



Cary G. McCollum

November 13, 1937 - September 5, 2020

Cary Grant McCollum, Nov. 13, 1937 – Sept. 5, 2020, Held closely in the hearts of his wife and children, Cary Grant McCollum passed away peacefully at home on Sept. 5 after a long illness. Cary was a longtime resident of McIntosh, Fla., and known within his community as a savvy businessman, a gifted storyteller who loved a good laugh, and as a generous friend and mentor.

Born in Camden County, Georgia during the depths of the depression in 1937, Cary was the middle of five sons to Charles Lee and Mary Trull McCollum. The family were tenant farmers for most of his early life, moving later to Brunswick, Ga. Cary liked to joke that his family moved so often that any time his daddy fired up the truck the chickens would lay down in the yard and cross their legs. These humble beginnings instilled the value of hard work and a tremendous resiliency in Cary, which, when combined with his sharp mind and entrepreneurial spirit, led to a lifetime of personal and business successes.

Cary moved his family to McIntosh from Gainesville in 1977 and opened a meat market in the old ice house with the encouragement of Mr. O. D. Huff, who owned the property. Cary later purchased the entire city block and building, and his Ice House Meat Market was a hub in the community for quality meats, including Cary's smoked sausages, aged beef, and hogshead cheese, all of which he served up to customers while entertaining them with stories, jokes, and community news. Cary later sold the ice house and founded Superior Truck Tops, manufacturing aluminum truck tops which he distributed throughout the state.

Cary was a man of deep faith in God and love of his country. He was an elder of McIntosh Presbyterian Church and a current member of the Church Session. He served in the United States Navy during the Korean War, and also served many years on the McIntosh Town Council as councilman and later as mayor. Many of his good deeds are known only to those who benefited from them. He possessed a great memory and was instantly able to recall people and events of times gone by. For many years he taught the masonic ritual to initiates coming into the Masonic Lodge. Cary's first lodge was R.T. Schaeffer in

Gainesville. After moving to McIntosh, he joined Micanopy Masonic Lodge # 29 where he was active in building lodge membership until health issues curtailed his efforts. On Sept. 4, he was honored by his Masonic brothers for 50 years of service.

Cary is preceded in death by his parents, brother Cecil McCollum, son Benjamin Grant McCollum, and former wife Elaine Nolan. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Linda Cannon McCollum, daughters Bobbie Robinson and husband, Randy; Lindy Brounley and husband, Bob; Katie Deaderick and husband, Lee; and son Silas McCollum. He is survived also by grandchildren, Jason Robinson and wife Sandi; Cary Brounley; Annie Deaderick, Maggie Deaderick, Mark Deaderick, Grace Deaderick; Analyse McCollum Areas and husband Marley; Olivia McCollum; Kerry McCollum; and three great-grandsons, Luke, Jake and Isaac Robinson. He is survived also by brothers, Charles, Clifford and Joe McCollum.

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, a private, family service will take place at 10 a.m. on Sept. 26., and will be live-streamed on <https://www.mcintoshchurch.org>. In lieu of flowers, the family requests gifts be made to Hospice of Marion County or to the Shriner's Children's Hospital.

As his wife, and the writer of his obituary, I find it difficult to do justice to the embodiment of Cary's intellect, his compassion, his ability to navigate the social circles through which he lived and the true loyalty and felicity with which he conducted himself. Our memories of him will always be cherished and his stories recalled with great affection and gratitude.

Arrangements have been placed under the care of the Rick Gooding Funeral Home Chiefland Chapel, with locations in Cross City 352-498-5400 and Chiefland 352-493-0050. Please sign the online guest book at rickgoodingfuneralhomes.com

Comments



“ A webcast video has been added.



Rick Gooding Funeral Homes - September 26 at 03:36 PM



“ I am so grateful to Jason Evans of Rick Gooding Funerals Home for recording this service. Our church WiFi wasn't working.

Linda McCollum - September 26 at 05:46 PM



“ My sincerest condolences to the McCollum family. Gary and I sat next to each other at the UF baseball games. He was quite a guy!

Melody Marshall - September 20 at 10:50 AM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Cary G. McCollum.



September 18 at 11:27 AM



“ I met Cary when I Joined McIntosh Presbyterian Church. He was an awesome man and a true southern gentleman. He also had a joke or story to tell. He was a person I could go to for information and questions. Cary was well loved and will be missed.



Susan Holloway - September 15 at 02:03 PM



“ So sorry to hear that Cary recently passed, but he is still here in spirit and watching over his family. I treasure the memories of talking with him and other family members at the Homecoming services at the church, New Hope Church in Bell, Florida.

Diana Sanchez Zimmerman - September 15 at 09:53 AM



“ Jenny Payne lit a candle in memory of Cary G. McCollum



Jenny payne - September 14 at 08:13 PM



“ Daddy rests in the arms of our loving Heavenly Father and he is free from sickness and pain. Our hearts are full of loving memories because Daddy lived his life in the light of God. We miss you, Daddy, but we know we will see you again some sweet day.



Katie Deaderick - September 14 at 08:09 PM



“ 6 files added to the album Uncle Cary and a few pictures with his brothers



Leslie McCollum Mobley - September 14 at 07:14 PM



“ Linda and Family,

It is with much sadness that we learned of your loss. As cousins, we will always remember with great fondness Cary's stories and jokes. You continue to be in our thoughts and prayers in the difficult days to come. With much love we send our deepest sympathy!

Debra and Jeff Fenn



Debra and Jeff Fenn - September 14 at 03:25 PM



“ Uncle Cary, you will be greatly missed. Aunt Linda, Katie, Silas, Lindy and Bobbie we are praying for you. If you need anything, please us know. Love you all!

- Duane, Sharon, Rebecca, Rachel, Jessica & Meredith

sharon - September 14 at 01:52 PM



“ Linda, Mike & I send our condolences to you & the family. We remember Cary fondly from our time living there. He always was upbeat & congenial to all. Glory to God for heaven where we'll gather again In due season. Lena Keep Adams

lena adams - September 14 at 12:52 PM



“ Dad has always been a beacon lighting the correct path for his children and grandchildren. His light is still guiding us, held in our hearts for as long as we live.



Lindy Brounley - September 14 at 12:48 PM



“ So very sorry to hear of Carey’s passing. I could listen to his stories about family for hours. He will be greatly missed. Prayers for peace and comfort today and all the days ahead.

Jerrell Stewart Bailey
Daughter of Betty Trull Stewart Blackstone
“Aunt Betty”

Jerrell Bailey - September 14 at 12:26 PM



“ Deepest sympathies. I know he will be missed. I was always entertained by his stories on the few occasions that I saw him face-to-face and by his FB posts. He was one of the few people in whose company my husband felt comfortable. I wish I had known him better.

Ellen Drake - September 14 at 11:21 AM



“ May God bless each of you with His comforting arms around you and give you peace of mind.

Emanuel and Della Strickland Families
Reeta Lucille Watson
Diana and Jimmy Blume
Faye and BJ Light and Families, Tonya Light, Ramona Light and daughter, Lorelai



Reeta Lucille Watson - September 14 at 11:13 AM



“ the community won’t be the same without Carey . We will all miss him for sure. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Linda and the entire family for healing. They have the assurance that he is now free of all pain and reunited with loved ones.

William & Donna Boulware - September 14 at 11:01 AM