



Larry McNeal

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Larry McNeal passed away November 24, 2015. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Memorial Park Funeral Home and Cemetery, 5668 Poplar Ave. Memphis, TN 38119. “Celebrating Life... Behind the Stone Wall”



Tribute Wall

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CA

Calvin posted:

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December 8 at 11:27 AM

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December 8 at 11:21 AM

CA

Calvin posted:

I agree, Dr McNeal was the truth when it came to compassion in his practice and human capital. C. McGlown

December 8 at 10:57 AM

SH

Sharon posted:

I am in shock and deep sadness to hear that my friend, mentor for life, dissertation committee chair, family member, who was like a father to me, passed away. Dr. McNeal: your legacy is in my daily practice at any given decision I make. You are more than inspiration to me. As my tears dropping, I want you to know that you will never be forgotten. what a loss to the Univeristy of Memphis, the City of Memphis, and the entire education community in this country. Rest in peace, and know that the love you bestowed upon your students is forever to be cherished.Dr. Sharon Knafo Las Vegas, NV

December 6 at 11:30 AM



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DH

Dr. Ric Hovda posted:

I am saddened to hear of the passing of Dr. Larry McNeal. It was my honor to serve with him as dean of the College of Education at the University of Memphis. I recruited and selected Larry as chair of the educational leadership program and had great respect for his intellect, scholarly pursuits, passion, and caring. Thinking of him brings memories of many conversations held in his office to discuss everything from pressing issues to dreams for the future. I valued his counsel and admired his leadership. He was the consummate professional, a beloved person, and he will be missed. Ric Hovda

December 4 at 4:33 AM

OS

Office Of Teacher Education Staff posted:

On behalf of the Office of Teacher Education-College of Education, we would like to extend our deepest sympathy in the passing of Dr. Larry McNeal. He was a great person. It was a pleasure working with him.

December 2 at 7:22 AM

JO

Joe posted:

Dr. McNeal was a great person and committed educator . He treated everyone with great respect and he will be missed by many. My thoughts and prayers go out to the family during this difficult time.
Joe T. Wood

November 30 at 2:45 PM

MP

Memorial Park posted:

Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Larry McNeal.

November 30 at 10:41 AM



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DM

Debbie Mitchell posted:

I was so sad to hear of Dr. McNeal's passing. I can still hear his voice saying my name when he needed me to come into his office. Dr. McNeal was a good man with a kind heart, and I know his colleagues and students will miss him dearly. Just know that he loved his family dearly and was very proud of his children. I know because he shared their many accomplishments with me during my time as his secretary at the University of Memphis. Prayers or you all for comfort during this time. Debbie Mitchell, MidSouth Residential

November 30 at 10:02 AM

MP

Memorial Park posted:

Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Larry McNeal.

November 30 at 7:19 AM

DB

Deartis Barber posted:

I will miss my Chair, my advisor, and my mentor so much. The last time I spoke with him on the phone was Veteran's Day, which was the day my Aunt passed. Dr. McNeal spoke words of encouragement to me on that day. He also exhibited great excitement about what I had proposed for work in regards to my residency. He told me that he would work on his end and for me to get my self together and he would be there when I got ready. Well, the Lord was ready. Dr. McNeal was always a gentle spirit and kind soul. He also was a great thinker. I find myself at a serious loss right now with his passing. I hope to one day achieve the mission on this journey that he advised me in and encouraged me on from my Masters program of study to my Doctorate program of study and become a true scholar as our Dr. McNeal. Rest in peace!!!Deartis Barber, III

November 30 at 5:45 AM

LF

Louis A Franceschini posted:

Louis A Franceschini purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Larry McNeal.

November 30 at 3:28 AM



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LF

Lou Franceschini posted:

Although I know he has moved on to a better place, Dr. McNeal's passing represents an incredible loss to all of those who had the privilege of knowing him—his students, colleagues, and his many, many friends. Both of us early risers and eager to get into the office and start our respective days, it would be just about this time that he and I would be sharing our cups of coffee, swapping jokes, and exchanging ideas. How I will miss those times and Larry's fellowship and friendship. Godspeed! Lou Franceschini

November 30 at 3:16 AM

SS

Sandra Hamer Smith posted:

I would like to extend my condolences to the family of Dr. McNeal. I too was heartbroken when I heard of his passing. He touched a lot of lives and will be greatly missed. I will be praying for his family as well as staff members of the Leadership Department and the University of Memphis.

November 29 at 1:45 PM

CJ

Chris Jones posted:

Dr. McNeal, I am truly sad to write this, but I know a great man such as yourself has been placed into a glorious home that would be envied by all the saints on earth. No matter how much we questioned it, no matter how much it may angered or sadden us, one thing we cannot object; GOD has called home one of his Guardian Angels and you will be truly missed. One day when we all cross that threshold; may Jesus be our guide into the Heavenly Kingdom where we will meet our maker and see you standing with that big smile of yours. We LOVE you Dr. McNeal, and we will keep striving to be the best leaders to honor you. Sincerely, Chris Jones

November 29 at 1:04 PM

DC

Dr. Sharen L. Cypress posted:

On behalf of Freed-Hardeman University, I would like to extend our condolences to the family of Dr. Larry McNeal, to the Department of Leadership at the University of Memphis, and to Dr. McNeal's students. Dr. Mc Neal and I worked on several professional development projects together along with Dr. Green. He also served on the dissertation committees of several of our faculty members and numerous colleagues of ours across the West Tennessee area. Working with Dr. McNeal was a joy and pleasure, as he was always approachable and willing to assist in any way possible. He made great contributions in educational leadership and he will greatly be missed by all. We are all praying for the family. In Christian Love, Dr. Sharen Cypress.

November 29 at 7:26 AM



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SE

Shellie Epperson posted:

It is with great sadness that we mourn the loss of Dr. McNeal. I wish to share my condolences with his family and the countless others that have had the joy of knowing him. Dr. McNeal welcomed me into the Department of Leadership as a graduate assistant two years ago. During my time with the department, it has been clear to see what an impact Dr. McNeal had on those whom he encountered. He made every effort to help any and everyone that asked of him. As I think back, I cannot remember a day when I did not see a smile on his face. His spirit and zest were absolutely contagious! What a joy it was to work alongside someone who was so uplifting, thoughtful, and kind. Because of Dr. McNeal, my time serving the department has been rewarding and encouraging. I will always look back fondly on my time with him, as he made me feel apart of the Leadership family from the very beginning. Dr. McNeal, I pray that you rest in peace. Thank you for the opportunity to join the Leadership family. Because of you and the department, I was given the chance to embark on my own journey through graduate school. For his family, friends, colleagues, and students that have been impacted by him, I pray for healing and comfort as we reminisce on the precious moments we spent with him.

November 29 at 5:46 AM

CG

Cassandra Early Green posted:

My deepest sympathy goes to the family and many dear friends and colleagues of Dr. McNeal. As one of his current doctoral students, I am deeply saddened by his sudden passing in that he and I spoke recently about being near the end of this long, yet rewarding journey. He was always concerned about my weekly travels to Memphis and made every effort to accommodate me so that the distance never hindered my ability to complete the program with my cohort family who all lived in Memphis. He was affectionately known to us as "the bear," and it was definitely an honor that only he could hold. He had high expectations of us. He was tough on us because he knew of each one's individual abilities and skillsets that made him extremely proud of us and the group he placed together for a time such as this...The WOLFPACK will miss you, Dr. McNeal....and when we walk across that stage, you will be just as proud of us as we are proud to have you as THE BEAR. Rest well, my friend and colleague...and thanks for giving me and my cohort family a shot at our dream.

November 28 at 1:00 PM



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DB

Dr. Mary Keller Boudreaux posted:

I am deeply saddened and heartbroken as my mentor and friend has passed away so suddenly! Like many, I've shared many memories with Dr. McNeal. Dr. Larry McNeal and his wife Shirley were the first to open up their home to us when we moved here to Memphis. I am honored to say that I spent the last few months under his tutelage, fine tuning my skills (iron sharpens iron) from one of the best leaders in educational leadership. Good Bye my friend and mentor! I will always cherish the time that we spent planning and growing in wisdom and knowledge. I carry with me the deepest memories and the courage to carry on... Thank you for believing in me and trusting me! Dr. Mary Keller Boudreaux

November 28 at 11:44 AM

TF

The Derrick Family posted:

The Derrick Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Larry McNeal.

November 28 at 7:16 AM

KB

Karen Broadnax posted:

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the entire family. We are shocked and saddened to hear this news of Dr. McNeal's sudden death. We will always remember the kindness extended to our family during your time in Little Rock. He was a kind, thoughtful generous person with his time, friendship and hospitality. There are so many warm memories of times we spent together and our most recent visit with him and Shirley. There are no words to express our sympathy at this difficult time. He was well respected in his profession and will never be forgotten. He served as a mentor and chair through both of our dissertations and his support and guidance was truly appreciated and will never be forgotten. Rest in peace dear friend, gone way too soon. William, Karen and Alexis Broadnax

November 27 at 2:16 PM

RH

Richard H. posted:

As most everyone else, I was shocked and terribly saddened by the passing of Dr. McNeal, and I extend my heartfelt condolences to his family. I could fill several pages with testimony of his kindness and generosity. What I will share is that he was always ready and eager to give of his time and energy to mentor and encourage his doctoral students, and I was one of the many direct beneficiaries of his commitment. I am deeply indebted to Dr. McNeal, and I will never forget him. Rest in peace, my friend.

November 25 at 3:22 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Larry by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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