



## Gerald "Jerry" L. McCoy

December 4, 1936 - October 30, 2024

Dr. McCoy, Gerald L. "Jerry", EdD

Age 87 of Eden Prairie, MN passed away peacefully on October 30th, 2024. preceded in death by his loving wife of 58 years, Louise M. McCoy (Budde), as well as his parents Lawrence and Mildred McCoy (Burns) and four brothers. Survived by his four children Susan (Matt) Strand, Peggy (Rich) Westlund, Mary Beth Greenwell, and Paul (Suzy) McCoy. Eleven grandchildren, six great grandchildren, four sisters and one brother. Jerry was known for his charisma, smile, and quick humor as well as his unwavering dedication to his family and his career in education. Jerry leaves behind a legacy that will forever resonate with the countless number of lives he touched. He gave generously of his time, talent and treasure by serving the community through his volunteering in the Lions, Eden Prairie Foundation, Optimist Club, Rotary Club, Fairview Southdale Hospital Board of Directors, and The MN Dental Board. In 1980 he was named Superintendent of Eden Prairie Schools. During his sixteen-year tenure as Superintendent he was Minnesota Superintendent of the year, Optimist of the year, Lion of the Year, Melvin Jones Fellow, Paul Harris Fellow, MN State University Distinguished Alumni and Bush Educational Fellow. Following his retirement in education he worked for Cunningham consulting on school projects, and he became a Distinguished Alumni at the University of Minnesota. The family wants to extend a special thank you to the staff at The Commons in Eagan, and Grace Hospice who cared for him with patience, dignity and love and kept him

comfortable through his courageous battle with Parkinson's Disease.

Memorials preferred to the family. Funeral service to be held Friday December 13th at 10:30 AM with visitation one hour prior at Pax Christi Catholic Church 12100 Pioneer Trail Eden Prairie, MN 5537. Evening visitation on Thursday December 12th from 4:00 - 7:00 PM at:

[www.Washburn-McReavy.com](http://www.Washburn-McReavy.com)

Eden Prairie 952-975-0400

7625 Mitchell Rd. Eden Prairie, MN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 12. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Eden Prairie Chapel  
7625 Mitchell Road  
Eden Prairie, MN 55344

## Visitation

DEC 13. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Pax Christi Catholic Church  
12100 Pioneer Trail  
Eden Prairie, MN 55347

## Memorial Service

DEC 13. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Pax Christi Catholic Church  
12100 Pioneer Trail  
Eden Prairie, MN 55347

# Tribute Wall

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Barbara Rau - December 11, 2024 at 05:48 PM

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Barbara Rau - December 11, 2024 at 05:46 PM

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Barbara Rau - December 11, 2024 at 05:44 PM

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“ *The Drape's purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Gerald "Jerry" L. McCoy.*



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**The Drape's** - December 11, 2024 at 03:25 PM

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“ *The Nistler Family purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of Gerald "Jerry" L. McCoy.*



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**The Nistler Family** - December 11, 2024 at 02:44 PM

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“ *The Nistler Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gerald "Jerry" L. McCoy.*

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**The Nistler Family** - December 11, 2024 at 02:44 PM

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**Barbara Rau** - December 10, 2024 at 06:39 PM

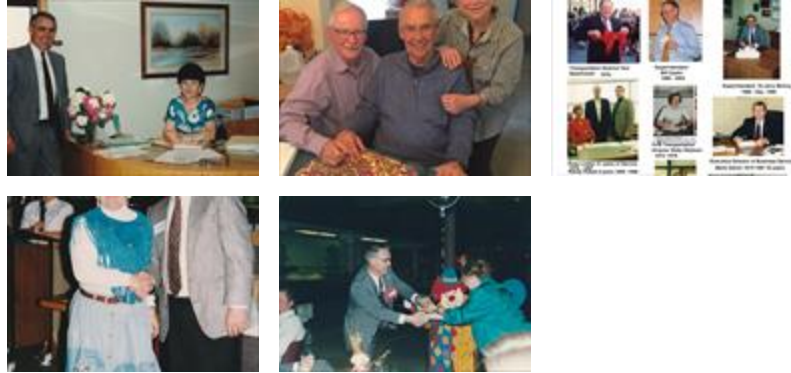
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*Bus Drivers wish our Superintendent a Happy Retirement , \_ 1980-1995*

Barbara Rau - December 10, 2024 at 06:41 PM

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“ 9 files added to the album *Tribute Wall*



Barbara Rau - December 10, 2024 at 05:37 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gerald "Jerry" L. McCoy.

December 04, 2024 at 12:40 PM



“ Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Gerald "Jerry" L. McCoy.



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“ 6 files added to the album Tribute Wall



Barbara Rau , retired School Bus Driver - November 27, 2024 at 10:51 AM

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*Dr. Jerry McCoy was a very Special Superintendent,he would often stop in at the Transportation Department and greet the Bus Driver, always with a big smile and he could remember everyones name, that sure is a gift. McCoy would take part at the end of the School year, the Bus Drivers Safety Awards Banquet , give them special Recognition. I started to drive the Bus in 1980, the same time when McCoy started and when the High School got build . I took over the years many photos of him and became a good Friend to him. After Retirement he started to paint cards, he surprised me with a box of cards he had painted. For Halloween I wrote him a card, but I think he never got it to read, he passed away October 30,2024. I will miss him dearly , my Sympathy to his Family. I will miss his Christmas letters too.  
Fondly ,Barbara Rau*

Barbara Rau - December 10, 2024 at 06:37 PM

GH

“ *Jerry was truly a uniquely talented and personable individual. He had a lasting impact on every organization and life he touched. There will never be another Jerry.*

Gene and Barb Haberman - November 25, 2024 at 04:11 PM

AK

“ I am just learning about this today. So very sorry for you loss. Your dad was such a great man and will be missed by many.

*Amy Koshoshek*

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**Amy Koshoshek** - November 25, 2024 at 03:27 PM

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“ Blessings family, so sad to hear the news of Jerry's passing. When I moved to MN in teh early 90's Jerry was a significant person who helped make the transition easier. He was genuine and caring.

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**Irene Kelly** - November 04, 2024 at 09:50 AM

ZB

“ I'll always remember Jerry's outgoing personality. He always seemed to have time for people and was genuinely interested in you. Our sympathy goes out to his family.

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**Zane and Barbara Birky** - November 03, 2024 at 10:26 AM