Rob Kersey and Magda Ksiazak planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rev. Edgar McElhannon.*

Rob Kersey and Magda Ksiazak - May 26, 2024 at 01:45 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rev. Edgar McElhannon.*



May 25, 2024 at 11:43 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Grandkids*



Hayhurst Funeral Home - May 23, 2024 at 10:07 AM



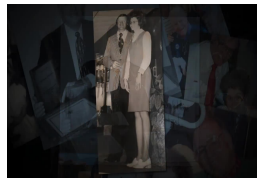
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Hayhurst Funeral Home - May 23, 2024 at 10:07 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Pictorial Video Tribute*



Hayhurst Funeral Home - May 23, 2024 at 09:57 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Rev. Edgar McElhannon.*



May 22, 2024 at 12:03 PM



“ *Bryan & Tamara Mofley planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rev. Edgar McElhannon.*

Bryan & Tamara Mofley - May 22, 2024 at 12:03 PM



“ *Marge & George Randle & Sons purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Rev. Edgar McElhannon.*



Marge & George Randle & Sons - May 22, 2024 at 10:11 AM



“ *A lifetime of memories connected to Brother Mac and this family! My childhood pastor, dear friends of my parents, son Rick and I were best friends in those long ago years, honored to be truly connected to the family through marriage to Rick's widow Rhonda McElhannon-Holzer, memories remain forever as we celebrate a life well lived and an eternal hope we will be together again.*



Buster Holzer - May 21, 2024 at 10:09 AM

CM

“ Charles and Bonita McElhannon purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Rev. Edgar McElhannon.



Charles and Bonita McElhannon - May 20, 2024 at 09:46 PM

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“ It is our honor and privilege to serve the McElhannon family and to provide this permanent tribute website in memory of Edgar.



Hayhurst Funeral Home - May 20, 2024 at 03:58 PM