



William McCord

December 31, 1929 - May 21, 2022

William E. McCord passed away peacefully following a long illness Saturday, May 21, 2022. Coach, as he was called by friends and family who adored him, was 92, having started life in Alexandria, AL.

After excelling in sports as a youth, he attended Jones Junior College for two years before serving as a medic in the United States Army during the Korean War. Once discharged, he completed college as part of a championship football team at Delta State University where he met and married Virginia Truitt.

Together, they adopted three children and poured themselves into multiple educational communities as teachers and coach, ultimately making Conyers their home. After many years at Rockdale County High School leading and growing students in the classroom and coaching football, baseball and basketball, he obtained a Master's degree at UGA and finished his career as Director of Transportation for the Rockdale County School system. After retiring he and Virginia enjoyed life, camping and traveling the US until her death separated them.

He was fortunate to find another happy marriage with Willa Cantrell, and continued a full, happy life. He was preceded in death by his wife, Virginia; and his son, David. He is survived and mourned by wife, Willa; son, Scott; daughter, Paige; as well as grandchildren, Kayla and Jacob.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, May 25, 2022 at 3 PM at Conyers 1st United Methodist Church with Rev. Randy Byrd and Pastor Chris Shurtz officiating; internment will follow at Green Meadow Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends Tuesday, May 24, 2022 from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM and 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM at the funeral home.

Condolences may be submitted on-line at www.scotward.com

<<http://www.scotward.com/>>. Scot Ward Funeral Services, 699 American Legion Rd., Conyers, GA, 770-483-7216.

Cemetery Details

Green Meadow Memorial Gardens

677 Legion Rd.
Conyers, GA 30012

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **24**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Scot Ward Funeral Services at Green Meadow Memorial Gardens
699 American Legion Road
Conyers, GA 30012

Visitation

MAY **24**. 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Service

MAY **25**. 3:00 PM (ET)

Conyers First United Methodist
921 North Main St NW
Conyers, GA 30012

Tribute Wall



“ *Scot Ward Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of William McCord*



Scot Ward Funeral Services - May 23 at 01:08 PM

EG

Coach McCord was one of my favorites. He was a great teacher & leader. Rest in peace! Prayers & condolences to his families! Emily Greenway, class of '65. 🙏🙏🙏🙏❤️

Emily Greenway - May 23 at 04:44 PM

BC

“ *Bobby Crowe lit a candle in memory of William McCord*



Bobby crowe - July 11 at 09:20 PM

GW

“ *Coach McCord was such a solid presence at Rockdale County High School! He was firm but loving - the kind of person who left a lasting, life changing impression on lots of kids! He will be missed.*

*Gail (Sims) Watkins
Class of 76*

Gail Watkins - May 27 at 04:13 PM

BW

“ *I had Coach for driver's Education in high school. He shouted "Hells Bells girl!!! What are you DOING?" at me once when I was doing something stupid...(while stomping on the pretend break). I've used his expression ever since when I've caught myself doing something stupid. One class with him and he left a stamp on my heart. He left a lot of stamps on a lot of people's hearts.*

Bonnie Marie Wilson - May 27 at 11:08 AM

LC

“ Deepest sympathy to the Family of one of the greatest men that has ever lived in Rockdale County. He will surely be missed by all that knew of him and his legacy. May you rest in Heaven.

Lewis Carr

Lewis Carr - May 25 at 09:43 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William McCord.



May 24 at 04:54 PM

PG

“ Coach McCord was one of the most well respected, and loved teacher and coach at RCHS. I was fortunate to have him as my drivers education teacher in 1972. Coach McCord was also a dear personal friend of my dad, Tom Fogarty. In fact he spoke at my dad's funeral. The last time I saw Coach was at one of my high school reunions (class of 1975) that was held in Milstead at a fellow classmates catering hall. We were all so thankful and blessed that he and his lovely wife were able to attend. He was such a gentle soul and I always loved his laugh. May his family take comfort in knowing how well he was loved and the positive impact he made on others. Prayers for the family and for God's comfort and peace now and in the days ahead.

Pam (Chandler-Fogarty) Green

Pam Green - May 24 at 02:49 PM

JH

“ I'm sad, but happy for Coach McCord. As great a Christian, Coach has won his final victory, he has always been a winner, because he was always on the winning side, Amen! Teacher, Coach, Mentor, Friend! That voice! That laugh! You knew it was Coach McCord. I do not believe he knew my first name, he always called me Mr. Hales. Coach was blessed with Godly talents that he used to strengthen students and others that he touched. Driving with a coke bottle in the floorboard, encouraging young football players with "Hell fire, get up and do it again!" now that was Coach McCord. Chewing tobacco going everywhere, but a tremendous role model of character, integrity, honesty, and love. Family, I pray for God's comfort during this difficult time. He will be missed, but we know we will see him again, Amen. Jeff Hales '73



Jeff Hales - May 23 at 10:42 PM

PG

True words and memories!

Pam Green - May 24 at 02:51 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of William McCord.



May 23 at 07:55 PM

SR

“ Coach was special to me almost my whole life. Thoughts and love to Willa and all his family. We will be there the next few days in spirit. I'll never forget you, Coach.

Sheila and Larry Ricks

Sheila Ricks - May 23 at 04:18 PM

JF

“ We both have such fond memories of Coach McCord. We were lucky to have been taught by him in Civics and Driver's Ed. He was a caring teacher and a wonderful person. He will be missed. Our condolences to Willa and his children.

Joanna and Daniel Farmer

JOANNA WOLF FARMER - May 23 at 01:32 PM



“ 45 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Scot Ward Funeral Services - May 23 at 01:09 PM



“ 43 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Scot Ward Funeral Services - May 23 at 11:49 AM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of William McCord.*



May 23 at 10:16 AM



“ *My brother William Patrick McCord brought Bill McCords passing to my attention. Please accept condolences from our family to yours.*

Helen McCord daughter of Harry and Jean McCord

Helen McCord Spacht - May 23 at 09:58 AM

JC

I loved Couch McCord 🏀 ⚾ ⚽ 🏆

Jackie Collins Crutchfield - May 23 at 10:34 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of William McCord.*



May 22 at 05:15 PM

SG

“ *Sherry Jenkins Gatton lit a candle in memory of William McCord*



Sherry Jenkins Gatton - May 22 at 04:46 PM