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Nashville, Tennessee

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**B. B. McKINNEY, BELOVED SINGER  
DIES OF AUTO INJURIES, SEPT. 7**

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--B. B. McKinney, church music editor, secretary of the Department of Music of the Baptist Sunday School Board and composer of more than 700 gospel hymns, children's songs and anthems, died noon, Sunday, Sept. 7, in a Bryson City, North Carolina hospital.

He had lingered five days following an automobile accident on September 2. His car skidded and he was thrown to the pavement. A wheel of the auto passed over the right side of his body.

Dr. McKinney was born on a farm near Minden, La. on July 22, 1886. He attended Louisiana College and Southwestern Seminary. He received his Bachelor of Music degree from the Seigel-Myers School of Music in 1918 and was awarded his Doctor of Music, an honorary degree, by Oklahoma Baptist University in 1942.

McKinney had been with the Baptist Sunday School Board since 1935. Before that he was director of music for the Travis Avenue Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Tex. and professor of music in Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He had conducted singing for more than 250 revivals and had led music conferences in most of the states of the Southern Baptist Convention.

He was editor and compiler of four hymnals and nineteen songbooks. One of his songs, "Lord, Send Us A Revival," has been used as a theme song in Billy Graham revivals. Among his best loved songs are "Have Faith In God," "Wherever He Leads I'll Go," "He Lives On High," "Satisfied With Jesus," "Nail Scarred Hand," "Neath the Old Olive Trees," "Speak to My Heart," and "Let Others See Jesus In You." They are sung by most protestant denominations.

Survivors include his wife, Lelia Routh McKinney, whom he married June 11, 1918; their two sons, Major B. B. McKinney, Jr., Ellington Field, Houston Tex.; and Gene McKinney, teacher of religious drama, Baylor University, Waco, Tex.; and one grandchild, the daughter of B. B., Jr. Also four brothers, Thomas A. McKinney, Winfield, La.; Hill McKinney, Vivian, La.; Will C. McKinney, Minden, La.; and Kieffer McKinney, Shreveport, La.; and three sisters, Mrs. John Davis, Heflin, La; Mrs. Morris Smith, Coushatta, La.; and Mrs. L. W. Tyler, Denham Springs, La.

Funeral services were conducted in Nashville, Tuesday, Sept. 9. Burial was in a Nashville cemetery.