Dr. Richard W. McKay, 70, died Thursday, August 1, 1996, following a brief illness.

Dr. McKay, born August 11, 1925, at his home in Drewry's Bluff, Va., was the son of Warren Lee and Annie Meredith McKay. At the age of five, his father died and he and his brother and sister were raised by their mother.

To his mother, he credited his desire to learn. He graduated from Thomas Dale High School in Chesterfield County, Va. in 1945 and immediately enlisted in the U.S. Army where he earned the rank of sergeant and worked as Chaplain's Assistant in the Army of Occupation, European theatre.

He attended Cincinnati Christian College in Cincinnati, Ohio and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Richmond in 1951; earned from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary was a Bachelor of Divinity degree in 1954; Masters degree in Theology in 1967; and his Doctorate of Ministries in 1978.

He received training in psychotherapy from the Southeast Institute in Chapel Hill; a certificate from Hypo-Success Institute in Columbia, S.C. and Clinical Pastoral Education at Dorothea Dix Hospital, Raleigh, and North Carolina Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem.

Perhaps finding his calling at the side of a military chaplain stationed in Germany during World War II, it was fitting that Dr. McKay was last employed by the Veterans Administration Hospital in Durham where he was in the process of developing a new Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) program. Previously, he was Director of Pastoral Services and Associate Director of the CPE Program for the South Carolina Department of Corrections and Director of Human Environmental Services in Columbus, Ohio, S.C. Associate Director of Pastoral services at Columbus Civic Hospital; Director of Chaplaincy for Wake Forest Baptist Hospital, Inc., Associate Director of the Chaplain's Commission at Wake Board, SBC and Chaplain at Southeastern State Hospital in Mocksville.

Funeral service will be held 11 o'clock, Monday morning, August 5, at Binkley Chapel on the campus of Southeastern Seminary. A sharing of personal experiences will follow at the graveside at Pine Forest Memorial Gardens.

Dr. McKay is survived by his wife, the former Marie Wilbourne McKay, with whom he was married for 48 years; his sons, Thomas Warren McKay of Fuquay-Varina, Richard Timothy McKay of Wilmington, N.C., and James Wilbourne McKay of Raleigh; his brothers, Rev. John McKay of Spotsylvania, Va., Rev. Lewis McKay of Meherrin, Va. and Rev. Clyde McKay of Wytheville, Va.; his sisters, Mrs. Helen Allen of Farmville, Va. and Mrs. Mabel M. Coleman of Kingsville, Va.; his grandchildren, Lucas James McKay and Spencer David McKay; and his sister, Grace M. Nunnally.

Flowers are welcome or donations may be made to the Richard W. McKay Memorial Scholarship Fund c/o Wake Forest Baptist Church 107 E. South Avenue, Wake Forest, N.C. 27587, where he was a member. The fund will be established to help provide financial help to educate young chaplains.

The family will receive friends at Bright Star Home from 7-9 Sunday evening.
Chaplain Gets New Post

By VIRTIE STROUP
Staff Religion Reporter

The Rev. Richard W. McKay, a chaplain supervisor at the Department of Pastoral Care at Baptist Hospital, has been named to the staff of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board's division of chaplaincy.

McKay, who has been here almost five years, will be assistant director of the convention board's institutional chaplaincy. His new work begins the first of the year. He will end his work at Baptist Hospital on Dec. 27.

McKay and his family will not leave the city until June when they will move to Atlanta, Ga. In the early months of his new work McKay will be traveling a great deal and thus he will maintain his home here.

A native of Drewry's Bluff, Va., McKay came here from Marion, Va., where he had been chaplain of the Southwestern State Hospital for 10 years. As an assistant director of the pastoral care department, McKay's work included supervision of students and intern in pastoral care and ministry to hospital patients.

McKay was a member of the department's school and supervisory course prior to coming here to work. While here he also completed his master of theology degree from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary at Wake Forest. He already had his B.D. degree from the seminary. He received his undergraduate degree from the University of Richmond. He also has received clinical training from Dorothea Dix Hospital in Raleigh.

In addition to this work, McKay also has served as supply pastor at Lewisville Baptist Church, Konnoak Baptist Church and for the past two years at West Bend Baptist Church at West Bend. He has served as counselor for the Old Town Interchurch Counseling Service and for the past two years he has been president of the West High School PTA.

He has written a number of articles for the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board and in March his book, "Helping People In Need," was published by Convention Press.

McKay will replace the Rev. T. E. Carter, who recently was appointed secretary of the Department of Christian Social Ministries for the convention.

McKay will be a liaison between the denomination and Baptist chaplains in correctional and other institutions and also will help secure chaplains for city, county, state and federal institutions.

One primary task will be to interest institutional executives in the establishment of a volunteer or paid chaplaincy position.

Christ and "Wanted" Poster

A student newspaper at Mary Washington College, Fredericksburg, Va., has started a controversy as the result of running a front-page picture of Christ in the form of a "wanted" poster in its Nov. 25 issue.

The poster, prefacing articles on "Christian Radicalism," said Jesus was wanted for conspiring to obstruct the draft by requiring followers not to kill, practicing medicine and wine-making without a license and interfering with business in a temple.

It said Christ was "anticapitalist—urges followers to sell everything and give to the poor" and "urges love, not war—love of everybody, including Communists."

The article described His appearance as "typical hippie—beard, long hair, sandals, young" and said He "may be encountered in any slum pad, love-in or antiwar demonstration" but was less often seen in church or sub­urbia.

The article also carried this warning: "This man is DANGEROUS — especially to the young . . . . a threat to your sons and daughters and the American way of life."

The issue of the Bulletin is credited largely to the work of the editor, Susan Wagner, a 20-year-old junior from Baltimore, majoring in American Studies.

She said, the staff felt Christian radicalism offered "something very real to those who have found fault with the church as a means of saving the world." Of the "wanted" issue, she said, "We think it's the most Christian thing we've ever done."

The issue has drawn praise and condemnation from others. A Baptist pastor disagreed with parts of the issue but commended the editors "for making Jesus and His way front-page news." An Episcopal rector called it "lousy journalism," but added, "I cannot see any basis for all this concern within the general community."

An alumnae official said there had been numerous calls from parents associated with the college expressing outrage.