



Dr. W. Roscoe McCall

June 30, 1942 - December 15, 2023

Dr. W. Roscoe McCall, 81, of Peoria passed away on December 15, 2023 at Carle-Methodist hospital. Dr. McCall was born on June 30, 1942 in Brewster, Florida to Rueben McCall, Sr. and Mary McCall. "Roscoe" was the 12th of 14 children born to this union.

He was gifted academically, graduating second in his class ('61) from his beloved Union Academy High School in Bartow, Florida. While at Union he played fullback for the Tigers, under Coach Forest McKinnie. UA placed 6 players in the NFL, yet Roscoe is remembered by many as one of the finest football players in the program's history. He was honored with induction into their Hall of Fame, and was fond of telling football stories.

In 1963, after graduating from Gibbs Jr. College in St. Petersburg, FL with an AA in Biology, he came to Peoria to attend Bradley University. He graduated from Bradley in 1965 (BA- Biology).

He received a BS degree in Pharmacy from Florida A & M University in 1971 and graduated dental school in 1976 from Meharry Medical College. He returned to Peoria in 1976 and became the fourth African American dentist in Peoria's history, initially working at Peoria County Health Department. In 1977, he opened his private practice, which he operated for 29 years.

He entered into semi-retirement in January of 2007, which lasted for three weeks. Having rested, he accepted employment as a dentist at Logan Correctional Institution in February 2007, and he worked on inmates until he retired in 2021. He was also active in service to the Peoria community as a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. He was active with the Tri-County Urban League and a lifelong member of the NAACP.

He was preceded in death by his parents, 11 siblings, and his beloved daughter, Tonya J. McCall.

He leaves to cherish his memory and continue his legacy his beloved wife of 59 years, Geraldine McCall; two sons, Pastor Steven (Valerie) and Attorney Christopher (Tiffany); seven grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Norman (Cheryl) and Hyrom (Eloise); and a host of loving nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Visitation will be on Thursday, December 28th from 6-8pm at Richwoods Christian Church, 8115 N. Knoxville Ave, Peoria.

A second visitation will be December 29th from 10 am – noon, along with the Kappa Burial Ritual. The Celebration of Life will begin at noon. Pastor William Preston of City on a Hill Church will officiate. Pastor Steven McCall will be the eulogist.

Funeral services are being handled by Simon's Mortuary, with internment to be at Swan Lake Memory Gardens

Cemetery Details

Swan Lake Memory Gardens

4601 W War Memorial Dr.
Peoria, IL 61615

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 28. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Richwoods Christian Church
8115 N. Knoxville Ave.
Peoria, IL 61615

Visitation

DEC 29. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Richwoods Christian Church
8115 N. Knoxville Ave.
Peoria, IL 61615

Funeral Service

DEC 29. 12:00 PM (CT)

Richwoods Christian Church
8115 N. Knoxville Ave.
Peoria, IL 61615

Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Dr. W. Roscoe McCall*



Simons Mortuary - January 26, 2024 at 01:43 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Burial at Swan Lake Memory Garden*



Simons Mortuary - January 26, 2024 at 01:43 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. W. Roscoe McCall.*



January 25, 2024 at 12:46 PM

AL

“ *Annette Lucy lit a candle in memory of W. McCall*



Annette Lucy - January 14, 2024 at 12:21 AM

CW

“ *Catherine Watson lit a candle in memory of W. McCall*



Catherine Randle Watson - January 09, 2024 at 02:36 AM

VK

“ *To the McCall Family-So sorry for your loss. May God comfort & keep you during your time of sorrow.*



Vickie Kingcade-King - January 02, 2024 at 04:05 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. W. Roscoe McCall.*



December 28, 2023 at 11:22 PM

JS

“ Joshua Smith & Dr. Jamie Smith planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. W. Roscoe McCall.

Joshua Smith & Dr. Jamie Smith - December 28, 2023 at 11:22 PM

KM

“ Sending Prayers & Condolences to the family. Uncle Roscoe I will miss your visits to Los Angeles with Aunt Geri...Much Love to you Aunt Geri ...Karen McCall



Karen McCall - December 28, 2023 at 07:32 PM

KM

“ Sending my Condolences & Prayers to the family. Uncle Roscoe & Aunt Geri I really enjoyed your Los Angeles visits. Much Love Always Karen McCall 🧡



Karen McCall - December 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM

MD

“ My sympathy to Geraldine and your family. I met Willie at one of Geraldine's high school class reunions. I later got to know him better when he was a patient where I worked. I loved his story of how he met Geraldine. He sure loved his wife and thought she was so beautiful. My sincere sympathy to the family.

Marilyn Dreessen - December 28, 2023 at 11:21 AM

SK

My sincere condolences to Geri on the passing of your husband. Sorry this is so late, but I just learned of his passing today (Jan. 15).

Sharon (Saltsman) Kennedy - January 15, 2024 at 08:27 AM

MC

“ Such a good man and the family were all so nice you will be missed your job here on earth is finished now you will be doing your thing in Heaven with the Angels...take your rest God is pleased.Prayers to the entire family

Maxine Clash - December 28, 2023 at 10:33 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. W. Roscoe McCall.



December 28, 2023 at 08:58 AM

CT

“ Courtney Thomas planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. W. Roscoe McCall.

Courtney Thomas - December 28, 2023 at 08:58 AM

LH

“ Love always, Alphonso & CasSandra Howard purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Dr. W. Roscoe McCall.



Love always, Alphonso & CasSandra Howard - December 28, 2023 at 07:54 AM

AF

“ Amy and family lit a candle in memory of W. McCall



Amy Purham and family - December 27, 2023 at 07:36 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Dr. W. Roscoe McCall.



December 27, 2023 at 12:25 PM

AI

“ Annette Irby lit a candle in memory of W. McCall



Annette Irby - December 26, 2023 at 08:28 PM

HA

“ HamptonSisters(Kim/Katina/Keisha)&Simone purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dr. W. Roscoe McCall.



HamptonSisters(Kim/Katina/Keisha)&Simone - December 26, 2023 at 05:33 PM



“ Bless you Dr. McCall and family-I appreciate the moment of remembrance of my father whom you cared for in your dental practice.



Cathie Mitchell - December 26, 2023 at 02:07 PM

SF

“ Steven's work Team at State Farm. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dr. W. Roscoe McCall.



Steven's work Team at State Farm. - December 26, 2023 at 11:54 AM

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Steven's work Team at State Farm. - December 26, 2023 at 11:54 AM



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December 26, 2023 at 10:07 AM



“ *Condolences. Doc. Was my dentist, friend and neighbor. Such a kind , gentle and patient man who will be missed by all that knew him. The crayon family.*

Jerry crayton - December 25, 2023 at 12:33 PM



“ 🙏 *Our hearts and prayers go out to the McCall family. Be assured that many share in your grief at this time. Dr. McCall was a GREAT Dentist who cared for his patients..... I was one of them and I will always remember him as always willing to go above and beyond to make sure his patients got the best care. We encourage you to “BE STRONG IN THE POWER OF HIS (GOD) MIGHT” as HE “ LEADS YOU TO THE GREEN PASTURES AND THE STILL WATERS” 🙏.....REST IN HIS PRESENCE DR. McCall 🙏*



Minister Robert and Irma Costic & Sons - December 23, 2023 at 03:58 PM

TM

“ Dr. Roscoe McCall was a very special person from his early years to his latter years. He was much admired by both teachers and students at J. R. E. Lee Jr. High, Mulberry, FL, and Union Academy High School, Bartow, FL. He was a standout athlete and scholar at an early age. He remained close friends with many of his high school friends, my brother being one of them. Another thing that made Roscoe a standout was the way he respected his fellow man. Such a gentleman ! Never forgetting who and whose he was. I had the pleasure of visiting with Roscoe and wife, Geraldine, at our last high school reunion. Roscoe was his congenital self, as always. Spending time with the McCalls had become a tradition that I look forward to each year. My condolences to the family on the loss of our beloved Roscoe. We wish he could have stayed with us much longer, but God called home. He will live on in the minds and hearts of everyone who knew him. Rest In Peace beloved friend, brother, father, spouse, and child of God. 🌈🙏❤️

Terrye Mosley - December 23, 2023 at 09:59 AM

AM

1-7-2024

Just now got this news. Doc was a good man and a good fraternity brother. Condolences to Silhouette GERALDINE and family. We walk by faith and God counts our efforts. Love. Brother and Silhouette Tony and Helen Thomas, M.H.A. - Las Vegas, NV

Anthony Thomas, M.H.A. - January 08, 2024 at 12:43 AM

MW

“ Prayers for the family, Gods peace and love be with you. Dr. McCall was a very kind and caring person. Rest In Peace . Mary Wright



Mary Wright - December 22, 2023 at 07:55 AM

GT

“ Gladys Tracey lit a candle in memory of W. McCall



Gladys Rutherford Tracey - December 21, 2023 at 01:37 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. W. Roscoe McCall.



December 21, 2023 at 01:08 PM

RA

“ Renee Adell lit a candle in memory of W. McCall



Renee Adell - December 21, 2023 at 08:36 AM

RW

“ I always respected Uncle Roscoe because he worked his way to the top...he's forever in my heart.

Ronnie Williams - December 21, 2023 at 12:04 AM

TW

“ *Life is but a stopping place, A pause in what's to be , A resting place along the road, to sweet eternity. We all have different journeys, Different paths along the way , We all were meant to learn some things ,but never meant to stay Our destination is a place, Far greater than we know , For some the journey's quicker, For some the journey's slow . And when the journey finally ends , We'll claim a great reward , And find an everlasting peace, Together with the Lord. Matthew 25:21 "His master said to Uncle Roscoe "Well done , good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much, Enter into the joy of your master " . Uncle Roscoe I'm going to miss you very much !!! But But will see you on the other side . What a joy it's going to be when Tonya see you !!!*



Theresa and Richard Walker - December 20, 2023 at 07:57 PM

MB

“ *~Mr. & Mrs. James Agbara Bryson*



Margaret Bryson - December 20, 2023 at 07:25 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. W. Roscoe McCall.*



December 20, 2023 at 07:18 PM

BC

“ *J.W. & Bea Cannon
Greenwood, MS. 38930*



Beather Vassel Cannon - December 20, 2023 at 04:04 PM

KB

“ *Our prayers and condolences are extended to the entire McCall family. Our smiles are bigger and brighter because of Dr. McCall. We thank you for lending your dad/husband to us and the community. May God strengthen you during this difficult time.*

Keith & Cheryl Boswell - December 20, 2023 at 02:26 PM

CH

“ *I will always miss you Roscoe I was looking forward to next family reunion when both of our families are together*

Charles Herring - December 20, 2023 at 10:49 AM



“ *Gable Gift Box was purchased for the family of Dr. W. Roscoe McCall.*



December 20, 2023 at 07:54 AM

LM

“ Laurie Matthews planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. W. Roscoe McCall.

Laurie Matthews - December 20, 2023 at 07:54 AM

LH

“ Uncle Roscoe was not afraid of hard work. My mom being the oldest of his siblings, our grandfather sent him to spend a summer with us in North Florida to find work. He did hard construction work that summer. He hung in for the whole summer and did manual labor. This gentle giant will always be in our hearts ❤️🙏🙏🙏

Lunda Hampton - December 20, 2023 at 12:51 AM

DP

“ Sending condolences to the whole McCall Family, which I am a part of. Uncle Roscoe has always been that Uncle I could talk to as a child & as an adult. Love you forever, Unc!!!

Darryl Pegues - December 19, 2023 at 08:47 PM

JB

“ Joanie Brown lit a candle in memory of W. McCall



Joanie Brown - December 19, 2023 at 05:27 PM