



## Dr. Dalton Hays McAfee

January 2, 1945 - October 23, 2021

Dr. Dalton Hays McAfee passed away unexpectedly on Saturday October 23, 2021 after a period of illness. Dr. McAfee was born on January 2, 1945, to Ector and Lucy McAfee in Brandon, Mississippi.

After he graduated from Holy Ghost High School, he went on to study agriculture science and holds a bachelor's degree from Alcorn State University. He holds a master's degree from Tuskegee University and completed his education with a doctorate from The Ohio State University. He was a retired extension administrator of North Carolina A&T State University and of Alcorn State University. He has published numerous journal articles and research papers. His areas of specialization included adult education, program development and impact evaluation, agricultural education, vocational education, organizational development, and strategic and transformational planning.

Those who knew Dr. McAfee well understood his passion for providing education and assistance to small scale farmers. This passion led to continued work with community programs culminating in his establishment in 2020 of the nonprofit E & L Development Foundation, a nonprofit supporting small scale farmers across Mississippi in honor of his parents Ector and Lucy McAfee.

Dr. McAfee was predeceased by his father Ector McAfee and his mother Lucy Potter McAfee. He is survived by his wife Dr. Barbara Easterling Smith McAfee of Natchez, Mississippi, his daughter Trina Geiger (Alvin) of Raleigh, North Carolina, his sister Melbah Smith (Charles) of Brandon, Mississippi, one nephew Peter Smith (Samantha) of Brandon, Mississippi, three grandchildren, and two step sons bringing four additional grandchildren into his life.

His career as an educator began in Elba, Alabama, 1967, where he served as a vocational agriculture teacher at Mulberry Heights and Elba High Schools. In 1974, he assumed responsibility as assistant administrator for the Cooperative Extension Program at North Carolina A&T State University. Among the programs he coordinated in his first years at A&T was the Farm Opportunities Program which gained national recognition for innovatively providing educational and technical assistance to small scale farmers with one-on-one instruction and the use of paraprofessionals. He coordinated county operations for A&T Extension, provided leadership for the on-campus specialists and served as liaison between A&T and North Carolina State University Cooperative Extension efforts. Dr. McAfee was selected to serve as associate dean and administrator for the North Carolina A&T Cooperative Extension Program in 1994. In this role, he worked with the dean of the School of Agriculture to provide leadership for all facets of the A&T Cooperative Extension Program.

In 2000, Dr. McAfee and Dr. John Ort, associate dean and director of the Cooperative Extension Service at North Carolina State University were honored with the USDA's Silver Plow Award in recognition of North Carolina Cooperative Extension's contribution to relief efforts after hurricane Floyd. In 1997, they received from then Secretary of Agriculture, Dan Glickman, the Superior Service Award for emergency response efforts in the aftermath of hurricane Fran in 1996.

In 2003, McAfee was appointed extension administrator for Alcorn State University Extension Program. He served as interim dean, School of Agriculture, Research, Extension and Applied Sciences (AREAS) from 2006 to 2008. McAfee has served on numerous state and national committees. His international experience includes work in several Caribbean nations, Belize, Russia and India.

In 2006, Dr. McAfee accepted the ADEC Irving-Barrier Buster Award for assistance the Alcorn State University Extension Program (ASUEP) provided during the Katrina disaster in the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

Appointments included a member of the board of directors of the American Distance Education Consortium (ADEC), serving on the ADEC executive committee that officially represents 1890 institutions. The mission of ADEC is to help member institutions become fully engaged with their communities and provide economical distance education programs and services via the latest and most appropriate information technologies.

Dr. McAfee was a certified administrator for Human Patterns and Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI). He was active in numerous organizations including Gamma Sigma Theta, Phi Delta Kappa, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Adult Education Association, American Vocational Association.

# Cemetery Details

## Pearlie Grove Cemetery

Brandon, MS

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **29**. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

"Lovie" Dean Memorial Chapel  
745 Hwy 468  
Brandon, MS 39042

## Graveside Service

OCT **30**. 12:00 PM (CT)

Pearlie Grove MB Church  
Brandon, MS

# Tribute Wall



“ *Dean Memorial Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Dr. Dalton Hays McAfee*



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**Dean Memorial Funeral Home** - October 29, 2021 at 01:55 PM



“ *1 file added to the album HomeGoing Celebration*



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**Dean Memorial Funeral Home** - October 31, 2021 at 08:36 AM



“ *Words can not express the loss. I and my family appreciated the person and the professional that you were. So many lives have benefited from you. RIH* ❤️❤️❤️

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**Dr. Helen Davis** - October 31, 2021 at 07:15 AM

AW

“ *Arnett Williams lit a candle in memory of Dr. Dalton Hays McAfee*



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**arnett williams** - October 30, 2021 at 07:16 PM

LB

“ *I meant to put the children of the late Deseree McAfee Hill. Burks*

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**Ledoria Burks** - October 30, 2021 at 10:04 AM

LB

“ *We the siblings of the late Mrs. Deseree McAfee Hill, send our love, prayers, and care to Dalton's family, especially Melba. (Annie Mae Myers, Frank Hill Jr, Ledoria Burks and Buchanan Patterson.)*

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**Ledoria Burks** - October 30, 2021 at 08:48 AM

SH

“ *Shirley Porter Harper sent a virtual gift in memory of Dr. Dalton Hays McAfee*



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**Shirley Porter Harper** - October 30, 2021 at 12:39 AM

CS

“ Thanks to Dr. McAfee for his guidance and leadership of Cooperative Extension at North Carolina A&T State University. May he Rest In Peace in the arms of the father..... Dr. Claudette Smith

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**Claudette Smith** - October 29, 2021 at 08:16 PM

SF

“ Praying for the family. So sorry for your loss. Dalton's dad Ector McAfee and my grandfather, Peter McAfee were brothers.

*Sebrina McAfee Foster*

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**Sebrina McAfee Foster** - October 29, 2021 at 03:53 PM

SF

“ Sebrina McAfee Foster lit a candle in memory of Dr. Dalton Hays McAfee



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**Sebrina McAfee Foster** - October 29, 2021 at 03:50 PM

FW

“ My condolences to the family of Dr. Dalton McAfee. He was a truly genuine human and had the kindest soul. He was a constant supporter and champion for our family and will always hold a special place in my heart. May God comfort you all in this time of grief.

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**Farrah W.** - October 29, 2021 at 03:13 PM

CY

“ To the family of Dr Dalton McAfee you have my sincere condolences and may the Lord comfort you during this difficult time. Dalton you will be truly missed. Concetta Yates Houston Texas.

Concetta Yates - October 29, 2021 at 02:59 PM

RM

“ Our ‘Prayers and Thoughts’ are with your family as you go through this very difficult time. Dalton was a True Friend and a wonderful person, always willing to help in any manner he could. May God Continue to Bless You. Robert & Barbara Mangum



Robert and Barbara H. Mangum - October 29, 2021 at 12:41 PM

CY

My condolences to the family may the Lord comfort you during this difficult time. Dalton you will be truly missed. Concetta Yates Houston, Texas

Concetta Yates - October 29, 2021 at 02:37 PM

JJ

“ June & Needham Jones purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dr. Dalton Hays McAfee.



June & Needham Jones - October 29, 2021 at 09:06 AM

LW

“ To the McAfee family:May God comfort and bless you during this difficult time.I will always remember Dalton during our years at Holy Ghost High School.With deepest sympathy,  
*Lois Wilkerson-Titley,Class of 1962*

Lois Wilkerson-Titley - October 29, 2021 at 12:59 AM

CC

“ Charles And Nelda Cooper lit a candle in memory of Dr. Dalton Hays McAfee



Charles and Nelda Cooper - October 29, 2021 at 12:33 AM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Dr. Dalton Hays McAfee.



October 28, 2021 at 11:55 PM

PH

“ Prayers for all of Daltons family and friends. May you find comfort in God's blessings. He was a man of many talents and will be missed. May he rest in a well earned peace.

*Steve and Pat Herrin*



Pat Herrin - October 28, 2021 at 07:53 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. Dalton Hays McAfee.*



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October 28, 2021 at 03:45 PM



“ *Mable Sims lit a candle in memory of Dr. Dalton Hays McAfee*



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**Mable sims** - October 28, 2021 at 01:00 PM



“ *Grace Brown lit a candle in memory of Dr. Dalton Hays McAfee*



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**Grace Brown** - October 28, 2021 at 12:30 AM



“ *Alexandria Shaw*  
*My prayers goes out to Mr. Dalton's family and loved ones. You will be missed and may God continues to comfort and protect your family during this time.*  
*A.S.*

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**Alexandria Shaw** - October 27, 2021 at 11:40 PM

TF

“ To Dr. McAfee Sister, Ms. Melbah, daughter Trina, Laurel, Jacob and Johnathan and family. Our family would like to express our deepest condolences. Dr. Mac will be miss , he was a great Leader, Boss, but most of all he was an amazing friend....We all will mkss your smile...We will continue to keep your family in prayer...I miss you my friend already...

The McGee, Peoples, Powers, Shotwell and Walker Family..💙❤️🙏  
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The Family - October 27, 2021 at 11:37 PM

MS

We are so thankful for friends like you all. Love, Melbah

Melbah McAfee Smith-sister - October 29, 2021 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ Praying for the family during this time of bereavement. Love you Melba!  
Mamie Thorns, Saginaw, Michigan



Mamie Thorns - October 27, 2021 at 08:59 PM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. Dalton Hays McAfee.



October 27, 2021 at 07:38 PM



“ *Praying for comfort to the McAfee family. Years of Memories. May God continue blessing the family.*

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**Edna Winsley** - October 27, 2021 at 06:26 PM

MS

*Thanks so much, I receive, Melbah, sister*

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**Melbah McAfee Smith-sister** - October 29, 2021 at 12:07 AM

VT

“ *Dr. Dalton H. McAfee was truly an excellent visionary and leader in higher education administration, and a wonderful friend. He was smart, kind, generous, and even comical at times. He would always say to me, "Remember this when dealing with staff who may need some personal time to take care of business...God, family, work...in that order!"*



*My deepest, heartfelt condolences are extended to the McAfee family; especially his sister, daughter, three grandchildren, and nephew.*

*May God's blessings be with you all during this time of bereavement.*

*V. K. Thompson*

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**Valerie Thompson** - October 27, 2021 at 05:42 PM

MS

*Thank you, Melbah*

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**Melbah McAfee Smith-sister** - October 29, 2021 at 12:03 AM

MD

“ *Mary H. Davis lit a candle in memory of Dr. Dalton Hays McAfee*



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**Mary H. Davis** - October 27, 2021 at 04:27 PM

ME

“ *I will always remember your kindness and that wonderful smile.*



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**Manola Erby** - October 27, 2021 at 04:24 PM

YA

“ *Your family at AT&T purchased the Lovely One S pathiphyllum Plant for the family of Dr. Dalton Hays McAfee.*



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**Your family at AT&T** - October 27, 2021 at 02:03 PM

AS

“ *Ashwani Srivastava lit a candle in memory of Dr. Dalton Hays McAfee*



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**Ashwani Srivastava** - October 27, 2021 at 01:10 PM

AS

“ I am yet to see a visionary leader like Dr. McAfee. He has a very special place in my heart.

*Let's get together and celebrate his life.*

*Ashwani Srivastava*

*He used to call me "Ash"*



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**Ashwani Srivastava** - October 27, 2021 at 01:04 PM

LW

*You were his son he never had, thats how he always described you to me.*

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**Lealie Walker** - October 27, 2021 at 10:29 PM

MJ

“ *Maple Jones lit a candle in memory of Dr. Dalton Hays McAfee*



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**Maple Jones** - October 27, 2021 at 12:37 PM

BO

“ *Beatrice Owens lit a candle in memory of Dr. Dalton Hays McAfee*



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**Beatrice Owens** - October 27, 2021 at 09:38 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Dalton Hays McAfee.*



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October 27, 2021 at 08:45 AM

LW

“ *Leslie G Walker lit a candle in memory of Dr. Dalton Hays McAfee*



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**Leslie G Walker** - October 27, 2021 at 01:49 AM

LW

“ *Leslie G Walker lit a candle in memory of Dr. Dalton Hays McAfee*



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**Leslie G Walker** - October 27, 2021 at 01:43 AM

BO

“ My deepest sympathy to the Family, Praying for your strength during this difficult time. May you be comforted by the outpouring of love surrounding you. I will miss my Extension Administrator and will hold dear all the things I have learned from him. Someone so special can never be forgotten, Mrs. Beatrice C. Owens

Beatrice Owens - October 26, 2021 at 07:19 PM

MS

Thank you Ms Bee  
Melbah

Melbah McAfee Smith-sister - October 29, 2021 at 12:05 AM

BO

Mrs. Melbah, I am deeply saddened to hear of Dr. McAfee's passing, but rejoice because I know where he is. He knew the Lord. He loved you Mrs. Melbah and always talked about his daughter. He was the Administrator I ever had. No one compared to his Administration abilities. I will miss my Boss!

Beatrice Owens - October 29, 2021 at 04:52 PM

AF

“ Alcorn State University Extension family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dr. Dalton Hays McAfee.



Alcorn State University Extension family - October 26, 2021 at 05:00 PM