



# David McCarthy

OCT 12, 1947 - DEC 10, 2012



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**D**AVID McCARTHY, 65, of Leesburg, Virginia died on Monday, December 10th 2012 in Leesburg.

Mr. McCarthy was born October 12th 1947 in Boston, Massachusetts. He grew up all over the US being the eldest son of a US Marine Colonel. He received a M.S. in Public Health from the University of Illinois in 1975 and a B.A. in Latin American History in 1971 from Northern Illinois University.

While serving in the Peace Corps as a health educator, he provided continuing education and training to an indigenous population in Guatemala promoting water safety and use. For 23 years, he worked for Management Sciences for Health (MSH), a non-profit organization based out of Boston, helping many people in need in Latin America and Africa.

After retiring in 2007, he volunteered with local organizations to help protect the natural resources and land of Loudoun County. One of these organizations was Banshee Reeks Nature Preserve in Leesburg where he assisted with bird banding and water monitoring among other projects. He received an award for his outstanding volunteer work in 2011.

Mr. McCarthy was a true outdoorsman, explorer of nature, and a passionate bird watcher. He was a compassionate and caring man. He enjoyed making people laugh and his sense of humor left a lasting impression on all of us.

Mr. McCarthy is survived by his beloved wife of 26 years, Monica F. McCarthy of Leesburg; a son: Pablo Roberto McCarthy (Andrea) of Fairfax, VA; his parents: Edward R. and Mary M. Mahoney McCarthy of Holden, Massachusetts; five siblings: Christine Welby of Portsmouth, RI, Richard McCarthy of St. Paul, Minnesota, Katharine A. McCarthy of Manchester, Connecticut, Anne F. McCarthy of Atlanta, GA, Virginia Bassler of North Attleboro, Massachusetts and a host of other relatives and friends.



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Friends may call on Friday, December 14th 2012 from 6-8PM at the Loudoun Funeral Chapel, 158 Catoctin Cr. SE in Leesburg. A Mass of Christian Burial will follow at 9:30am on Saturday, December 15th at St. John the Apostle Catholic Church, Chapel of the Immaculate Conception, 231 North King Street in Leesburg.

Interment will be in St. John's Cemetery, Leesburg. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Friends of Banshee Reeks Nature Preserve, 21085 The Woods Road, Leesburg, VA 20175.





# Events

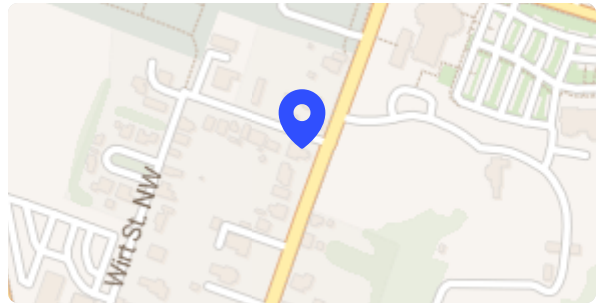
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## Service


 **Saturday**, December 15, 2012

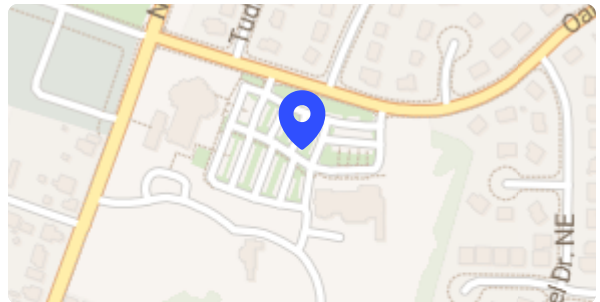
 9:30 AM ET

 **St. John the Apostle Catholic Church/ Chapel of the Immaculate Conception**  
231 N King Street, Leesburg VA



## Cemetery Details

 **St. John's Catholic Cemetery**  
101 Oak Crest Manor, Leesburg VA 20176





# Tribute Wall

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**Loudoun Funeral Chapels** shared a **Tribute Video**.



December 9 at 8:00 PM



**Paul Yamauchi** posted:

My deepest condolences - if late - to all of David's family members. I met David when I started working as a volunteer at the NISGUA office (National Network in Solidarity with the People of Guatemala) in 1981. I am shocked and saddened to learn of his passing so long ago. In the throes of writing a book about my human rights work for Guatemala, I wanted to ask him some questions, but instead found a very sad answer. I am so very sorry I did not contact him in time....I will never forget David and have often thought about him while writing. He and I crowned our work at NISGUA with helping defeat a Congressional aid package in December of 1981 that would have supported the Guatemalan Army's deadly repression of innocent citizens. David is another person for whom I shall toast as a true fighter for justice and human rights - the world needs more like him.....Paul Yamauchi paul\_yamauchi@yahoo.com

September 13 at 5:52 PM



**Kip Eckroad** posted:

Forget the camera . . . . A fond memory from Kip

February 3 at 12:37 PM



**Ann Buxbaum** posted:

What many of us most valued about David was his honesty; he told it the way he saw it. Tactfully and graciously, yes, and often with a light wry humor, but always truthfully. He asked the tough questions, of himself as much as of others, and didn't accept easy, glib answers. David set a standard for his colleagues by his respect for, and interest in, his counterparts in developing countries. And he never forgot that our real clients were the disadvantaged and underserved people at the bottom of the ladder. Because he cared so deeply, he made those around him care as well. His talents and his spirit are greatly missed.

January 22 at 11:37 AM



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RC

**Ron O'connor** lit a candle in honor of David.

Though I never thought about it at the time (perhaps being so obvious as to be easily neglected amidst the noise of every day), I now see that David was almost constitutionally unable to offend others; everyone who came in contact invariably had positive reactions to his smile, good humor, welcoming approach and, even in the many situations where light at the end of the proverbial tunnel seemed distant, his optimistic approach to development work, David could see and applaud the good in all he came in contact with, and he lived the Taoist poem that has long inspired many at MSH;Go to the people;Love them; learn from them;Start with what they have, build on what they know.But of the best leaders, When their task is accomplished, the work is done,The people will all say, " we have done it ourselves"-----  
Ron O'Connor



January 22 at 7:00 AM

CM

**Cecilia Moya** posted:

Desde el Perú, un moment de silencio y una oración por la memoria de David. Una persona alegre y generosa, siempre dispuesta a regalar una sonrisa a los demás. Descansa en paz querido David.

January 1 at 8:01 AM

JA

**Jane Andelman** posted:

It has been many years since I worked with David at MSH, but I still remember him to be a warm and generous person and always a pleasure to work with. I was saddened to hear of his passing. My condolences to his family.-Jane Andelman

December 19 at 11:06 AM

SP

**Silvia Pira** lit a candle in honor of David.



December 18 at 6:17 PM



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BG

**Beth Gragg** posted:

Dear Monica, I was a colleague of David's when he worked at MSH on the BASICS Project. He always made me laugh and keep a sense of perspective when the work got to be too much. A person of honor and integrity and I am very sorry that he passed so early in his life. My thoughts go out to you and to Pablo; can only say I'm sorry. Beth Gragg

December 17 at 11:39 AM

JG

**Joao Paulo Taveira Guterres** posted:

Tristeza grande pela notícia, saudade enorme ao ver as fotos. David foi um grande amigo meu e de minha família, quando morou em Niterói, Brasil, no ano de 1990. Comemoramos nosso aniversário juntos, pois nascemos no mesmo dia. A partir de agora, comemorarei sozinho. Sucesso para Mônica e Pablo, grandes amigos que vivem longe, mas nunca sairão do meu coração. João Paulo (filho de Angela e Eduardo)

December 15 at 6:16 AM

JC

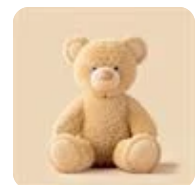
**Jimmy O'connor** posted:

David was a man who asked nothing more from someone than he himself was willing to give, which was always everything he had. His dedication to the greater good was impassioned and contagious. David will be missed, but never forgotten.

December 14 at 4:30 PM

IO

**Irene María Ortega** sent a virtual gift in honor of David.



December 14 at 11:48 AM

IO

**Irene Ortega** December 14 at 11:52 AM

Amadísimos Moni y Pablo: Les mando todo mi amor y cuenten con nuestras oraciones pra que el Señor Jesús que es todo amor y ternura los fortalezca y cubra sus corazones con el bálsamo de la serenida la paz y que la Virgencita linda los acompañe en todo momento. Este abrazo con todo mi corazon es especilamente para ustedes pero tambien extensivo para Andrea y toda la familia de David. Los amo



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**Sergio Ortega Flores** lit a candle in honor of David.



December 14 at 11:45 AM



**Sergio Ortega** December 14 at 11:56 AM

Lamentamos mucho tu partida David, estamos seguros que has pasado a una mejor vida. Te llevaremos siempre en nuestros corazones y en nuestros recuerdos." See you later alligator".Nuestras condolencias Monica y Pablo, de mas esta decirles que estamos con ustedes, esperamos que Dios les de la fortaleza y la resignación para seguir adelante y aceptar esta prueba tan dura. Cuenten con nuestras oraciones y nuestra solidaridad.Con todo nuestro amor.Doris, Laura, Sergio Miguel y Sergio Ortega.



**Adriana Ortega** lit a candle in honor of David.



December 14 at 10:59 AM



**Adriana Ortega** December 14 at 11:00 AM

una candelita verde para ti querido David que siempre te gusto tanto la naturaleza.



**Adriana Ortega** sent a virtual gift in honor of David.



December 14 at 10:56 AM



**Adriana Ortega** December 14 at 10:58 AM

I send all my love for Moni, Pabis and David family. Estamos rezando mucho por ustedes. Dios los esta cuidando y fortaleciendo y que Maria Santisima los cuide



**Irene María Ortega** lit a candle in honor of David.



December 14 at 10:39 AM



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**Irene María Ortega** sent a virtual gift in honor of David.



December 14 at 10:36 AM



**Familia Ortega Flores** lit a candle in honor of David.



December 14 at 10:08 AM



**Adriana Ortega** December 14 at 10:56 AM

Mi querido David: Doy gracias a Dios por que me regalo un cuñado tan especial, que desde que soy pequeña me amo con todo su corazon. Siempre decías que yo me parecia a Monica! Siempre estaras en mi corazon y mi mente pues los angeles siempre permanecen en nosotros. Gracias por ser un excelente esposo y padre de Moni y Pabis. Te amo mucho y deseo que vivas eternamente feliz al lado de nuestro Padre Celestial. te mando tres besitos Adri



**Irene Ortega** December 14 at 10:33 AM

Amado Cuñadito David: se que estas descansando y gozando de la presencia de nuestro amado Jesucristo, te mando todo mi amor y quiero que sepas que siempre tendrás un lugarcito muy especial en mi corazón. Te amo.Irene



**Familia Flores** December 14 at 10:17 AM

Voce e nosso filho e sempre o sera. O amamos papae Carlos e maae Irene



**Mary Alice Koenke** posted:

David was one of the most cheerful and fun-loving people I have been privileged to know and work with. I will never forget his renditions of Kingston Trio songs on Saturday mornings while bird banding at Banshee Reeks

December 14 at 9:35 AM



**Hewlett Packard** sent a White Rose Fireside Basket to the McCarthy family.



December 14 at 3:44 AM



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AC

**Angelo Chan** lit a candle in honor of David.

December 14 at 3:31 AM



ET

**Emma Tablante** lit a candle in honor of David.

December 14 at 3:27 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket to the McCarthy family.

December 14 at 3:16 AM



MS

**Magdalena Serpa** posted:

Hasta siempre Amigo David. Magdalena Serpa.

December 13 at 5:38 PM

RF

**Rosario Flores** posted:

Monica and Pablo: Our deepest sympathy and prayers for your loss. Rosario and Daniela

December 13 at 5:10 PM

RF

**Rosario Flores** lit a candle in honor of David.

December 13 at 5:08 PM





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GJ

**Genny L. James** posted:

Pablo & Family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Stan & Genny James

December 13 at 3:34 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

<http://www.jimclarkphoto.com/index.php/photos/21.html>

December 13 at 12:03 PM

VK

**Vanessa Kahn** posted:

Monica and Pablo, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Please accept our sincerest condolences. Vanessa and Aaron Kahn

December 13 at 11:46 AM

JS

**Janice Spears** lit a candle in honor of David.

Pablo, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Although it's difficult today to see beyond the sorrow, may looking back in memory help comfort you tomorrow. My prayer is that God will strengthen you all, and when your day seems long and heavy, just ask God to give you the strength needed to get through the day. Janice Spears



December 13 at 10:53 AM

RL

**Robert W. Lennox** posted:

I knew David as a colleague who was committed to improving the health of people in all parts of the developing world. Together we strategised, planned, plotted and proposed ways to reduce the impact of malaria in Africa. Those were among my most prized moments. Always optimistic, David gave everything he touched positive value. He will be missed by a large number of people from a wide variety of backgrounds and interests. Consolation and peace to both David and Monica. Bob Lennox

December 13 at 10:45 AM



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EO

**Edgar Ortega** lit a candle in honor of David.

Mónica, lamento la partida de tu esposo, no tuve la oportunidad de conocerlo, pero se ve en la foto que era una gran persona, con cualidades y defectos como cada uno de nosotros, pero lo que si se, es que Dios es Misericordioso y él está pendiente de recibirle y de permanecer con ustedes. Mi familia y yo te enviamos nuestras muestras de cariño y condolencia...que reciban la fortaleza en la familia y en Dios que siempre está a nuestro lado. Un fuerte abrazo, Edgar Felipe y Familia Ortega Bonilla...



December 13 at 8:42 AM

MP

**M. Pasa** posted:

I knew David primarily through VMN, but I'll never forget the naturalist walk he led at a Women in the Outdoors program that I attended. One of the trails on which he took our class happened to be where the pellets from the skeet shooting clinic were falling... which we didn't discover until we were being gently pelted from above! He had to switch gears from "naturalist instructor" to "the poor man who had to remain calm amid the screaming ladies". He was so fun. Every interaction I ever had with him involved a lot of laughs and smiles and I'll never forget him. My thoughts, prayers and best wishes for peace are with him, Monica and everyone who loved him.

December 13 at 8:02 AM

RM

**Rosa Maria** lit a candle in honor of David.

December 13 at 5:20 AM



FL

**Francis De Liano** December 13 at 6:49 AM

David, Mónica, dos que siempre han sido y serán uno. Hoy has partido, pero tu amor y entrega a la familia será tu legado. Mónica encuentra en este legado tu fortaleza, estamos contigo, David hoy está en un lugar mejor y cuidará siempre por tí Francis



**Anonymous** posted:

His positive nature always brought a smile to my face, he will be missed, our prayers for family

December 13 at 4:54 AM



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LR

**Linda Rives** lit a candle in honor of David.

December 13 at 3:22 AM



AL

**Alfonso** lit a candle in honor of David.

Gringo por Fuera, Latino por Dentro. Si pienso en vos, lo primero que se viene a mi mente es la gran contradicción, sí, debajo de esa piel blanca, detrás de esos ojos azules, de tu cabello rubio y tu espesa barba blanca, latía un bondadoso corazón latino, mestizo, indio..... si hubieras nacido aquí, de este lado del río Bravo, bien hubieras sido un Tecún Umán o quizás un Lempira. Cuantas historias tus labios pronunciaron que a mis oídos atentos deleitaron, siempre rebelde, siempre inconforme, luchando por los mas débiles, buscando tu misión, tratando de hallarte dentro de vos, irradiando alegría, paz, serenidad, luz. Hoy mi corazón no puede estar triste, porque tengo la certeza que has llegado a un lugar maravilloso, que has encontrado, lo que tanto buscaste en esta tierra, un lugar sin sufrimientos, un lugar de igualdad social, de paz; vos conocías el sufrimiento antes de sentirlo en carne propia y buscaste siempre aliviarlo en aquellos mas desposeídos, aquellos oprimidos por los poderosos y aun en tu sufrimiento seguiste enarbolando esa bandera por la vida, esa que siempre te caracterizó; no, no fue en vano experimentar en tu cuerpo lo que aun la ciencia no había probado, fue un acto de amor, pues lejos de querer salvar tu vida, la ofreciste por los que vienen atrás. Hasta luego querido David,

December 12 at 3:03 AM



RM

**Rosa Maria** December 13 at 5:18 AM

Que hermosas palabras. Dios bendiga su familia y les de consuelo en su dolor. Descanse en paz.

LL

**Lauren Lang** posted:

David and I were friends and neighbors for the past 9 years. We discussed at length and worked on a variety of environmental projects including riparian buffer planting, macro invertebrate stream monitoring, habitat preservation, and karst and sink hole education. I will miss his smiling face, positive attitude, quick wit, and of course his mantra, "Forward ever, backward never". He was a true inspiration!

December 12 at 6:50 PM



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IF

**Ileana M Fajardo** posted:

Siempre recordaré los años que pasamos en Honduras con David! El trabajo era difícil pero David siempre se sonreía y me decía buscaría una solución al problema que enfrentaba. El mejor bailarín en nuestras fiestas. Su espíritu, bondad y dedicación no se borrará. Mucho lo extrañaremos. Ileana

December 12 at 12:30 PM

FG

**Frank Good** posted:

I got to know David through activities at Banshee Reeks Nature Preserve. Whether it was a Board meeting, a Master Naturalist class, a bird banding session, David was there with his dedication and humor. He will be missed.

December 12 at 11:45 AM

KA

**Kathleen Alvarez** lit a candle in honor of David.

I am thankful I had the opportunity in life to know and work with David at MSH. His warm, funny, dedicated style made our work together both meaningful and enjoyable.

December 12 at 11:08 AM



MN

**Michelle Nicholson** lit a candle in honor of David.

December 12 at 6:20 AM



CH

**Christyna Hunter** lit a candle in honor of David.

December 12 at 5:11 AM



RC

**Ron Circe** lit a candle in honor of David.

Forward ever, backward never...will miss you my friend...Via con Dios, mi amigo...El jeffe

December 12 at 3:03 AM





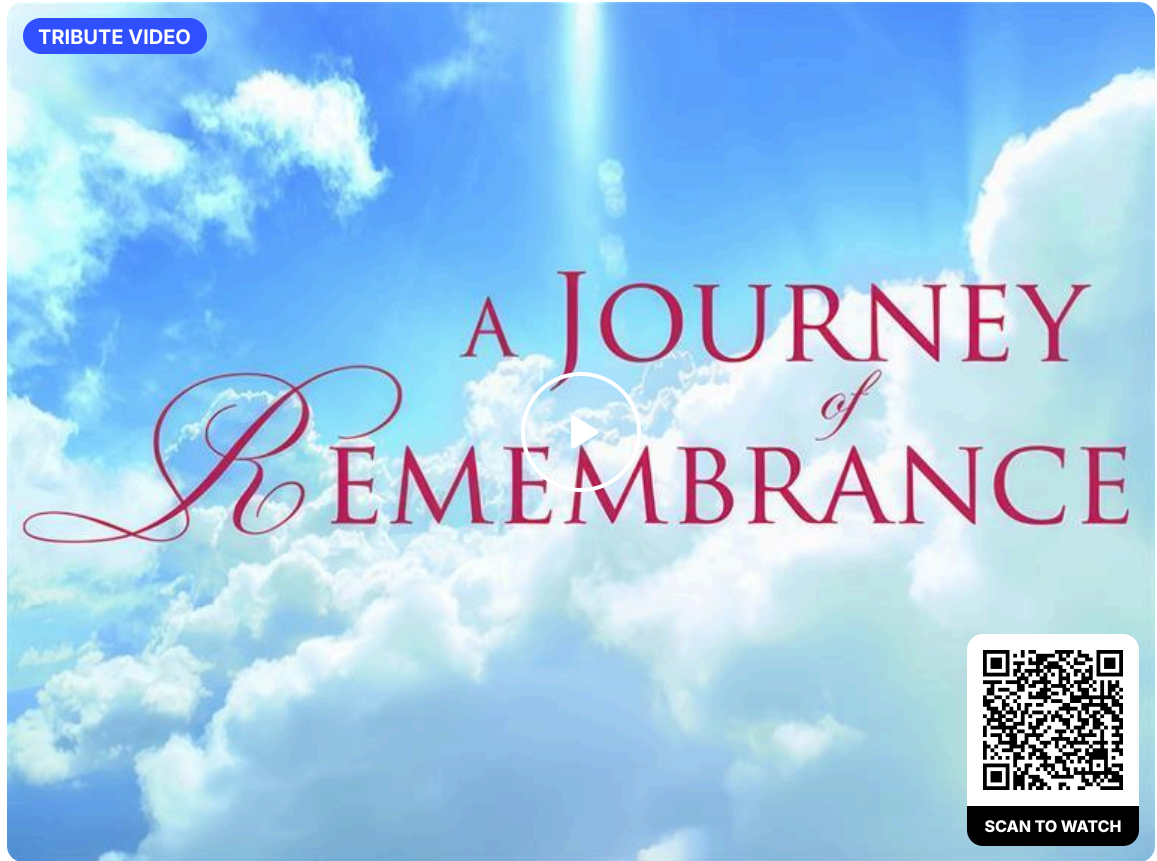
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# Memories only last if you share them

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