Dr. David Howell McCarley, D.D.S.

September 2, 1953 - January 4, 2015


Raised on his grandfather’s dairy farm in Blue Ridge, Texas and in later years in McKinney, Dr. McCarley graduated from McKinney High School in 1971, where the lifelong relationships he forged ensured that McKinney would always be home.

He graduated from Texas Tech University with a Bachelor of Science in Microbiology and a lifelong addiction to Red Raider fandom (even in the difficult times). After serving as a graduate teaching assistant at Texas Tech University and as a microbiology lab coordinator at the University of Arizona, Dr. McCarley entered Baylor College of Dentistry, earning his Doctorate of Dental Surgery in 1981. After graduating, Dr. McCarley declared McKinney his home, where he owned and operated McCarley Restorative and Cosmetic Family Dentistry for over 30 years, until his recent death.

Dr. McCarley's enthusiasm extended into every aspect of his life, from his deep passion for dentistry, to his charitable spirit and civic involvement, and to his adventurous personal life. His passion for dentistry and civic involvement lead to a notable tenure with the Texas Dental Association (TDA), where he served as the youngest elected member of the Board of Directors, a delegate throughout the 1990’s and early 2000’s, Parliamentarian, Chairman of the Council on Constitution & Bylaws, Vice President (1994-1995), and, finally, as its President (May 2014 – January 2015). He served as President of the Fourth District Dental Society (North Texas) and, in 2008, served on the American Dental Association (ADA) Council on Ethics, Bylaws & Judicial Affairs, the House Standing Committee on Rules and Order, and the Standing Committee of the House of Delegates – Constitution & Bylaws. Additionally, Dr. McCarley recently completed his mastership through the Academy of General Dentistry.

His charitable spirit and devotion to community engagement led to his involvement with the Kiwanis Club, Ducks Unlimited,
and Boy Scouts of America. Dr. McCarley was a member of St. Gabriel Catholic Church in McKinney, Texas. He also served on the Advisory Board of the Collin County Community College Hygiene School. In his personal life, he loved to travel, ride motorcycles with his wife Lee Ann, and work on his farm—The ToothAchers Ranch.

He is survived by his wife, Lee Ann McCarley of Westminster, Texas; his children, Kristi Kendall of Westminster, Joe McCarley of Carrollton, Wesley Layton of Washington D.C., Nick McCarley of McKinney, Jenny McCarley and husband Justin Appleby of Richardson; his siblings, Dana Pennington of Rowlett, Kevin McCarley and wife Jennifer of McKinney, Brian McCarley of McKinney, Susan McCarley and fiancée Steve Smith of Los Angeles, California; his mother, Mary Ann McCarley of McKinney; and his grandchildren, Hunter Kendall of San Marcos, Savannah and Abigail Kendall of Anna, and Rylee Layton of Vermont.

Dr. McCarley was preceded in death by his daughter-in-law, Rebecca Layton, and his father, L.B. McCarley.

A funeral mass will be held at St. Gabriel the Archangel Catholic Church, in McKinney, Texas, on Friday, January 9, 2015 at 11:00 AM. The family will receive friends during a rosary at Turrentine-Jackson-Morrow Funeral Home, in Allen, Texas, on Thursday, January 8, 2015, at 7:00 PM.

The family asks that in lieu of flowers that memorials be made to a charity close to Dr. McCarley’s heart—The TDA Smiles Foundation.

TDA Smiles Foundation
1946 South Interstate 35, Ste. 300
Austin, TX, 78704
512-448-2441 –or– 877-807-6453
http://www.tdasmiles.org/Contribute/Memorials.aspx

Memorials

Joe, So sorry to hear of your father’s passing. Just wanted you to know I was thinking of you and your family.

HUNTER FLEET, FEBRUARY 9, 2015

Charles and I are deeply saddened to hear of Dr. McCarley’s passing. We will remember him as being professional, sincere, and dedicated to his patients. We felt privileged to know him and appreciated being his patients. Not only did we receive excellent dental care, but we also got to hear his many wonderful, adventurous stories. Our thoughts and prayers are extended to his family, staff and friends. God Bless you all.

CHARLES & WINNETTA MORROW, JANUARY 28, 2015
I just received a letter informing me of Dr. McCarley’s sudden passing, and I am in shock. I wish I had known at the time, to have had the opportunity to attend his funeral in person. What a wonderful man and dedicated provider to many. Dr. McCarley was our family dentist since moving to McKinney in 1997 - 18 years ago! The past few visits I told him that he is never allowed to retire because I knew (and know) that it would be impossible to find another dentist like him. As I write this, I realize that I've not been so impacted and affected by death in many years. I am overcome with grief, sadness, and dismay. I maintain so much respect for Dr. McCarley, having enjoyed many conversations with him while under his care. A consummate professional, Dr. McCarley was always in pursuit of improving his personal skills and enhancing his knowledge and practice, and always doing the best for his patients and the practice of dentistry -- all while keeping a small town, country feel to his office and ways. My family will miss Dr. McCarley greatly, as I know will many. My heart goes out to the staff - Kristie, Sophie, Pauline, and Sophie - for whom I also have much admiration and love, and to his immediate family. While there will never be another dentist to fill his chair, I do hope and pray that his practice and legacy will continue on through another dentist that shares the same professional and personal values as Dr. McCarley.

BRADLEY GARRETT, JANUARY 23, 2015

Stunned and so very saddened to hear of David McCarley’s D.D.S. passing. If ever Flavia Weedn’s quote were written for anyone, surely it was written for David McCarley: "Some people come into our lives and quickly go. Some stay for a while, leave footprints on our hearts, and we are never, ever the same.” May he rest in peace. And may God surround Lee Ann along with all of those David held dear to him in the arms of loving angels.

LYNNE (HOLLY) HOBBY, JANUARY 21, 2015

We are so saddened to hear of Dr. McCarley’s death. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of his family, friends, and office staff.

CHARLIE AND CINDY YELVERTON, JANUARY 13, 2015

Our sincere sympathy to the McCarley Family. David was a dear personal
friend and our family dentist. He will be greatly missed. Milstead Family

LENA MILSTEAD, JANUARY 12, 2015

I was blessed to have Dr. McCarley as my dentist for over 20 years. My sympathy goes out to his family, friends and his wonderful staff.

GAYLE ZIEGLER, JANUARY 11, 2015

My heart is so sad for each of you. David was a very good dentist and we always had some to talk about when it came to Blue Ridge. HE will be missed very much; please know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers; family and staff. God's blessings to each of you.

SUZI MCCLINTOCK, JANUARY 9, 2015

We were so saddened to hear of the loss of Dr. McCarley. He was our "forever" dentist, and we were always so comforted by his gentle care and expertise. Our deepest sympathies are with you all at this very sorrowful time.

DARRELL AND PAT DEGEETER, JANUARY 9, 2015

Dr. McCarley God must of really wanted you to come home to be with HIM. You were a great dentist and I was honored to be one of your patient for the last 14 years. My prayers go out to his family and his sweet staff. God Bless You All

CHRIS KENNEDY, JANUARY 8, 2015

We are sorry to hear about Dr. McCarley. He and his staff have taken good care of us since 1995.

JERRY AND WANDA POWELL, JANUARY 8, 2015

Lee Ann, Kevin, all of you, you are in my thoughts and prayers. I am devastated by this loss and I know how difficult this is for you. I'm here if you need anything.

JEANICE BARTON, JANUARY 8, 2015

On behalf of the 17th dist. dental society, our deepest sympathy to LeeAnn and the rest of the family. Very sorry for your loss. It was an honor to host you at our Christmas party. Thank you for many years of outstanding service to our profession.

JASON ALEXANDER, JANUARY 7, 2015
I am very saddened at the loss of Doc McCarley. He was always very patient with me ... and my phobias ..... and was our family dentist for many many years. You'll be missed doc.
ROBERT EUGENE LENTZ, JANUARY 7, 2015

My deepest sympathy.
VICKI RISINGER WEST, JANUARY 6, 2015

i was so sorry to hear this. David and I served together with Pack 303 many years ago. He was my first dentist along with my boys' as well. He will be missed.
ROBERT MARTIN, JANUARY 6, 2015

For 16 years, we have had FUN going to the dentist (who says that?). Becca and I have lost a wonderful friend. Love to his family and staff.
JUDY/BECCA FAIRFIELD/DUNNING, JANUARY 6, 2015

Dana, Kevin. so sorry to hear of David's passing..RIP David and God's Speed to the family.
W DON CATES, JANUARY 6, 2015

LeeAnn you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. So sorry for your loss.
JAYNE ANNE SKINNER, JANUARY 6, 2015

Dr. McCarley was our family dentist. But more than that he was a friend. Our prayers and thoughts are with his family.
KENNETH W BANGS, JANUARY 6, 2015

Those of us from the Class '71 have his or her own memory of each other that is rekindled when we see each other over the years. Mine of David is an infectious happy smile. God grant you peace and comfort.
JUDY ROBINSON RANDOLPH, JANUARY 6, 2015

A fine man, who will be missed, our heartfelt sympathy to the entire family, friends, and dental staff.
DR. DAVID & MARCELLA LOVETT, JANUARY 6, 2015

We are saddened with the death of Dr. David. The McCarley family has been longtime friends, and our children grew up in the same neighborhood.
Our prayers and condolences to a wonderful family during this time of grief.

JERQRY STRADER, JANUARY 6, 2015

We are so sorry about David. Please know that we are praying for all his sweet family.

JACK AND DENICE BURNSIDE WEBB, JANUARY 6, 2015