



Andrew Joseph McCall Jr

January 7, 1944 - December 18, 2020

Andrew Joseph McCall died suddenly December 18, 2020 at his home in West Union, SC. He is survived by his wife, Carlene McCall, who resides at Waterstone on Augusta in Greenville, SC, his two children, Gretta (Richard Lynch) and Blake (Angela) McCall, grandchildren, Clairra McCall-Lynch and Daniel McCall, and a sister, Betty Louise Glass.

Joe had a passion for the wilderness and backpacking that led to many long friendships and adventures both locally and across the country. His loving friends and family remember him as full of intelligence, humor and spirit. He had a deep knowledge of the mountains of South and North Carolina and led his friends and family on many memorable hiking, backpacking and canoeing trips over the past fifty years. He was a courageous and determined man who had a passion for many things including music, running, gardening and family. Joe's unwavering Christian faith and philanthropic heart led to a lifetime of charitable giving and service. He was an excellent conversationalist and above all else he loved to have fun and get the most out of life. Joe will be dearly missed.

Joe was born January 7, 1944 in Greenville, SC to the late Betty Knox McCall and Andrew Joseph McCall and grew up in Easley, SC. Joe was drafted into the U.S. Army and after service in Vietnam used the GI bill to earn his bachelor's degree from the University of South Carolina.

While in Columbia Joe met Carlene in 1970. Joe described Carlene as the love of his life, and they enjoyed 50 years of their lives together. Their loving and close marriage was an inspiration to all who knew them.

Joe was an entrepreneur and worked as a Certified Public Accountant in a practice he built located in Seneca, SC. He worked at this practice with his son, Blake.

A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, May 22nd, from 1-4pm at Gretta and Richard's home. The address is 205 Tindal Avenue, Greenville, SC 29605. Friends and family who wish to honor his memory may make a donation to Upstate Forever, <https://www.upstateforever.org>.

Tribute Wall



“ *Andrew Joseph McCall Jr*

October 23, 2023 at 05:07 AM



“ *Our family is mourning the loss of Joe. Joe treated Carlene’s family as his own. Doug and I loved him like a brother. All our loved him dearly. He made a lasting impact on the life of everyone he knew. Each of us have special memories. Our hearts and deepest sympathy for you Gretta, Richard, Clair; Blake and Angel ; Daniel and . Lou. We love you all.*

Judy B. Robinson - January 16, 2021 at 03:23 PM



“ *I was just informed of Joe’s passing. I was a Easley High classmate of his. We also lived next door to him and Lou. His dad, Andy, was my scout master for awhile. Joe and I also got into mischief together. I think that he may have been the “getaway driver” on a watermelon stealing excursion when I and Billy Ragsdale got shot by farmer Black. A lot of great memories growing up. We lost touch except for high school reunions because I lived in many distant locations and I’m now in Mt. Pleasant, SC. I posted his passing on the EHS Class of 1962 FaceBook group page so our other classmates will know of Joe’s passing and cherish their memories of him.*

Al Bradshaw-Whittemore - January 13, 2021 at 10:01 PM



Thanks, Al. I love this story. It so captures Dad.

Gretta McCall - January 14, 2021 at 09:46 AM

WC

I always liked Joe . We ran the hurdles in tract together and I often accompanied him or filled in on his paper delivery route. Joe and his sister were great acrobatic athletes and often did expos in the gym. Truly a prince of a guy, wish I had kept up with him . I also remember his Dad Andy and the cool shoe repair business he had downstairs on Pendleton street. Bless you Joe and thank you for being my friend.
WENDELL CANTRELL Spartanburg

Wendell Cantrell - January 15, 2021 at 04:48 PM

SH

“ So sorry for your loss! Joe was a good man and a dear friend to us. He will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. May God’s love comfort and bless each of you!



Doug and Susan Hollifield

Susan Hollifield - January 05, 2021 at 01:09 PM



Thank you, Susan.

Gretta Mccall - January 14, 2021 at 09:47 AM

SB

“ So many wonderful memories with uncle joe. I'm grateful he taught me to love camping, to learning so much of the land and history. I will miss him dearly, but I know he is now exploring heaven and getting some good camp grounds ready for the rest of us.

Sarah-Laney Long Bradshaw - January 01, 2021 at 07:38 PM



Thanks, Sarah-Laney.

Gretta Mccall - January 14, 2021 at 09:47 AM

“ I met Joe on a camping trip arranged by a mutual friend, the late Danny McNeill, almost forty years ago, and a small group of us have been hiking, camping and paddling together at least several times a year ever since. Joe was our leader, and he had an intimate knowledge of the South and North Carolina mountains that made these trips unforgettable adventures. I feel very fortunate that he was so generous in sharing his knowledge of the outdoors. Few experiences are as bonding as multi-day camping, hiking and paddle trips, and Joe and I got to know each other very well through our many extended conversations on the trail, along the river, and around campfires. He was a true environmentalist, and one of his top priorities was the preservation of our natural heritage. He also had a great sense of humor, which came through strongly on the many long evenings our group shared around the fire.

In a very real sense, I can say I owe my life to Joe. He, my son Chris, and I took a paddle trip on the Edisto River in the late fall of 2016. The river was running smoothly, but on the second day Chris' and my canoe capsized in area of swirling currents where a tree had gone down into the water. While I tried to pull my boat into shore, the current caught hold of me and dragged me into the downed tree, where I hung on, unable to pull myself out of the cold water. I'm not sure what would've happened if Joe had not paddled his kayak close to me at considerable risk to himself. I was then able to take off my wet jacket, hoist myself onto the downed tree trunk, and crawl across it to the shore. So when we call Joe "courageous," these are very true words.

Joe and I talked a number of times on the phone during the pandemic, but we did not have a chance to get out in the woods together until a couple of weeks ago, when we took a day hike to the Chattooga River in the Longs Creek area. The weather could not have been more perfect. We enjoyed the kind of conversations we had had on so many hikes. We talked about organizing a camping trip with our group in the early part of 2021 and wished each other a Merry Christmas on parting. I'm very grateful we were

able to take this one last hike together.

Mark H. Hodges - December 31, 2020 at 09:24 AM



Thanks, Mark. I remember when that happened on the river. There were many adventures with Dad!

Gretta Mccall - January 14, 2021 at 09:48 AM

JJ

“ We were so shocked and saddened to hear of Joe's death. He has always been a good friend and trusted accountant. Our friendship began over 30 years ago at St. Mark UMC in the Agape Sunday School class. He and Carlene lived out their faith daily and were God's hands and feet in the world as they shared His love with others. We will pray that God will give you comfort as you grieve Joe's death.

Love, Joe and Sandy James

Joe James - December 30, 2020 at 02:54 PM



Thank you.

Gretta Mccall - January 14, 2021 at 09:48 AM

FC

“ Carlene and Family, So very sorry for you loss. May God grant you His comfort and peace now and during the difficult days ahead.

Freida Cauthen - December 29, 2020 at 11:04 PM



Thanks, Freida.

Gretta Mccall - January 14, 2021 at 09:49 AM

RT

“ *Reg Tatum lit a candle in memory of Andrew Joseph McCall Jr*



Reg Tatum - December 29, 2020 at 06:26 PM

JS

“ *I was saddened to hear of Joe's passing today. I immediately thought of three distinctively different camping trips with him. Each trip was separated by several years, and these were the times I was able to talk with him in a way that was more private and meaningful than any of the rest of our relationship. Because we would go years without seeing one another, we each would be a new version of ourselves when we reconvened. The last trip was the best, and I felt a connection with him that had never existed previously. He and I shared war stories around the fire that night in a way that meant so much to me. It turns out that he knew me better than I knew myself for many years. Some of his words of wisdom still find their way into my mind when I need them, and I have passed them on when I saw that they would be useful to others. I am grateful for every single memory, each an indelible part of my own growing up.*

My condolences to his wonderful family. I have admired each of you over these last 35 years and have been better for it. I send you all love.

Sincerely,

John Stephens

John Stephens - December 29, 2020 at 04:06 PM

GM

Thank you, John.

Gretta McCall - December 29, 2020 at 06:50 PM

HH

“ *Sending you and your family lots of love during such a difficult time. I always enjoyed spending time with you and your dad. He had the gift of making anyone feel like part of the family. ❤️*

Heidi Heilbrunn-Needleman - December 29, 2020 at 02:28 PM



Thanks, Heidi.

Gretta Mccall - January 14, 2021 at 09:49 AM

TJ

“ *I had the privilege of working for Joe from late 1984 until 2010. By far the most rewarding work environment of my life!! As his employee, I was always treated with the highest level of respect. He wasn't just my employer, he was my friend. He was genuinely interested in what was going on in the lives of all his employees. Regardless of the situation, he always showed us genuine compassion, joy or whatever was needed. He was a man of great character!! He and Carlene were two of the kindest and loving individuals I've had the privilege to know. I witnessed them raise their children into the successful adults they are today.*

Blake and Greta I am deeply saddened by the passing of your dad and my friend. I will pray for comfort and peace for both of you. Knowing the McCall family has been a privilege!! God Bless You All!!!

Tammy Johnson - December 29, 2020 at 12:44 PM

GM

Thank you, Tammy. It is good to hear from you!

Gretta McCall - December 29, 2020 at 02:11 PM



We are having a Celebration of Life for Dad on Saturday, May 22nd, from 1-4. It will be held at my home. My address is 205 Tindal Ave, Greenville, SC 29605.

Gretta Mccall - April 13, 2021 at 03:02 PM

LB

*“ We learned about Joe the old fashioned way...before the extended use of the internet, that is referral from a friend at Clemson - Lt Col. Claude Simpson of Seneca, who I knew had high standards. We have never been disappointed. That was over 25 years ago. While we were impressed with Joe's professional competence; that was just a small part of Joe. His humility, courtesy, patience and joy in life were contagious. We left Clemson upon my retirement and relocated to New Mexico in 2000. Joe and Blake then became one of the few CPAs in South Carolina certified to practice in New Mexico. The annual drudgery of tax preparation has always been mitigated by knowing it was time to meet with or talk with Joe. How we will miss that kind reassurance that all will be fine if we followed his advice ! Fortunately, he has left us Blake , who has indeed inherited many of his father's characteristics and will forever provide us a memory of his dad, but alas, we will still miss Joe!
Len (and Ellen) Berger*

leonard berger - December 28, 2020 at 10:26 PM

GM

Thank you, Len.

Gretta McCall - December 29, 2020 at 02:21 PM

JW

Gretta - Sending you and your family love during this difficult time. There's nothing in the world that can replace the love of a father. Hold tight to one another.

Jill Stephens Wyatt - December 29, 2020 at 03:27 PM

PM

Gretta, Rudy just informed me of your dad's passing. So sorry to hear this. Love, thoughts and prayers to you and yours. Love you much.

patricia melsheimer - January 01, 2021 at 10:53 AM



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Gretta Mccall - April 13, 2021 at 03:03 PM

GA

Remember Joe from our early-twenties / college years. Lost touch after Joe graduated from college and I moved to Colorado. I was a couple years younger, but Joe welcomed me warmly into his posse. Smoked my first cigarette with Joe; accompanied him to different women's colleges around the state for weekend dates; drank a few beers together. Looked up to Joe for his coolness, his personal style and in particular his engaging intellect. See you again, Joe, down the road.

*Gary Alfred
Denver, Colorado*

Gary Alfred - July 16, 2022 at 01:12 PM