



## Samuel David McCalla

March 4, 1934 - April 1, 2014

Samuel David McCalla, age 80 years and 29 days, passed from this life on April 1, 2014 in Dallas, Texas. He lived in Canton, Texas. Sam was born March 4, 1934, the first child of Mae Pearl Dulworth and Charlie Pate McCalla, Sr. He was the oldest brother of Charlie Pate McCalla, Jr. (deceased), Mary McCalla Cunningham (surviving), and Donnie McCalla (surviving). Sam attended Lancaster schools, grades one through twelve, graduating in 1951. He was proud that he not only graduated from Lancaster High School, but that his Mother, Mae Pearl Dulworth, and all four of his children were also graduates of LHS.

Sam proudly spoke of his Mother and Father and their life as farmers. After high school graduation in 1951, Sam helped his parents harvest their fall crops before beginning a 13 year career with M. E. Moses Company. He later worked for State Farm Insurance Company, Superior Lumber Company and DeFord Lumber Company. In 1977, he became one of the founding owners of Cabinet Door Company of Texas, Inc. He retired in 1999 after 24 years of building custom cabinet doors, and moved to Canton, Texas. Samuel David McCalla and Etta Marlene Seale, ages 19 and 18, were married in Dallas, Texas on August 14, 1953 and have celebrated a marriage of almost 61 years. They have four children, eight grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. Teri Lyn McCalla and Joe McGuire of Canton, TX are parents of grandsons, Jordan McGuire and 2nd Chief Petty Officer Cory McGuire; David Wayne and Janet Johnson McCalla of Greenville, TX are parents of

grandsons Jeremy McCalla and Clint McCalla; Gary Don and Lori Lemons McCalla of Lucas, TX are parents of grandson Kyle McCalla; Lori Leigh McCalla and Berry Bailey of Crandall, TX are parents of granddaughters Brooke Bailey, Lauren Bailey and Blair Bailey; grandson Jeremy and Halston Bryan McCalla of Midland, TX are parents of great-granddaughter Lauren Paige and great-grandson (expected in May of 2014); grandson Clint and Sarah Bygel McCalla now live in Miami, Florida.

Sam's wife, 4 children, 8 grandchildren, and great-granddaughter were the greatest loves of his life. Sam has filled 6 notebooks about his life as a legacy for his family. He researched, charted and wrote about his ancestors, traveling throughout Texas, Alabama, Mississippi, South Carolina and Tennessee. He spent many hours in libraries, courthouses, state capitols and cemeteries in his research. He was an ardent student of the Confederacy, collecting stories, pictures and books of that period.

Sam enjoyed fishing and hunting with his family. Hunting from a tree limb in Mason, Texas on a November morning, being his favorite place and time. He loved all sports with baseball and football being his favorites. He played both sports in high school. Later as a young father in 1959, Sam coached Little League T-Ball in Paducah, TX. His favorite memories of those young baseball teams were how they would chase butterflies and grasshoppers in the outfield and let the ball land unnoticed in the field nearby. His coaching continued with Little League teams on which his sons played. His interest in baseball led to his hobby of collecting baseball cards.

Sam liked playing poker, and then talking about all the friends he had from poker games, often times re-telling specifically just the way the cards played out.

Sam's favorite movies were "The Sound of Music", "Secretariat" and "Gods

and Generals”. He loved listening to music with his favorite being “The Sound of Music”. Sam recently met a new friend at Baylor Hospital, Mary LeBus, who plays the harp. On her first visit with him, she played his favorite music from “The Sound of Music”. It was his request that she play the harp at his services.

Sam had a personal relationship with God. He was baptized in the First Baptist Church of Quanah, Texas in 1964. He loved to plant and raise a garden, saying that working in the soil and planting seeds made him know that God is the Creator of all things big and small.

Additional surviving family are Dorothy Ann and Harold Kimmel, Wynell Baker, Michael and Jeanette Seale, Mac and Rosemary Davis, David Dulworth.

Generous acts of kindness and long friendships with Sam are remembered from Jearl and Mary Cunningham, Willie and Charlotte Nelson, the Neel Eggleston Family and neighbors of Van Zandt Club 20 Inc. in Canton.

Sam’s family extends appreciation for Doctors, Nurses, and Health Care Techs at Baylor Hospital for their many hours of care.

# Cemetery Details

## Edgewood Cemetery

695 Nokomis Road  
Lancaster, TX

# Tribute Wall

DA

“ Sam was a good man, I knew him back in the 70's when him and his family lived across the street from my grandmother on Ellis St. in Lancaster. I knew his kids and graduated with Gary Don in 77. Prayers to the McCalla family.



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**Dale Aldridge** - April 06, 2014 at 07:17 PM

BH

“ This is Betty Underwood Humphreys I remember when y'all lived across the street and we gave y'all a going away party. My dad Jim ,Bill Max Burch. Wat a party. Sorry for ur loss Terry

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**Betty Underwood Humphreys** - April 06, 2014 at 01:18 PM

DS

“ Sam was a kind, friendly man who was a good conversationalist and an obvious man of God. Kim and and I will miss chatting with at the lake. Our prayers go to the family.  
Kim and Deborah Shelton

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**Deborah Shelton** - April 05, 2014 at 11:06 AM

DK

“ I remember the night Sam and Marlene were married, Jack and I had gone by Mothers' to visit when Sam and Marlene came in. He was holding her up and holding a rag to her face with blood running off of it. It scared us real bad because we didn't know what had happened. Marlene always got nose bleeds when she was nervous. We got the nose bleed stopped and they left to spend the rest of the night of their honeymoon.

*Just one of many, many great memories. Sam you will be missed.*

*Dorothy Ann*

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**Dorothy Ann Kimmel** - April 04, 2014 at 10:21 PM

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“ The McClary Family Leroy , Cary, Jeff and Sandy (S&L) purchased the Secret Garden Basket for the family of Samuel David McCalla.



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**The McClary Family Leroy , Cary, Jeff and Sandy (S&L)** - April 04, 2014 at 07:44 PM

WB

“ Sam was a dear friend and great brother-in-law. Honorable, wise, patient, historian, and so sweet. He was a man who wanted the best for his family and gave the best he could. He expected the most from his family and accepted the outcome with love. Job well done, my friend, rest now. You will be greatly missed. To the family, I love each of you and you have my deepest sympathy. Love, Wynell

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**wynell baker** - April 04, 2014 at 03:21 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Samuel David McCalla.



April 04, 2014 at 02:48 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Samuel David McCalla.



April 04, 2014 at 02:37 PM



“ Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Samuel David McCalla.



April 04, 2014 at 02:19 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Samuel David McCalla.



April 04, 2014 at 10:09 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Samuel David McCalla.*



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April 04, 2014 at 10:08 AM



“ *Many memories of Kyle, Paw Paw Sam and I spending time together. I feel blessed to have been a part of this great mans life. My love to Marlene and all the family.*

*Robin Garrett*

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**Robin Garrett** - April 04, 2014 at 10:03 AM



“ *The Wolfgang/Garrett Families purchased the Secret Garden Basket for the family of Samuel David McCalla.*



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**The Wolfgang/Garrett Families** - April 04, 2014 at 09:56 AM



“ *So fortunate to be a part of this great man's life. Will always hold a special place in my heart. So many memories of Kyle and I spending time with him. Thoughts and prayers for Marlene and the rest of the McCalla family during this difficult time.*

*All my love,  
Robin Garrett*

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**Robin Garrett** - April 04, 2014 at 09:48 AM

DE

“ David, Gary and family, my prayers go out to you over the loss of Sam. I have such fond memories of him during our high school days. May God provide you with peace and comfort during this time of grief.



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**Dan Edwards** - April 04, 2014 at 07:36 AM

DW

Mrs Marlene McCalla.....You've lost a wonderful husband, and your children & childrens children have lost a father, grandfather & great grandfather. I never met a nicer family than yours. We have truly lost a dear friend. We enjoyed our times together so much, and are very deeply saddened. Sam loved his family, his friends and most of all people in general. He would just about do anything for anyone, and did most of time. Our precious memories of Mr. Sam will live on and on. He will sorely be missed by everyone. May God's richest blessings be with the entire family, and we extend, and join with you in deepest sympathy. Sam always stood for what was right....this world needs more like him! Our prayers and best wishes are with you. Dean & Joy Webb

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**Dean Webb** - April 04, 2014 at 03:46 PM



“ Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Samuel David McCalla.



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April 03, 2014 at 08:12 PM

DH

“ Both Marvin & I were deeply saddened with the news of losing our friend Sam. Prayers and thoughts are with the McCalla family at this sad time. Though we mourn his passing we know that he is an angel watching over us.

*Marvin & Debbie Hanna*

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**debbie hanna** - April 03, 2014 at 07:33 PM

PD

“ Thoughts and prayers for Marlene and the entire family. Sam and Marlene were our neighbors on Francis Street in Lancaster. They were a blessing to us.

*Pam Regan Drumm*

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**Pam Regan Drumm** - April 03, 2014 at 05:45 PM

TF

“ The Mcguire family, George, Gail,Joey,s and Kim's family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Samuel David McCalla.



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**The Mcguire family, George, Gail,Joey,s and Kim's family** -  
April 03, 2014 at 04:21 PM



“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Samuel David McCalla.



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April 03, 2014 at 02:39 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Samuel David McCalla.*



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April 03, 2014 at 02:12 PM



“ *Praying that the entire McCalla family feel the comfort that only our Lord can give in their time of grief. Through the many years we shared some great times and made some wonderful memories. May you rest in peace now with your loved ones that went home before you. Though we mourn the passing of your life from ours, I know that their is rejoicing in Heaven. " Old Sambo " you will be greatly missed.*



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**David Dulworth** - April 03, 2014 at 01:53 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Samuel David McCalla.*



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April 03, 2014 at 01:45 PM

DD

“ *David Dulworth lit a candle in memory of Samuel David McCalla*



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**David Dulworth** - April 03, 2014 at 01:30 PM

DF

“ *David Dulworth & Family lit a candle in memory of Samuel David McCalla*



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**David Dulworth & Family** - April 03, 2014 at 01:27 PM



“ *Carolyn Eggleston*  
*So many precious memories of Sam and his family. Neel and Sam learned to play golf in Quanah and shared many miles going to playoff football games. Such great times.*

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**Carolyn Eggleston** - April 03, 2014 at 12:22 PM

GA

“ *1 file added to the album New Album Name*



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**Gary** - April 03, 2014 at 12:00 PM

GA

“ GSR Andrade Architects purchased the A Full Life for the family of Samuel David McCalla.



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**GSR Andrade Architects** - April 03, 2014 at 09:12 AM

SF

“ My thoughts are prayers to the entire McCalla family with the loss of Sam. May God be with you all.



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**Susan Dodds Freshour** - April 03, 2014 at 12:44 AM

DG

“ Doyle and Laveda Gage purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Samuel David McCalla.



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**Doyle and Laveda Gage** - April 02, 2014 at 11:07 PM

DG

“ Our sincere condolences to the Mc Calla family. You will be in our prayers.

*Doyle and Laveda Gage  
Club 20*

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**Doyle and Laveda Gage** - April 02, 2014 at 10:51 PM

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“ Your friends at Van Zandt Club 20 purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Samuel David McCalla.



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Your friends at Van Zandt Club 20 - April 02, 2014 at 10:44 PM

RD

“ Sam was the first person that I met at the lake. He was always friendly and had something good to say. If he was on his dock when I was fishing, I always stopped and visited with him. He even went with me in the boat once. I will miss his smiling face. Marlene our prayers are with you and your family.  
Richard and Joan DuBose

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Richard DuBose - April 02, 2014 at 09:46 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Samuel David McCalla.



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April 02, 2014 at 09:21 PM



“ Golden Garden Casket Spray was purchased for the family of Samuel David McCalla.



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April 02, 2014 at 04:29 PM