



Mr. Bruce McNeal

March 15, 1926 - September 17, 2010

Asheville - Bruce McNeal, 84, of Asheville, died Friday, September 17, 2010 at his residence. A native of Micaville, he grew up in Marion. He was son of the late Frank and Nora Hyder McNeal.

Mr. McNeal was a US Navy Veteran of WWII. He graduated from NC State University with a degree in education. He taught for 32 years at Lee Edwards and Asheville High Schools before retiring in 1989. He was an Elder Emeritus and member of First Christian Church.

Surviving are his wife of 57 years, Noleta McNeal; two sons, Jim McNeal and his wife Robyn of Asheville and John McNeal and his wife, Stevie, of Chapel Hill; one daughter Jennifer McHarg and her husband, Michael of Wilson; one brother, Robert McNeal and his wife Sue of Fairfax, Virginia; ten grandchildren, Rachel, Daniel, Stephen, Paige, Abby, Maddie, Chloe, Gabby, Duncan and Dawson Claire and one great granddaughter, Lia.

A funeral service will be held at 10:00 AM, Monday, September 20, 2010 in the chapel of Morris Funeral Home, 304 Merrimon Avenue with the Rev. Drs. Tom Everton and Buddy Corbin officiating. Interment will follow at Lewis Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 6:00 to 8:00 PM, Sunday, September 19, 2010 at the funeral home.

Flowers are appreciated, memorials may be made to First Christian Church,
470 Enka Road, Candler, NC 28715.

Morris Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be sent
through the website www.morrisf

Cemetery Details

Lewis Memorial Park

415 Beaverdam Road
Asheville, NC 28804

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **19**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Chapel of Morris Funeral Home
304 Merrimon Ave.
Asheville, NC 28801
(828) 252-1821
info@morrisfamilycare.com
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Service

SEP **20**. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Morris Funeral & Cremation Care created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Bruce McNeal*



Morris Funeral Home - September 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mr. Bruce McNeal*

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *i love you grandpa and i always will in my heart!!!*

Dawson Claire McHarg - April 22, 2011 at 10:44 AM



“ *Most sincere condolences.*

Constance Richards - September 26, 2010 at 11:28 PM

AS

“ A very patient man who taught me driver's ed in the classroom and during the summer actual driving with my pal, Ken L. Ken did great, and I had trouble parallel parking so "Coach" got Ken to move the cones so that I could park without any difficulty. I treasure that memory!!! "Coach" would be proud of my driving record--lived in many places over the years, and still no speeding tickets! My heart, thoughts and prayers go to all of the family as well as former students and friends grieving this loss.

Anne
Graduate 1963 (LEHS)

Anne Macintosh Speights - September 24, 2010 at 02:45 PM

SG

“ I had Mr. McNeal as a teacher (algebra I think) in 1957 at LEHS (class of 1960). He was such a nice man even to "misbehaving" students like myself and my best friend, Sharon Cole...lol There are some teachers you never forget and he is one of those for me. I'm so sorry for your loss but he is fondly remembered.

Syvone Goodman - September 22, 2010 at 09:36 AM

JM

“ Mr. McNeal was my driving instructor at AHS, & he MADE me relax. He tapped me on the head with his clipboard to shock me into loosening my white knuckled grip on the steering wheel! Mr. McNeal was absolutely one of the nicest people I met at AHS. I cannot tell you how many times I've told that story about him, because it worked. I finally relaxed, & learned what Mr. McNeal needed me to learn, I adored him.
Jan Grose Martindale, Class of 1973

Jan Martindale - September 22, 2010 at 08:46 AM

CP

“ Mrs. McNeal and family,
I am very sorry to hear of your loss. I was fortunate enough to have had instruction from both you and Mr. McNeal. You and your family are in my thoughts.

Cheryl Pressley Posey
AHS Class of '85

Cheryl Posey - September 21, 2010 at 05:21 PM

H'

“ I loved him so much as my driver's ed teacher in high school. He called me "Blondie" (I had jet-black hair then). Thank you for teaching me how to drive, Mr McNeal, My thoughts and prayers to the McNeal family and loved ones.

Helen Ismail (Asheville High class of '85) - September 21, 2010 at 03:55 PM

MK

“ Mrs. McNeal and family, how saddened I was to learn of Mr. McNeal passing. It seems like yesterday we spoke at dinner at the Athens, or that he gave me that glare as I made an error in driver's ed. He then proceeded to explain to me that one of his white hairs on his head was the result of teaching my father (recently arriving from Greece) to drive and that the grayish-white one was the one I was currently working on. This is how I remember him, straight to the point and a sense of humor. May his memory be eternal. AHS class of '87.

Maria Katsigianis - September 21, 2010 at 01:27 PM

AS

“ *Mrs. McNeal and the McNeal Family,
It is with sadness that I learned today of the passing of your
husband. Both my husband, John Morris, and I were Asheville High
graduates in 1985. We are very sorry for your loss and remember
him as well as you with a great deal of respect.*

*Peace be with you,
Alicia Sisk-Morris*

Alicia Sisk-Morris - September 21, 2010 at 09:58 AM



“ *26 files added to the album McNeal Family*



Morris Funeral Home & Cremation Service - September 20, 2010 at 12:29 PM

GK

“ Dear Mrs. McNeal,
I received the sad news of Mr. McNeal's passing and wanted to send my sympathies. Both of you had me in class at Lee Edwards, a time that was extremely influential in my life and one that I consider among my greatest experiences. Thanks to you and Mr. McNeal for for all you did to help make the lives of your students better. My best wishes for happier days ahead.
Very best regards,
George Krichbaum

George Krichbaum - September 20, 2010 at 08:21 AM

DD

“ Debbie Jenkins DeBruhl - Mrs. McNeal, Jim & Robyn and family -
My thoughts and prayers
are with all of you. I will miss seeing Mr. McNeal and sharing wonderful memories of his teaching me to drive and his thoughtfulness and concern as he always was asking about my family. He was such a thoughtful person and he will be missed.

Debbie DeBruhl - September 19, 2010 at 08:35 PM

GK

“ Dear Noleta - You probably won't remember me, But I was in your ninth grade Biology class at David Millard in your first year there (1953-1954?). I want you to know that teachers do make a difference! I obtained by BS degree in Biology in 1961 from Yale University, based most likely on your first introduction to me in Biology. I have just recently retired from a succesful pharmaceutical career and now live in Pavo, GA., just 24 miles from Tallahassee, FL., on the Ga - Fla stateline. Just wanted to let you know you great teachers helped us in our "future" lives. Thank you so much!.....I did not know your husband, but please accept my prayers for you & your family. I have never forgotten your influence on my life.
Sincerely,
George H. Keeling III

George Keeling - September 19, 2010 at 05:57 PM

SG

“ I knew Mr. McNeal as a neighbor on Webb Cove and as my driver's ed teacher in 1985. I thought highly of him and, as my boys are approaching driving age, I find myself quoting him on a regular basis. My condolences to the family (especially Mrs, McNeal, my biology teacher); I know he will be greatly missed. What a wonderful legacy he has left behind in his children, grandchildren, great-grandchild, and hundreds of students.

Sarah Garbee - September 19, 2010 at 05:20 PM

LN

“ I have fond memories of Bruce. I remember him form high school and as a member of First Christian Church. I'm so glad you put the obituary in the News and Observer.

Linda Norris - September 19, 2010 at 04:35 PM

AD

“ I took Driver's Ed with Mr. McNeal back in 1969-70 @ Asheville High. He was a very nice man and a great teacher. My condolences to his family; you will be in my prayers.
Amy Pickett Dodson



Amy Dodson - September 19, 2010 at 10:46 AM

TZ

“ Jim, your Dad has always been a role model to me for his courage in living his life according to his principles and values in spite of what's popular or what other people may think. I'll never forget his gifts of kindness, caring, generosity and friendship to me and my family. With love always and my deepest sympathy . . .

Tom Zenker - September 19, 2010 at 09:43 AM

TW

“ I am sorry for ya'lls loss. My family will have yours in our thoughts. *Tim Wilson and Family*

Tim Wilson - September 19, 2010 at 09:02 AM

DK

“ Jim, I am very sorry for the lost of your father. I knew him as a teacher at Asheville High, even though I never had him as a teacher. I remember him as being a person that students could talk with.

Dave Keyes - September 19, 2010 at 04:01 AM