



Arthur Jennings McCrea

November 30, 1936 - January 22, 2020

Arthur J McCrea age 83, passed away Wednesday morning January 22, 2020 at his home surrounded by family.

He was born November 30, 1936 in Richmond, VA., to the late Arthur L and Margaret McCrea. He was preceded in death by his son Michael McCrea. Arthur proudly served his country as a Marine, "Once a Marine always a Marine." In 1969 he started and managed, along with his wife Coni, their own Insurance Agency until he retired in 2002.

Arthur was a devoted husband of over 35 years to his soulmate, Constance McCrea. He is also survived by his sons, Arthur McCrea, Jr. and his wife Doris; Mark House and his wife Jannette; and Scott House. Two siblings: Diane Tostenson and her husband Cliff, and Donald McCrea.

Granddaughters: Brittany and Taylor House, and one great grandson, Leveon House.

He was happiest throughout his full life when he was with his family, or on a golf course. He was an avid golfer and was a member of his beloved Montclair Country Club for over 40 years.

A Memorial service will be held at Pierce Funeral Home, 9609 Center Street, Manassas, Va., Friday, January 31, 2020 at 11:00 A.M.

Condolences may be sent to [www. Piercefh.com](http://www.Piercefh.com)

Donations may be sent to St. Jude's Hospital.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN 31. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

NG

“ *Art was truly the classiest, kindest gentleman we knew. He stood out in the crowd for so many wonderful reasons! Connie and family...Hopefully your fondest memories will help you with your loss. You were so blessed for so many years. Praying that those memories will bring smiles and peace.*
Love, Nancy Gagnon and Ken Dement

Nancy Gagnon - February 04, 2020 at 11:19 AM

CS

“ When I worked for Travelers back in the 70's/80's, one of the agencies assigned to me was McCrea Insurance Agency. Art used to kid about how long it took me to get to work (I drove from Woodbridge to Annandale on the “highway to hell”, Interstate 95). My commute had gone from 20 minutes to averaging 90 minutes. He'd then say, “When are you going to come and talk to me?”. The time came when he needed someone because Cheri was moving back to Texas. He SAVED me from the commute and the drudgery of working for a big, uncaring company. The next thing I knew, my commute was 10 minutes and I was working for and with the nicest people. I was treated like family. Better than family, actually. I never knew you could have so much fun at work. I could tell some tails, but I'll refrain. I can still hear Coni mentioning about “never knowing what was going to come out of my mouth”.

As employees, we were made to feel like a valued part of the team. If we did make mistakes, we felt so bad about it, we didn't need to be reprimanded, not that we ever were. I remember having to call for tee times on Friday mornings. A couple of times, 9:00 passed by, and when I realized I was late calling, and Art's tee time wasn't at “sunrise”, I felt so bad, but I never even got a “dirty” look.

I used to think it must be hard to work together all day, and then be together at home all of the time, but you'd never know it by Art and Coni. They seemed like a perfect couple and any “banter” was always in good fun.

They did so very much for me that I will never forget. I tried to be a better person because of them.

Coni, my heart goes out to you and the whole family. I'm so glad I got to see you, Art and Art, Jr. in November, thanks to Cheri sending the invitation and keeping me in “the loop”. It's a blessing you have such a wonderful, supporting family, grandkids and even a great grandchild. Be strong and get through one day at a time, knowing how much you are loved.

Cindy Strawbridge (formerly Blake)

Cindy Strawbridge - January 30, 2020 at 04:41 PM

CS

Correction to my post: tails should read tales

Cindy Strawbridge - January 30, 2020 at 07:48 PM

TW

“ *Art was a true gentleman and it was an honor and privilege to have know him for so many year playing golf with him at Montclair...I will miss him, his humility and his ultimate kindness to me and everyone he met...hit it long and straight and make sure you give God a few stokes to make it an even golf match. May God’s perpetual light shine upon Art..🙏*

Tom Wilson - January 30, 2020 at 02:01 PM

NI

“ *New Dimensions, Inc. purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Arthur Jennings McCrea.*



New Dimensions, Inc. - January 30, 2020 at 08:35 AM

LG

“ *Love, The McCrea Hale Girls purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Arthur Jennings McCrea.*



Love, The McCrea Hale Girls - January 29, 2020 at 09:25 PM

RB

“ *To the Mcrea family my deepest condolence to your family he was a good friend to everyone that has known him “prayers “*

Richard Boivin - January 29, 2020 at 08:21 PM

CW

“ *Art was a true gentleman and role model. I was extremely honored when he invited me on "his" Morgantown golf trip. Linda and I were both honored by his friendship. Our condolences to his family.*

*Sincerely
Charlie & Linda Wood*

Charlie Wood - January 29, 2020 at 09:48 AM

JH

“ *Joanne, Wendy & Billy Hale purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Arthur Jennings McCrea.*



Joanne, Wendy & Billy Hale - January 29, 2020 at 09:12 AM

CC

“ Dear Art & Doris we are so sorry for your sudden loss of your father "Big Art". Caroline and I wish to send our sincere condolences to you and your family for his passing. By all accounts your father was a true Gentleman. We knew him as your loving Dad, loving father and husband. He was a friend to us young people and always gave good advice. I will always remember the variety of conversations (small business, investments, politics, and LIFE in general) I had with Big Art at his basement bar in the family Lake Ridge house, my parent's Country Store (he was our insurance agent) and on the golf course at Bristow Manor. He was humble yet proud of his military services and he was so proud of you that you too served in the U.S. Army. I have many fond memories of him and I can still remember drinking a Michelob with him at his basement bar and listening to a song he had playing "Let's Twist Again, like we did last Summer" by Chubby Checkers. Rest in Peace Mr. Arthur J. McCrea, Sr. a.k.a. " Big Art " . See you at the tee box !! I'm here for you Art. Love you Brother .

Cesar Collantes - January 28, 2020 at 10:58 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Arthur Jennings McCrea.



January 28, 2020 at 05:54 PM

LJ

“ Art was truly one of the finest human beings I have ever had the honor to call my friend. He taught us all a great deal about humility and thoughtfulness. My son (Bo) and I send our condolences to the McCrea family.

Louis Jumbercotta - January 28, 2020 at 05:46 PM

FD

“ WE had a great time together in Woodbridge. We golfed and coached football. We spent alot of time together with Hazen.

Our thoughts and praters are with you all.

Frank DiRenzo

FRANK J J DIRENZO - January 28, 2020 at 05:04 PM



“ *Deepest sympathies to the McCrea family. We were very fond of Art and found him be to one fine gentleman. Sending thoughts of solace and prayers of comfort to family and friends. I know he 's teeing it up with the Lord. Marty and Kay Bolo*

Martin Bolo - January 28, 2020 at 03:20 PM

PS

“ Art McCrea. I'll always remember him as "Big Art". He was a tremendous man and did so much for us as knuckleheaded teenagers growing up. He was like a second Dad to me. The world is quite a bit dimmer today without him but heaven sure is brighter. I can hear him now . . . "Smitty, you better not screw this up. If you do I'm going to come back and kick your ass. You hear me?" He'd smile then and walk away. Yes, Big Art, I hear you. I'll try to keep it straight and do it right from here on out. Oh, and by the way, I guess you already know by now, that was Mike's fault with the car, not mine!

Coni, my deepest sympathies to you. I know you loved Art with all your heart.

To my brother Art, I'm always, always here for you. I know this is a tough time. Please let me know if you need anything. One thing is for sure, Big Art would want us on the first tee - and taking a sip of "root beer" after each birdie. I know he'll be there in spirit and somehow, I know he'll still win. So let's get out and play. I love you Brother.

Paul Smith

Paul Smith - January 28, 2020 at 05:32 AM



“ Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Arthur Jennings McCrea.



January 27, 2020 at 09:22 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Arthur Jennings McCrea.



January 27, 2020 at 03:08 PM