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William Wightman McCrary III, 71, of Memphis, TN, passed away on April 8, 2014. Bill was a lifelong Memphian born to William McCrary, Jr. and Kathryn McCrary on May 19, 1942. He was a graduate of White Station High School, lettering in three sports and winner of the Sam Behr Memorial Trophy, and the University of Arkansas, where he was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity. A truly patriotic and loyal citizen, Bill served his country in the United States Marine Corps. He was also a board member of The Phoenix Club of Memphis. Bill began his industrial real estate career of over forty years at Farnsworth and Associates. Early success led to the creation of his own firm, McCrary and Company. Bill was a man with faith in Christ as his Lord and Savior. His energetic and engaging spirit, coupled with his contagious smile and laugh, touched the lives of many as he spread his positive attitude and passion for life. He certainly lived life to the fullest. Bill shared his passion for sports with his son Whit, creating many special memories. He was a role model and “surrogate father” for many of Whit’s friends who were proud to call Bill their friend. With his tremendous strength and character, he inspired them to be better men and better fathers. He was a wonderful Pappy to his two grandsons, Mac and Knox, whom he loved dearly. He is preceded in death by his parents and his wife Helen Lewis McCrary (Tancie). Bill is survived by his son, William Wightman McCrary IV (Elizabeth), his two grandsons William Wightman McCrary V and John Knox McCrary, his sister Kathryn Hope Logan and his beloved Ginger Gee Owings. On Friday, April 11, 2014, visitation is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. at the Church of the Holy Communion. A memorial service will be held at the church at 4:30 p.m. followed by a burial at Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Memphis. Funeral Arrangements have been entrusted to Memorial Park Funeral Home and Cemetery, 5668 Poplar Avenue,



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Memphis, Tennessee 38119, 901-767-8930, "Behind the Stone Wall" Location: Garden of Meditation Arrow Color: White



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LA

Larry Adler posted:

Dear Hope Ann and I were out of town Last Friday . I had just spoken to Skip to give Bill my best a few weeks ago . So sorry . I remember how much fun we had many years ago with our Jokers softball. Bill was such a godd guy . You had two good guys with Bill and Buddy. Larry Adler

April 15 at 8:53 AM

CC

Chip Christianson posted:

Loved that smile and always that warm greeting. Wish the little ones could have had more time with their Grandfather. Chip

April 14 at 4:51 AM

GH

Gordon H. Gee posted:

With my deepest sympathies. Bill was a great person and someone I will never forget. Rest in Peace, Bill.

April 12 at 3:27 AM

MJ

Mark E. Johnson posted:

Bill was such a nice man. Positive, dedicated, young at heart, Bill went beyond the ordinary in business and was fun to be around. I always enjoyed spending time with him when I was in Memphis and I will miss seeing him. My heartfelt sympathy to his family and loved ones. Mark E. Johnson

April 11 at 5:55 AM

ML

Micah Lacher posted:

WW, Praying for you and your family. Your dad is a fine American and raised an amazing son. He will be missed by all. Micah

April 11 at 5:03 AM

JJ

John Allen Jones Iii posted:

So sorry for the loss of a good man and family member- John Allen Jones III & Fran

April 11 at 4:40 AM



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MP

Memorial Park posted:

Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of William McCrary.

April 11 at 3:07 AM

HW

Harriette Moskowitz Will posted:

Dear Hope, You probably do not remember me, but I went to White Station with Bill from the 4th grade until graduation from high school. He was always a great guy, friendly and fun, and a great athlete, and I remember him with the deep affection. I left Memphis when I went off to college in Virginia. I live in Richmond but have remained very close friends with Margaret and John Townsend and Suzanne Boushe Minotto and kept up with Bill through them. When I attended our class of 1960's 30th reunion, I stayed with Margaret and Johnny and they arranged for me to go to the reunion with Bill. We had a ball and stayed up dancing at various spots until early am. It was the most fun I had had in quite a while. I remember you as a cheerleader at WSHS. You were so cute and vivacious. I want to extend to you and all Bill's family my deepest sympathy for your loss. Harriette Moskowitz Will

April 10 at 2:44 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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