



MAX L. CALDWELL

November 6, 1933 - January 9, 2016

Max L. Caldwell, a caring husband, faithful father, and leader in church development and publishing, died January 9, 2016, at his home in Louisville. He was 82 years old. His memorial service will be held 10:00 a.m. Friday, January 15, 2016 at Broadway Baptist Church, with visitation to follow, Rev. Susan Reed, officiating.

Max didn't sit on the sidelines in life. He lived it to its fullest, traveling with his wife and children, playing golf as often as possible, coaching boys in Jr. Pro basketball, following sports avidly—especially his beloved St. Louis Cardinals—tutoring underprivileged kids, and constantly reading, especially history. He was witty, charming, always progressive in his thinking and politics, always cheering for the underdog.

He grew from humble Oklahoma roots and remained true to the values he learned there. As a leader, he was a "water bucket manger," who believed in going to bat for those on his team. In ministry he valued everyday Christians quietly trying to do the right thing. His legacy lives in his family, and in thousands of churches, whose members did not know his name, but who benefited from his work and ability.

He is survived by his loving wife of 62 years, Louise Spradling Caldwell, children Cindi (Steve) Giles of San Jose, CA. and Dr. Chris (Jeanne) Caldwell

of Louisville, grandsons Daniel (Anna Marie) Giles, Dylan Giles, Carter Caldwell, and Langdon Caldwell, sisters June (Bob, deceased) Tilley, and Carolyn (Russ) Singleton, sister-in-law Sondra (Roy, deceased) Spradling, as well as nine nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, O.J. and Bonnie Caldwell, niece Jan Tilley McGuire and nephew Don Tilley.

His prayers always began, "We thank you, Our Father, for this day you have given us." In that same spirit, his family thanks God for the good gift of his life. We would like to thank Almost Family Home Health Care, and especially Dr. Carmel Person for the care, and love, she showed as his physician. Memorial gifts may be made to Broadway Baptist Church, 4000 Brownsboro Road, Louisville, KY 40207.

Tribute Wall

GA

“ *Max was a gentleman and dedicated worker. We will cherish our memories of Max. It was an honor to have known him. Our prayers will be with Louise and the family.*

Gary - January 16, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ *In loving memory of one whom we greatly admired. Hugh and Rebecca McKinley*

A friendJan - January 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ *Louise, my prayers go out for you. I am so glad both of you were in my life for a brief time. Pete passed last April just after our 55th anniversary. Simpathy to the entire family.*

Mary Sue Lane - January 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ *MAX L. CALDWELL*

Jim Taulman - January 13, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ *I cherish the many good memories of Max's friendship and of his ministry at the Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville. He blessed many people across the nation. Blessings on Louise, Chris, and all the family.*

Ross West - January 13, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ *I am so saddened to hear of the passing of Max, clearly a giant in his profession and an amazing Christian that we all should emulate. The family will be in my thoughts and prayers.*

Linda Pigott - January 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM