Mr. Maclaskey served in the Air Force during the Korean War. Afterward, he returned to Greenwood County, Kansas and started working in the oilfields. He formed Bill Maclaskey Tank Truck Service with forty-barrel tank trucks and expanded his business in 1959 by purchasing one of the first sixty-barrel vacuum trucks in the region. Maclaskey Vacuum Transport expanded to the Great Bend, Kansas area. In the late 1970s, “Your Rubber Tired Pipeline” became one of the largest independent crude oil purchasing and transportation companies moving oil in 200-barrel trucks.