



## Dr. Theodore "Ted" McCord Jr.

October 10, 1942 - August 18, 2025

Dr. Theodore McCord, passed away peacefully at his home in Manassas, VA on August 18th, 2025.

Ted is survived by his siblings, Michael McCord Sr. of Tennessee and Mary McCord Ludholtz of North Carolina, and Ted's nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews, and the family of his second cousin, Mildred DeBell of Centreville, Virginia. Ted is also the in hearts of a large and diverse community of long-time friends.

Ted left his collection of books on Virginia history to the Fairfield Foundation. The Foundation includes oversight of the ruins of Rosewell, the home of John Page. Rosewell is also supported by the Page-Nelson Society. If you wish to make a donation in lieu of flowers, feel free to consider either of these organizations: <https://fairfieldfoundation.org/> , <https://pagenelson.org/> . Ted was also an active member of the Historic Centreville Society (PO Box 1512, Centreville VA 20122) and the Alexandria Association which supports the Alexandria Museums: <https://www.alexandriava.gov/historic-alexandria/donate-to-historic-alexandria> ).

Funeral service will be held on Saturday, August 23, 2025, at St John's Episcopal Church, 5649 Mt. Gilead Road, Centreville, VA 20120. A public viewing will be from 1:00-2:00 PM at the church. At 2:00 PM, Father

Laskowski will officiate funeral services. A reception will immediately follow in Cartharpin.

# Cemetery Details

## Riverview Cemetery

Strasburg, VA 22657

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **23**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

St. John's Episcopal Church  
5649 Mt. Gilead Rd.  
Centreville, VA 20120

## Funeral Service

AUG **23**. 2:00 PM (ET)

St. John's Episcopal Church  
5649 Mt. Gilead Rd.  
Centreville, VA 20120

## Burial

AUG **24**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Riverview Cemetery  
Strasburg, VA 22657

# Tribute Wall

EM

“ Don't remember him from school but he was the only doctor I'd take my first child to when I'd come home to visit. Always nice, always pleasant and wonderful with small children, a BIG plus when it came to taking care of first time moms and small children.

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**Emma** - September 05, 2025 at 04:07 PM

BY

“ Teddy, as I always called him, was my neighbor who was 4 years older and smoked little cigars occasionally. We played waffle ball in front of the garage/barn behind his house. He would be NY Yankees and I would be the Senators. For hours until the whistle would blow from home and I had to run home. This was in late 1950s before he graduated from high school. Boy did we have FUN! Rip my old friend, Bruce Young

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**Bruce young** - September 02, 2025 at 09:14 AM

LH

“ Dr. McCord was one of my favorite professors, and his infectious love of history made me feel so confident in my own dedication to the field. He was the first person to teach me about historiography, which would later become my concentration. He was so kind, so good-humored, and so passionate about education and academic discipline. He gave every student a chance, and he cared for students even after they left his class. It was always a pleasant surprise to run into him on campus in my later years at Mason, and he was always stop to talk with me and catch up. I found out that Dr. McCord had passed while reminiscing about my time at George Mason University and telling my mother and brother about the profound affect that he had on me, and I am so deeply saddened by his loss.



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**Lyndsay Hodge** - August 28, 2025 at 03:17 PM

CM

“ It was a privilege to meet Ted in July when Hildie Carney and I came to visit and look at his files about Kitty Pozer Garden and the time he spent living at the Ratcliffe-Allison-Pozer House in Fairfax City. I thought of him yesterday as I worked in that garden on a beautiful Saturday in August.



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**Cardie MacDonald** - August 24, 2025 at 02:41 PM

LG

“*Dr. Ted McCord has been a long-term friend and history pal - whose friendship, knowledge, intelligence and kind spirit I have enjoyed for 25 years. A regular at the Fairfax County History Commission's 20 years of Annual Conferences, he always brought insight and support to our cause - helping to make them an enormous success. Ted knew so much about Centreville history and beyond. When I was researching Angelina Grimke in order to perform her as a historic re-enactress I shared so with Ted who immediately knew of the classic "The Grimke Sisters" book by Gerda Lerner - which I had already devoured! His Holiday dinners at Mt. Gilead (with the Centreville Historical Society) were delicious and festive - and oh that glittering Christmas tree in the Main Parlor - with all the red ornaments that twinkled against the small white lights! And the after dinner history "show & tell" was always a most informative and fun way to end the evening.*



*Ted became a regular social pal at my personal soirees - and he charmed most anyone he spoke with. He was even present at my French grandson's Baby Blessing in September of 2021, just as COVID was waning down. A delightful pal, resource and fixture in Fairfax County's History circles - he will be sorely missed. Ted - please light up the sky periodically with your energy for history, people and love of teaching. You were and are much loved!  
Peace & Blessings to you and to your family!*

*With much love and admiration,  
Lynne Garvey-Hodge, Fairfax County History Commission member  
& twice Chairperson, A 24 year Veteran (2000 - 2024)*

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**Lynne Garvey-Hodge** - August 22, 2025 at 09:09 PM

MJ

“ Oh my God! This is very sad news. Ted and I go back to the first four years of George Mason College of the University of Virginia, from where we both and my wife Gail graduated in 1964 with B.A.s in history. We have always been good friends even though we have not been in touch for a number of years. At George Mason, I even played end for "Teddy's Bears", our intermural "championship" flag football team on which Ted was the quarterback and captain. I went on into local archaeology in which Ted always had an interest and was known to participate. I even did some archaeology at Mt. Gilead when Ted lived there. I always knew Ted was there and looked forward to every time he and I could get together. I'm shedding tears as I type this. It leaves a deep hole in my past. Ted was a wonderful human being.

Mike Johnson - August 22, 2025 at 10:23 AM

JO

“ Ted was a wonderful colleague generous to a fault, a beloved teacher, and a fine scholar with an almost encyclopedic knowledge of Virginia history. He was a marvelous raconteur and a host without compare. To quaff his colonial punch at one of his parties at Mount Gilead was to be carried back to the 18th century where he was most at home. Above all, he was a cherished friend whose kindness, good humor, and delightful eccentricity I shall forever miss.

John Orens - August 20, 2025 at 08:21 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dr. Theodore "Ted" McCord Jr..



August 20, 2025 at 04:30 PM

MH

“ It was an honor and privilege to be a colleague of Ted's in the History and Art History Dept. at GMU. Ted was one of our most effective classroom teachers, and he taught hundreds if not thousands of undergraduates US history during his tenure there. Moreover, he was also one of the kindest and most generous colleagues in the department. He made a real difference to the lives of countless students and faculty.

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**Mack Holt** - August 20, 2025 at 04:24 PM

JL

“ Ted was definitely a character and a real friend for local historians. He always made himself available to show/discuss the history of Mt. Gilead. An avid baseball fan too. Ted's passing is a real loss for many of us locally, but please know he was valued and a real contributor. He will be missed. May he RIP, I will forever remember my good times with him.

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**Jim Lewis** - August 20, 2025 at 03:55 PM

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**cheryl repetti** - August 20, 2025 at 03:39 PM

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Cheryl Repetti - August 20, 2025 at 03:25 PM

MO

“ Ted was a highly effective and much loved teacher; a genial and respected colleague. Thank you Ted

Michael O'MALLEY - August 20, 2025 at 11:25 AM

BP

“ Ted was a dear colleague and a wonderful teacher. Students adored him. So many undergraduates got their introduction to American history from him, and they always talked about it as a memorable experience.

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**Brian Platt** - August 20, 2025 at 11:16 AM

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“ Sending deepest condolences to Ted McCord's family. I was a colleague of Ted's at GMU in the Department of History and Art History. His dedication to his scholarship and teaching were an inspiration. He will be missed. Suzy Smith

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**Suzanne Smith** - August 20, 2025 at 11:03 AM

ML

“ Ted was a kind and conscientious colleague on the History faculty at George Mason University. He taught American history to thousands of undergraduates, shaping their view of both past and present. His is a tremendous legacy. My heartfelt condolences to his family. Meredith Lair

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**Meredith Lair** - August 20, 2025 at 10:54 AM

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“ A 2006 Post article about Mount Gilead and Ted's residency there: <https://www.washingtonpost.com/archive/local/2006/11/12/be-it-ever-so-humble-mount-gilead-impresses-span-classbankheadhouse-pays-tribute-to-ordinary-historyspan/b6de5bb0-1829-4972-8a11-c56f0ccc5396/>

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**Cheryl-Ann Repetti** - August 20, 2025 at 03:58 AM

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**Cheryl-Ann Repetti** - August 20, 2025 at 03:53 AM

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“ <https://content.sitemasonry.gmu.edu/news/2019-04/george-mason-ted-mccord-has-seen-it-all>

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**Cheryl-Ann Repetti** - August 20, 2025 at 03:51 AM

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*A brief story about Ted's 56 years at GMU.*

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**Cheryl-Ann Repetti** - August 20, 2025 at 02:36 AM

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**Cheryl-Ann Repetti** - August 20, 2025 at 02:32 AM

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*Ted was a great friend, an amazing resource of all thing's history, he was a tremendous scholar and supported of the Page Nelson Society of Virginia and the Alexandria Association, his lovely receptions at his historic home was well stocked with friends, fine food and drink. Ted particularly loved discussing the old "Boy Leader" books, a great influence, on. Tyson Gilpin and him. Rest in Peace dear Ted. Sincerely, Anne Randolph*

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**Anne Randolph** - August 23, 2025 at 12:06 PM