

Walter Patrick "Pat" Hackney



Hackney, Walter Patrick "Pat", a devoted Christian whose beliefs guided his life, passed away on February 27, 2024, surrounded by his family and friends. He was 79 years old. Pat was a loving husband, caring father, doting grandfather and a beloved leader at Mt. Juliet Church of Christ, where he served as a deacon, a Sunday School teacher and an elder for the past 36 years. Pat humbly led by example, described by many as "a good man" who followed the teachings of Christ. He was a true scholar of the Bible and its scriptures, and his wisdom and kindness touched the lives of many who sought his guidance and solace. Born on September 21, 1944, Pat grew up in Mt.

Juliet as one of the youngest in a family of 12 children. He is preceded in death by his parents, Walter Roscoe Hackney and Delia Christian Hackney; four brothers and four sisters. Pat graduated in 1962 from Mt. Juliet High School, where he was salutatorian, and he and his brothers Bob and Ernie played together on the football and basketball teams. He was soon drafted into the Army for two years, and he served part of that time in Vietnam. After the war, he graduated from Cumberland University and Tennessee Tech University. Then he got his master's degree in education at Austin Peay University. He spent most of his nearly 40-year career as an educator at Friendship Christian School, where he was a math teacher, football coach and assistant principal before becoming headmaster. He retired in 2002 after teaching for several years at Wilson Central High School. He is survived by: Wife of 50 years, Carole Lowe Hackney; Daughters, April Hackney and Angela Bell (Derek), Grandchildren, Ava Grace and Caleb Bell; Sister, Leona Hall; Brothers, Ernie Hackney (Jan) and Ronnie Hackney (Rosemary); Several nieces and nephews. A celebration of Pat's life will be held at Mt. Juliet Church of Christ on Saturday, March 2, 2024 at 1 p.m. Visitation hours will be at the church on Friday from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m., and 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday before the service. Brother Wayne Miller will officiate with church elders serving as honorary pallbearers. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Healing Hands International, www.hhi.org. Arrangements by Bond Memorial Chapel, 1098 Weston Drive, Mt. Juliet, 615-773-2663. www.bondmemorial.com.