

## McAfee Daniel

August 27, 1928 - August 14, 2016

H. McAfee Daniel was born near Emmett on August 27, 1928 to Herman and Ollie Daniel and passed away August 14, 2016.

Although Mr. Daniel never married, he gladly filled a grandfather role to 7 children in Emmett, TX. Mr. Daniel's family also included his First United Methodist Church, Navarro College, and his students throughout the years.

He taught adult Sunday School Class all his adult life and "loved it". When asked where he would be on Sunday he would always reply, "I'll be at church!"

After graduating from Frost High School as valedictorian in 1946 he attended Navarro College in Corsicana, TX where he was a member of what they called the "Barrack Bunch". After finishing at Navarro College, he continued his education at Southwestern University where he graduated in 1950 with his BA with a focus in English. Furthering his passion for learning, he went on to receive his MA and complete his PhD requirements at Baylor University.

Mr. Daniel began his teaching career in Bronte Texas teaching English for 3 years. In 1953, he entered the U.S. Army during the Korean War and joined the efforts in Germany for 2 years. After his service to his country was completed, Mr. Daniel accepted a job in Uvalde, TX where he continued to teach English.

He returned to Navarro College in 1965 and later became chairman of the English Department in 1971. In his distinguished career, Daniel has been recognized as Teacher of the Year, Outstanding Educator of America, Teacher of the Decade, Spirit Award and named a Piper Professor, among other honors. Besides teaching Mr. Daniel was a sports enthusiast and an ardent supporter of Navarro Athletics. He was an animal lover, which included cattle on a small ranch in Emmett.

He was an active member of his Corsicana community and spoke before nearly all of the civic clubs, county high schools and churches. Untold numbers of his past students have produced offspring that have enrolled in his English classes over the years. "I have taught three generations of students here at Navarro including the school's first president," he would say. When he was asked, "How's school?" His answer was "Fine, because I'd rather teach than work!"

Mr. Daniel has influenced multitudes at his church and at the college . We will miss you.

Preceded in death by his parents Herman and Ollie Daniel, his sister Sue Allison and cousin Mark Stroder.

He is survived by niece Kim Taylor; nephew Brad Allison; cousins Pat Stroder, Matt and Debra Stroder, Karen Fuller, Joel Stroder, Melissa Anderson, Rebekah McLane, Nathan Stroder, Sarah Freels, Hannah Byrum, Samuel Stroder, Jacob Stroder.

Visitation will be 6 - 8 pm Friday, August 19, 2016 at Griffin - Roughton Funeral Home. Funeral services will be Saturday, August 20, 2016 at 10 am in the Chapel at Griffin - Roughton Funeral Home. Burial will follow at Emmett Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Nathan Stroder, Samuel Stroder, Jacob Stroder, Bryan Anderson, Heath McLane, Jake Freels, Nathaniel Byrum.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church  
320 N. 15th St. Corsicana, Texas 75110; Emmett Cemetery 2837 NW 3300  
Frost, Tx 76641, or Samaritan Purse PO Box 3000 Boone, NC 28607-3000.

# Cemetery Details

## Emmett Cemetery

Farm Market 744 and Farm Market 639  
Frost, TX 76641

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **19**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home, Corsicana  
1530 N. 45th Street  
Corsicana, TX 75110  
(903) 874-4774  
[info@griffin-roughton.com](mailto:info@griffin-roughton.com)

## Funeral Service

AUG **20**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of McAfee Daniel



Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home - August 18, 2016 at 05:49 PM



*The Uvalde High School class will never forget you, Mr Daniel. You made an impression on all of us and we loved you!*

**Kay Scott** - August 18, 2016 at 06:37 PM



*The class of 1960.*

**Kay Scott** - August 18, 2016 at 06:39 PM

KT

*He was my most favorite teacher and inspired me to continue my education. He taught my brother, husband, sister, and daughter. He always remembered your name and where you lived even after many years. He was the greatest teacher ever. He even made British literature interesting.*

**Kaye Leggett Taylor** - August 20, 2016 at 11:01 AM

ES

*Mr. Daniel was a one of a kind teacher. I have thought of him often over the years. Imagine a teacher who actually got a bunch of ranch kids to actually want to dress up and go to a live Sheakspearean play AND enjoy it! I know ya'll will really miss him!*

**Evelyn Cassin Sprott** - August 20, 2016 at 11:46 AM

BE

*Mr. Daniel was such a blessing to our class of 1962 at Uvalde High School. His positive, professional attitude made a real impression on me and challenged me to learn more and read more. He was a fine Christian man who will be missed.*

Barbara Sears Elrod - August 21, 2016 at 09:06 AM



“ McAfee Daniel

October 08, 2023 at 12:04 PM

TC

“ *While I am saddened to hear of McAfee Daniel's passing, I know he truly lived a good, full life. I am grateful to have been a student of his at Navarro College and he set the bar high for any professor I experienced thereafter. I remember how proud he was to hear that I would continue my college education at Austin College in Sherman my sophomore year of college, as he thought small schools were the best. I appreciated his kind words of support and how much he valued education. My thoughts and prayers for his family and friends.*

Theresa Proctor Cameron - September 02, 2016 at 06:20 PM

RM

“ *I remember every year at UIL that he'd call me out and tell everyone there I was from Frost and lots of times break into Frost High Forever. Precious man!!!*

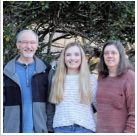
Robyn Moore - August 19, 2016 at 09:41 PM

AP

“ To the Dear Storder's Our heart-felt prayers are with all during the this time; May God give you all peace and comfort and rest. Hugs and Prayers The Padilla's Albert, Marta, Angela



Angela D. Padilla - August 19, 2016 at 10:54 AM



“ I have many great memories of Mr. Daniel. He was my English teacher at Navarro College and also got the opportunity to Travel/Study in England with him as part of Phi Theta Kappa in 1983.

Mark Shields - August 19, 2016 at 07:03 AM

EM

“ The best English lit teacher ever. He never forgot a student's name. If you had him as a teacher, he remembered you always. He was passionate about teaching. RIP Mr. Daniel. I had this wonderful teacher at least two semesters at Navarro years 1974 and 75.

Eva Stubbs McGaughey - August 19, 2016 at 12:18 AM

TT

“ Very sorry to hear of the loss of this fine man and teacher. He made it a lot more interesting and fun to attend class. He treated his students well and made me feel I was really cared about as a student of his.

Tony Taylor and Kaye Taylor - August 18, 2016 at 09:15 PM

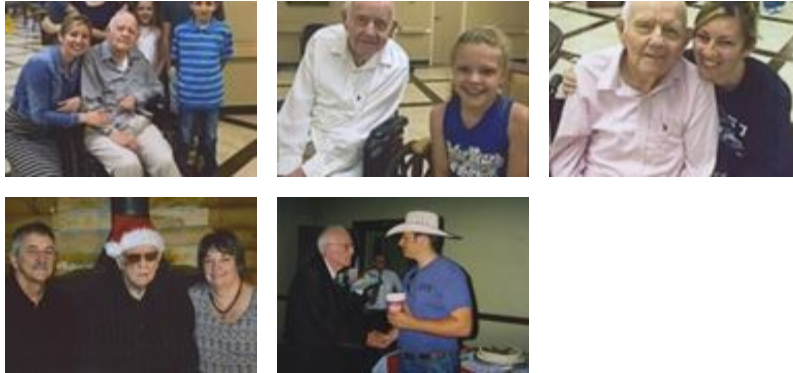
VS

“ *Mr. Daniel was a wonderful gentleman and teacher. I took my first of many classes with him when I was in my 30's. He gave me confidence and expressed his appreciation of me as an older student. He was a truly wonderful man. He loved teaching and Navarro College with all his heart. He told wonderful, heart warming stories about his mother and his sister. We also knew his cows....nearly by name. I am sad that more students will not have his presence and knowledge. He is in heaven and rejoicing. God Bless you sir!*

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**Vanita Stephens** - August 18, 2016 at 07:41 PM



“ *70 files added to the album Life Tributes*



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**Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home** - August 18, 2016 at 05:35 PM

VB

“ *THE BEST teacher, I will always remember him for his Christian spirit, friendliness, respect, encouragement, appreciation, and high expectations. He taught me four semesters of English at Navarro College, and he taught my children. The first day of class he announced that all Frost graduates who wanted to make an A were required to sit on the front row, and since Ann Crawford had taught us, if he ever saw a grammatical error on a paper, he would stop reading and put a red F on the top page! I accepted that challenge, and received the English Departmental Award. What a man!*

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**Velma Ballew** - August 18, 2016 at 02:20 PM

SC

“ *What a great man of God Mr. Daniel was. He was my freshman English teacher at Navarro in the fall of 1982. Many life lessons were learned from him. We will miss him dearly at NC.*

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**Steve Colburn** - August 18, 2016 at 09:47 AM

CT

“ *McAfee Daniel was my colleague and friend. He encouraged me daily when I became a part of his beloved English department at Navarro College. McAfee and I go back to Emmett/Frost memories, too. On most days I had the "privilege" of listening to him sing his version of "Frost High Forever." McAfee Daniel was a treasure and will be missed by so many!*  
*Cheryl Green Tatum*

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**Cheryl Tatum** - August 18, 2016 at 07:09 AM

AC

“ I always looked forward to his literature class my freshman year he introduced me to so many wonderful authors and challenged me to think about meaning and expression. I know generations have loved him as much as I did and have learned and thought and benefitted from his devotion to his craft



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**alan carley** - August 17, 2016 at 11:00 PM

AS

“ Arla Renay Stroder lit a candle in memory of McAfee Daniel



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**Arla Renay Stroder** - August 17, 2016 at 10:36 PM

TW

“ I loved this man! He would sing Frost High Forever to me when I walked into his classroom even tho I graduated from Dawson- it was my mom who was from Frost. He was a great teacher.

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**tana wade** - August 17, 2016 at 10:14 PM



“ When I first arrived at Navarro College it was clear that faculty members respected McAfee and aspired to follow in his footsteps. He was a role model for all of us. When I was faculty chair and about to speak in front of the faculty members at convocation, I was nervous. McAfee said to me "Do us proud". I was now not only nervous but afraid of letting him down. He made us rise up to a higher standard. Whenever any faculty member needed anything, they knew they had a friend in McAfee and that he would help any way he could. He loved the students, faculty, and staff of Navarro College and they loved him.

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**Rita O'Brien** - August 17, 2016 at 08:44 PM

RH

“ RIP Mr Daniel. You were a wonderful English teacher and kind person. You will be missed.

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**Renee Hellner** - August 17, 2016 at 08:34 PM

LU

“ Even though I had never had him for a class, I definitely knew who he was, as did the majority of us on campus. Such was his presence and influence on all at Navarro.

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**LeRoy Unger** - August 17, 2016 at 03:36 PM

CI

“ Mr. Daniel's also was my English Professor. I loved his class!! He always made it interesting. Some days, the class would just talk!! Mainly about his cow's!!!!



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**Cindy** - August 17, 2016 at 03:30 PM

SO

“ He was a wonderful English teacher. I had the honor of being in his class Summer 1974, I am so sorry for the loss, prayers for the family

Sandra Meador Orr-Smith - August 17, 2016 at 02:09 PM

CB

“ I will always remember Mr Daniel from my Freshman English class at Navarro. I was among his first students & he was such an inspiration to me with his dedication and wit. He was by far the best teacher I ever had. Condolences to all the family. Carolyn Rogers Barton.

Carolyn Barton - August 17, 2016 at 11:44 AM

MP

How I enjoyed Mr. Daniel as an English instructor at NJC. And I got to know him better as I worked as Faculty Services secretary in the mid-seventies, preparing and copying syllabi, tests, and notes for the instructors. I always enjoyed visiting with McAfee at FUMC years later. What a blessing he has been to so many! Molley Kent Paschal

Molley Kent Paschal - August 17, 2016 at 04:54 PM

TC

“ I had Mr. Daniel 30 years ago at Navarro! He was a great teacher! I have never forgotten him! He had a beautiful spirit! Prayers to his family.....

Tammy Chapman - August 16, 2016 at 10:07 PM

DP

“ He taught all of our sons and they loved being in his class. He was a mentor to all of his students. He was a good Christian influence.

Don and JEAN Ann Paschal - August 16, 2016 at 07:07 PM

JP

“ *Bless his heart. What a contribution McAfee Daniel was to the Navarro College community.*

Jan Phillips - August 16, 2016 at 10:46 AM

JA

*I can't help but wonder about his cats. For so many years, while the rest of the world had "doggie bags" Mr. D. diligently watched what he ate to be sure to have leftovers to take to his beloved cats.*

Jan - August 18, 2016 at 06:27 PM

AC

“ *Amy Crocker lit a candle in memory of McAfee Daniel*



Amy Crocker - August 16, 2016 at 10:08 AM

AC

*What a gem this man was!*

Amy Crocker - August 16, 2016 at 10:09 AM

ST

*I was blessed to have McAfee as my teacher at Navarro. He made Shakespeare come alive. I truly enjoyed his wit and gentle spirit.*

Sharon Tolar - August 19, 2016 at 09:05 AM

BC

*As a new administrator at Navarro College in 2000, I was immediately introduced to McAfee Daniel who struck me as a “gentleman” professor. McAfee always dressed up with a coat and tie to teach his classes. Under his watchful eyes he led his students on a journey of discovery about themselves as well as the world of literature and grammar. McAfee was so eager to teach that after having a heart attack in class on a Friday, spending the weekend in the hospital, he was back in class on Monday. He taught his colleagues as well as his students. I learned to be more patient and respectful of others because of his example as a role model. Other than his family and students, McAfee loved Navarro College, his cows, and his cat (in that order). His legacy of teaching excellence will live on the hearts of his former students. We will miss you, McAfee. Dr. Barbara Coan, Assistant Dean 2000-2006 Navarro College*

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**Barbara Coan** - August 19, 2016 at 09:36 AM

GK

*Goodbye to a fine teacher*

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**Gene Kincaid** - September 03, 2016 at 04:25 PM