



David Stephen McCauley

August 13, 1938 - March 25, 2026

McCauley, David

Age 87, passed away on Wednesday, March 25. He was preceded in death by his wife Ilona, "Lonni". Born in Mason City, Iowa, David grew up in Worthington, Minnesota, was active in scouting and debate, and graduated 7th in a class of 157. After graduating from the University of Minnesota, David and his wife, Lonnie, enjoyed 64 years of life together, calling Coon Rapids their home. David's professional career began as a systems analyst for Honeywell Aero before starting his own company, DSM Information Services, in 1980. David was also very active in the community, being a former Mayor, City Council Member, Charter Commission member and Planning Commission member in the City of Coon Rapids, Minnesota. David was the recipient of the Hubert H. Humphrey Institute Public leadership Award for Service as an Anoka County Commissioner and Chairman of the Metro Radio Board. As a member of the Coon Rapids Rotary Club, David served as President 2005-6 and received the Paul Harris Fellow award in 2004. In 1995, David began his flying career, earning private, instrument, and commercial certificates. In 2010, David flew with his son Kerry and grandson Connor to northern Alaska and back in a single-engine Cessna. David also wrote and published 2 books, "A Fair in Time" and "Gently Call and Softly Rise." His other hobbies included reading, playing bridge, traveling, woodworking, hunting and fishing.

David is survived by his children Kerry (Cathy) McCauley, Patrick McCauley (Janine), and Susan Schirmers (Brian), brothers George (Cindy) and Timothy (Karen), and grandchildren Bridget Schirmers, Megan Morris (Devon) Claire McCauley (Liam) and Connor McCauley (Lauren).

David's joy, hard work and leadership will be missed by everyone who knew him.

David's celebration of life will be held on April 28th from 3:00 - 6:00 at Washburn-McReavy in Coon Rapids.

Memorials can be made to the Coon Rapids Community Scholarship (CRCSA) "Dave & Lonni McCauley Memorial Scholarship" Click on this link for online donations

<https://crdsa1966.org/donors/donate.html>

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

APR **28**. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Coon Rapids Chapel
1827 Coon Rapids Blvd.
Coon Rapids, MN 55433

Tribute Wall

GA

“ Gary A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David Stephen McCauley.

Gary A. - April 28 at 02:06 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of David Stephen McCauley.

April 27 at 04:10 PM

GJ

“ Gary, Diana, Kristy, Dennis, Gregg, Judy purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of David Stephen McCauley.



Gary, Diana, Kristy, Dennis, Gregg, Judy - April 26 at 09:40 PM

GJ

“ Gary, Diana, Kristy, Dennis, Gregg, Judy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David Stephen McCauley.

Gary, Diana, Kristy, Dennis, Gregg, Judy - April 26 at 09:40 PM

JM

“ It was a pleasure working with and knowing Dave through Rotary. His passion to serve the Coon Rapids community and our neighbors was amazing. He did so much to support our schools as well. Every time we crossed paths, I could not help but smile. Many thanks to Dave from the students and staff of Coon Rapids High School.

Jeffrey McGonigal - April 07 at 05:44 PM

BB

“ My sincere sympathies to the McCauley family. Where can I start? Dave was an integral part of my 30 years with the City of Coon Rapids. I was Staff liaison to the Charter Commission the entire time Dave served on it; he served on the Council & and as Mayor while I was City Clerk. I have a video of Dave making fun of me over election mishaps from my retirement dinner. What a pleasure to have Lonnie be the Mistress of Ceremonies that night at my dinner while Dave made his tribute to me. I specifically remember late nights after elections when several of the staff who helped me (Denny Montague, Pete Koole and others) would all come to Dave's bar in the basement of their beautiful home and we all celebrated together! Fun times that can never be replaced! Dave was a wonderful and caring man who I truly respected for his commitment to the City of Coon Rapids! God Bless the McCauley family during this time of sorrow and loss!

Betty Backes - April 03 at 10:33 PM

SM

“ David and I were first cousins and the same age but unfortunately we did not live near each other. He grew up in Worthington, MN and I grew up in Mankato Kansas. Over the years we did see each other from time to time. But the thing I enjoyed the most was getting his Christmas letters. His writing his writing skills were unparalleled and coupled with his sense of humor they made for a great Christmas letter. I have kept many. He is missed. Suzette McPhail

Suzette McPhail - April 02 at 04:48 PM