



Martin T. McCracken

June 4, 1965 - April 24, 2025

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of Martin T. McCracken, 59, of Raleigh, NC, a devoted son, brother, uncle, and friend. Martin passed away on April 24, 2025.

Martin was born on June 4, 1965, to Carroll Joseph McCracken and June Tanner McCracken and grew up in Asheville, NC. He is survived by his mother, June T. McCracken; sister, Caroline McCracken, and her husband, Robert Mills; niece, Rachel Mills; and nephew, Arthur Mills. He was preceded in death by his father, Carroll Joseph McCracken.

A distinguished scholar, Martin graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill as a Morehead Scholar and went on to earn his Juris Doctor from Emory University School of Law. He served as Special Deputy Attorney General for the North Carolina Department of Justice. He had a sharp legal mind and a compassionate heart, dedicating his professional life to meaningful work.

Outside the office, Martin was an avid outdoorsman who found peace and joy in nature. He loved to travel, read, and explore the world with curiosity and appreciation.

A funeral service will be held on Thursday, May 1, 2025, at 1:00 PM at Central United Methodist Church, 27 Church St, Asheville, NC, with Reverend Mary

Brown officiating. The family will receive friends beginning at 12:00 PM at the church. The live streaming of Martin's funeral service can be found at <https://www.centralumc.org/online>.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Martin's memory to the SPCA of Wake County by visiting <https://spcawake.org/honor-memorial-gifts/>, or by phone, 919-532-2083.

Martin will be dearly missed and forever remembered by those who knew and loved him.

Previous Events

Receive Friends

MAY 1. 12:00 PM (ET)

Central United Methodist Church
27 Church Street
Asheville, NC 28801

Funeral Service

MAY 1. 1:00 PM (ET)

Central United Methodist Church Memorial Gardens
27 Church Street
Asheville, NC 28801

Tribute Wall

PH

“ I was privileged to know Marty professionally. He was always generous with his time and expertise when I called him to chew on some challenges and ideas. He was not only helpful; he was engaging and humorous. It was a pleasure to meet with him for dinner when he came to our South Carolina Department of Transportation Continuing Legal Education Seminar last year.

May many happy and warm memories bring his friends and family comfort and peace.

Paul D. de Holczer, Assistant Chief Counsel for South Carolina Department of Transportation

Paul D. de Holczer - October 23, 2025 at 04:58 PM

CS

“ Marty was a classmate of mine at UNC. For 2 school years, we lived on the sixth floor of Granville Towers West in Chapel Hill. His intelligence, wit, humor and personality brightened the days of everyone who knew him.

After graduating from Carolina, Marty’s career intersected with mine several times. We both worked on Capitol Hill at the same time, then attended law school and wound up practicing law in Charlotte. Marty was an absolutely hilarious fellow. He made me laugh so hard I often ended up crying. I regularly spent between court appearance time at Marty’s office when he was a solo practitioner. One day Marty received a check for his legal services, and he said “a check is...a good thing.” Our mutual attorney friend Lawrence replied, “yes, and cash is even better.”

*Blessings to Marty, his family, and everyone who knew him,
-Chris Sanders*

Chris Sanders - April 30, 2025 at 08:15 PM

SW

“ I extend my sincere condolences to the McCracken family. Marty was a former coworker known for his wonderful sense of humor and pleasant demeanor. I am sorry to hear of his passing. He will be deeply missed.



S. Weldon - April 30, 2025 at 04:54 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Martin T. McCracken.

April 30, 2025 at 02:09 PM



“ Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Martin T. McCracken.



April 30, 2025 at 02:09 PM

RE

“ I'm an attorney and have had several cases opposite Marty. He was always a joy to work with. So sorry to hear of his passing.

Ryal W. Tayloe Esq. - April 29, 2025 at 04:07 PM

TF

“ *The Blitch family. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Martin T. McCracken.*



The Blitch family - April 28, 2025 at 04:07 PM

AG

“ *Marty was a good, generous friend. Always had a smile and a good story to tell. He will be sorely missed. April Giancola*

April M Giancola - April 28, 2025 at 01:56 PM



“ *I worked with Marty for the past five years as his program assistant. He was a wonderful man and friend. He will be greatly missed by not only our office but also the people he touched all over the state. Every morning, I'd ask, "How's it going, Marty?" His response was always, "Living the dream."*

Tracy Reed - April 28, 2025 at 10:08 AM

ML

“ *There are no words to take away the pain - just know that others are thinking of you and praying for your comfort and peace.*

I was fortunate to have worked with Marty for the past 11 years and will forever remember his witty remarks about any and every work situation that came up. He kept all of us on our toes and was truly one of a kind. His loss will leave a huge void in our work family.

MARY ANN LEE - April 28, 2025 at 10:03 AM

TI

“ *The Mills Family & In-Laws purchased the Joyful Memory for the family of Martin T. McCracken.*



The Mills Family & In-Laws - April 27, 2025 at 08:51 PM

TI

“ *The Mills Family & In-Laws planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Martin T. McCracken.*

The Mills Family & In-Laws - April 27, 2025 at 08:51 PM

SR

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Sarah Reynolds - April 27, 2025 at 06:06 PM

SR

“ I was heartbroken to hear about Marty’s passing. Please accept my deepest condolences.

I have such warm memories of him from our high school days. Marty always brought energy and laughter wherever he went. He had this amazing mix of intelligence and kindness that really stood out. You could always count on him to lift the mood and make people smile.

The last time I spoke to him was in 2004, when I was back in Asheville for my 20th class reunion. We only talked on the phone, but it meant so much to hear his voice again. Even in that brief call, I was reminded of how genuine and good-hearted he was.

I can only imagine how hard this must be for you and your family. I’m praying that you find comfort and strength in the days ahead. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Sarah Reynolds - April 27, 2025 at 06:01 PM

LB

“ I am so sorry to hear of Marty’s passing. I remember when he got the Morehead. Daddy had just had surgery and he came to the house to read him the letter. Daddy was SO proud of him! Much love to Mrs June, Caroline and family.

Louanna Bishop Buck - April 27, 2025 at 01:36 PM

KB

“ One of my dearest friends in high school and college. The countless times our shenanigans got us into trouble that we thankfully weaseled ourselves out of. We haven't talked to each other in a few years, but every time we did touch base, it was like we'd just spoken yesterday. My heart breaks at this news. June, Caroline, my prayers are with you and your family.

Kim Babcock - April 27, 2025 at 10:27 AM

JU

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Juju - April 26, 2025 at 04:53 PM

AA

Awww I'm so very sorry for your loss. Marty was one of the great ones. The smartest in the class, wise, funny in a very cerebral way and a person that everyone looked up to. He will be greatly missed. 😭 Alison Malone (Avagliano).

Alison Avagliano - April 27, 2025 at 11:06 AM

CM

Hi Juju: thanks so much for the picture!

Caroline McCracken - April 27, 2025 at 11:20 AM

PC

June, I am so sorry when I read about your son, Marty's death. He was the same age as my son and sons should not die before their mothers. My sincere condolences to you and your family.

Pat Chandler - April 28, 2025 at 09:41 PM

SS

“ Dear McCracken and Mills family,

May Almighty God be with you in this time of sorry. Sending prayers and condolences to you all. Marty will be truly missed. He was a kind and sweet man. I will miss our talks and laughing times together. I enjoyed working with him for four years. Rest in peace my friend.

Love Shorty



Sheneaine Short - April 26, 2025 at 04:45 PM

MG

*Dear June and family- I was so sorry to read of Marty's passing. I am sorry for your loss. My caring thoughts are with you in your grief.
Love, Maralee*

maralee gollberg - April 26, 2025 at 09:48 PM

AH

“ *Frank and I are sorry for your loss. We were fortunate to live across the street from Marty. It was always fun to see Marty walking his giant beloved Great Dane Abbie. During walks with our dogs Marty shared how proud he was of his niece and nephew. Praying for comfort for your family.*

Frank and Alison Hurst

Alison Hurst - April 26, 2025 at 01:33 PM