



Dean L. McCall

September 4, 1944 - February 11, 2022

Dean L. McCall, 77, of Damascus, VA passed away on Friday, February 11, 2022 at his residence. He was born in Charlotte, NC on September 4, 1944, a son of the late Fate and Mildred McCall.

He had lived in Damascus, VA for the past 21 years. He was a veteran of the U.S. Marines. Dean was a retired mechanical instructor for General Motors Corporation. He was the team mechanic for LUX Cycling Team and was very involved with the Virginia Creeper Trail Conservancy.

He is survived by one daughter, Brandi Brown and her husband, Eric, of Hudson, NC; one son, Colby McCall of Knightdale, NC; one brother, David McCall and his wife, Karine, of Hendersonville, NC; one sister, Dale Manns and her husband, Danny, of Virginia Beach, VA; and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting that donations be made to Alzheimer's Association, 8180 Greensboro Dr., Suite 400, McLean, VA 22102 or the Virginia Creeper Trail Conservancy, P.O. Box 2382, Abingdon, VA 24212. Condolences for the family may be sent and viewed by visiting www.garrettfuneralhome.com. Mr. McCall and his family are in the care of Garrett Funeral Home, 203 N. Shady Ave., Damascus, VA 24236; ph.#: (276) 475-3631.

Tribute Wall

CB

“ I am so shocked and so heartbroken over the loss of my friend. I have known Dean for over 35 years, he was one of a kind. Dean was that person we all strive to be. He was the sweetest, kindest person who would do anything for you. He never met a stranger and always had that contagious smile on his face. Never complained yet always there to listen to mine. I will so miss you my dear friend, until we meet again 😞
Love Ya Always
Carolyn

Carolyn Matthews Boone - April 20 at 05:40 PM

VM

“ Dean was so involved with our annual Ride to Remember here in SC. He was a giver for sure! One year I rode about 30 miles with him in the truck from North to Orangeburg. He handed me the water sprayer and said, “Now you make it rain for the folks on this hot day!” We shared lots of laughs. What a prince of a man!!!

Van Matthews - March 05 at 06:46 AM

JM

I just found out about Dean's death today at 3:30. It's shocking and devastating news. Dean and I were planning a trip that week for old times sake. My telephone number has changed and few people know my new number. I still loved Dean. He was a good man and funny!! My heart is broken 💔.

Janet McCall - April 05 at 07:03 PM

DB

“ Mr. Dean and I were at my daughter's bike camp helping out for 5 years. It was always a pleasure spending time with him. He will be sorely missed. Peace and love to his friends and family.

Donna bresnick - March 04 at 12:57 PM

SC

“ I knew Dean back in the days when he was an instructor for GM. He was a talented instructor and had a great personality. He had a wonderful smile and although we worked in different states, I had the opportunity to get to know him when the instructors got together for training. He was one of the best. So sorry to hear this and condolences to the family. Rest in peace Dean.

Sue Christophersen - March 02 at 03:16 PM

CW

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with Dean’s family during this difficult time. Dean and I met when I came to work for GM as a classroom instructor. He was an incredible mentor and friend with a shared love of bicycles. His smile, good nature, and sense of humor were infectious and will never be forgotten. Rest in peace my friend.

Chad Williams - March 02 at 11:15 AM

VR

“ Sending my best to Dean and his family... terrible to hear that he is no longer with us enjoying the trail! I knew Dean from Bike Patrol, I was the Partnership Coordinator at the Mount Rogers National Recreation Area. Excellent member of the team and always took care of folks! - Viviana Ruiz

Viviana Ruiz - March 02 at 08:54 AM

CR

“ Sending thoughts and prayers to Dean's Family during this time of loss. I am blessed to have known this man for the past 30 years. We worked together at the GM Training Center in Charlotte NC, I was the new guy, and only the way Dean could, he showed me the ropes. We had so many good laughs over the years, honored to know Dean.

Christopher Ryan

Christopher Ryan - March 02 at 07:51 AM

TR

“ My family met Dean through Lux Cycling when my son was on the team. Dean was honestly one of the kindest human beings I have ever met. I will miss him and his warmth and genuine kindness. Traci Riccitello

Traci Riccitello - March 01 at 07:51 PM

MD

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



MT dellinger - February 28 at 08:00 PM



Thank you so much for sharing these 😊

Brandi McCall Brown - April 11 at 06:35 PM



You're welcome 😊. I have so many photos of your dad from hikes and rides. I can send them if you would like. Also I wondered how you felt about organizing a group ride in his honor on the creeper trail?

MT Castles - July 31 at 05:12 PM

MD

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



MT Dellinger - February 28 at 07:53 PM

AL

“ I meet Dean at a BMX race in Lexington, VA approximately November 1998. We became good friends and I miss him every day. My condolences go out to his son and daughter, your Dad was a one of a kind. Art Luck



Art Luck - February 28 at 04:48 PM

CB

As I look at these pictures of Dean there is one constant in all... His wonderful smile ❤️

Carolyn Matthews Boone - April 20 at 05:13 PM

SC

“ I got to know Dean when I worked as the Volunteer Coordinator for the Mt. Rogers NRA. He was a great asset to the Virginia Creeper Trail Bike Patrol. He loved helping people. He always had a smile and a kind word. Sue Combs, U.S. Forest Service, retired

Sue Combs - February 23 at 03:43 PM

EW

“ From the employees of the Mount Rogers National Recreation Area, we offer our sincerest condolences to the family of Mr. Dean McCall. His dedication to the Virginia Creeper Trail and its users will remain an inspiration to us. Mr. McCall represented the finest example of what it means to be a ranger. He guided and helped travelers, some of whom were injured and miles from any other aid. For that dedication to service, for his goodwill and strong character, he will be remembered here.

Ed Wright
Recreation Manager
Mount Rogers National Recreation Area

Ed Wright - February 23 at 12:28 PM

JB

“ I was fortunate to have Dean for a neighbor since he first moved here. He was always willing to help in any way he could. He always had a smile and a kind word. All that knew him were better for it. He will certainly be missed
Jeff Blevins

Jeff Blevins - February 18 at 05:26 PM

GG

“ The employee's of Creeper Trail Bike Rental & Shuttle and Damascus Bike Rentals are So sorry to hear of Dean's passing, he was a good friend and will be missed, we always looked forward to his visits to the shops. He loved to volunteer on the trail and was always available to help out when needed. True friends are hard to find and even harder to lose. Condolences for the family.

Gary Greer - February 17 at 11:45 AM

LB

“ Our McCall family is so sad to hear of Deans passing on to Heaven. Dean was such a great guy and always a pleasure to see as David and Dale where also. If you thought they where great you should have known their Parents. Uncle Fate and Aunt Mildred where legends in our area of Charlotte. Dean was so cool he was the guy everyone would like to be , Handsome ,well dressed , always joking and laughing (family trait) great mechanic , smile a mile wide. Dean made a great impression on everyone's life and will continue his life here in our hearts. My hearts aches because of his passing because he was so special to his family. LIVE on Mr. Dean in our heart's and in Heaven. Sincerely from your little cousin Larry Bradham

larry Bradham - February 17 at 10:46 AM

DM

Thank you Larry. He was indeed cool! I miss him so very much. We will let the family know when arrangements are completed. Love to all of y'all.

Dale Manns - February 24 at 12:06 PM

DM

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Dale McCall Manns - February 16 at 04:47 PM

JD

“ *So heartbreaking. Such a positive, fun loving person who was always willing to help others. his smiling face and wit will be sorely missed.*
Janice and Dave Donovan

Janice Donovan - February 16 at 04:18 PM

LE

“ *I got to know Dean through his work for the Virginia Creeper Trail Conservancy. He was a great volunteer and loved the trail. He also volunteered with Abingdon Cycling's youth mountain bike team to do bike safety checks at the beginning of each season. He was a great asset to our community and will be truly missed.*

Link Elmore - February 16 at 10:44 AM

SA

“ *Sheriff Blake Andis and the Members of the Washington County Sheriff's Office would like to express their sympathy in the death of Dean McCall. If our Sheriff's Office can be of assistance to you during your time of sadness, please do not hesitate to contact us.*

Sheriff Andis and Members of the Washington County Sheriff's Office

Sheriff Blake Andis - February 16 at 09:16 AM

PJ

“ I got the honor to meet “Mr Dean” several years ago while cycling with the SC Alzheimers Association’s Ride to Remember. He was always such an inspiration during our events and not only encouraged us along the routes but helped each day to ensure riders had repairs and maintenance issues resolved. We will miss seeing him on the rides with his cowbell and water mister and will forever remember his generosity and infectious smile!

Pete Surette Jr - February 15 at 07:50 PM

DS

“ So very sorry for the loss of such a wonderful man. Dean had a smile, words of encouragement, and a hug for everyone he met. He will be greatly missed.

Dana spark - February 15 at 04:03 PM