



## Edward Lee McCormick

July 4, 1939 - May 11, 2016

Edward Lee McCormick passed away May 7th, 2016. He was surrounded by his loved ones as he entered into eternal peace. Born July 4th, 1939, in Greenwood Community, Edward lived a life full of adventure that took him to California, Oregon, and back home to Arkansas, from the Pacific Ocean to the bottoms of Greenwood Community. Along the way, Edward met his wife, Frances Montoya in the summer of 1957 in Fresno, California. They shared a love of dancing, boxing, and music—and were known for being the first couple on the dance floor at every party. Edward and Frances were married December 18, 1957, and had three beautiful children together; Martha Darlene, Randall Lee, and Jimmy Edward. An avid coon hunter and NRA member, Edward is most known for his awards and honors in the coon hunting community. A member of UKC America and the Coon Hunters Club, Edward shared his love for hunting with several of his lifelong friends in the community. A professional coon dog breeder, he proudly bred and trained treeing walkers and enjoyed hunting with his friends. During the last few years of his life, his joy of hunting with his friends meant more to him than his friends could possibly know. Edward was more than a great husband and father, he was also a wonderful grandfather who played a huge role in the lives of all of his grandchildren, ensuring that they all learn to have his great sense of humor, love of adventure, and an appreciation of the outdoors. His surviving grandchildren are Angela Baxter, Neil McCormick, Eric Fannon, Carissa Noriega, Shanna McCormick, Alexis Qualls, Ethan McCormick, Xavier

McCormick, Justin McCormick, and a great grand-daughter, Evaline McCormick. Work ethic was extremely important to Edward, and is one the things he is best known for. Edward's first job was cutting spinach in the fields of the river bottoms in Altus. He later served in the National Guard and enjoyed training as a boxer. After moving to Oregon with Frances, he worked as a logger, while skin diving in Northern California on the Pacific Ocean. In 1990, Edward founded McCormick Asphalt Paving, Inc. on his kitchen table with his two sons, Randall and Jimmy. The business grew from paving small driveways to building highways throughout the state. As a small business owner, he created hundreds of jobs over the years throughout the community. Under his watchful eye, the family business was recognized for several local, regional, and state awards for excellence in construction. Edward is the third of six children born to Jack and Martha Cora McCormick of Greenwood Community. He was a member of the Old Country Church, and Pastor JD Ellison will be officiating services. Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, May 11th, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. at Shaffer Funeral Home in Ozark. He will be laid to rest in Nichols Chapel Cemetery on highway 64. Pallbearers are Randall L. McCormick, Jimmy E. McCormick, Keith Moore, Jeff Perry, Jimmy Cline, and Troy Ellison.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Edward Lee McCormick*

January 30, 2023 at 02:28 AM



“ *Frances i am so sorry for you and your family,s loss .haven,t seen you in years ,but my prayers are with you all God be with you*

**Edith Hutchison** - May 13, 2016 at 10:57 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss. Ed was more than just a cousin , he was also a dear friend and will be missed by many .Ralph had just talked to him on the phone last week. We will be praying for all of you .*

**Ralph and Carolyn Owen** - May 13, 2016 at 10:57 AM



“ *Love & prayers always,  
Charles & Linda Karr  
(The Old Country Church)*

**LINDA KARR** - May 10, 2016 at 09:55 AM



“ *Please accept our deepest sympathy and christian love*

**Donnie and Glenda Horn** - May 10, 2016 at 09:55 AM

DS

“ Ed was a giant of a man. Not only was he a large man physically but he had a huge heart. There are so many people Ed helped during his life. He had a tender heart for hurting people. He could be hard and in a second turn into a gentle giant. If you never saw him with his grandkids you missed a treat ! How he loved his family! My favorite memory of Ed was watching him dance with his granddaughter Carissa. She was about 7 years old and danced with her little sock feet on top of Ed's big feet. I never forgot what a tender glimpse I got of him. I can hear his voice calling and saying "Dana, we're goin hunting tonight. If the dogs get over on y'all it'll be us." How many champion dogs he had over the years ! Ed came to know Jesus as his Saviour and is with Him today. Praise God for this knowledge that gives peace to all who knew him. Rest in Jesus' Ed. We'll see you at the Crystal River some day soon. Love and many prayers to Frances..Martha..Randy ..Jimmy and all the family. Love you all... Dana

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**Dana Sawitsky** - May 10, 2016 at 09:55 AM

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“ Ed will be greatly missed. He has been a great Cousin (more like a brother) to my Dad and his very best friend. My heart goes out Aunt Francis, Cousin Jimmy, Cousin Randy, and Cousin Martha (Will always be Darlene to me)and all of Ed's family. My prayers are with you and your families during these difficult days ahead.

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**Donna McCormick Thomas** - May 10, 2016 at 09:55 AM

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“ I am sorry to hear that ED has passed away. I had the pleasure of helping him with his therapy treatments last year. We had a lot of good talks. My sympathy goes out to all of his family. He looked so much like mama Alumbaugh.

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**Sharon Demeda Thomason** - May 10, 2016 at 09:55 AM

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“ *Sorry For Your loss, Praying for all the family for comfort during this time of mourning*

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**Max E Melton** - May 10, 2016 at 09:55 AM