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George Autrey McCrary, 86, of Fayetteville, passed away on February 13, 2026, in Fayetteville. Many knew him as “Doc” or “Dr Mc”.

A memorial service will be held at 11am, Monday, February 16 at First Baptist Church, Fayetteville. This will be followed by a time of fellowship and sharing. He made friends easily and everywhere he went, and often managed to find old friends everywhere he traveled. His family called these “George McCrary moments”, and in our time of fellowship, we want to hear your George McCrary stories. George loved life and spending time with loved ones, and wouldn’t want everyone somber. Please wear comfortable clothing, even Razorback wear, as he was a diehard fan. Indicative of his generous and caring nature, he will not be buried, but will help future medical professionals with the donation of his remains to his alma mater of UAMS. Also, in keeping with his generosity and concern for others, memorials may be given to Northwest Arkansas Food Bank (<https://www.nwafoodbank.org>).

George was born in Nashville, Arkansas to Matthew and Addie Mae McCrary on August 31, 1939. He graduated from Nashville High in 1957. He married Mary Ann Frizzell on August 25, 1961, in Shreveport, Louisiana. After attending the University of Arkansas for 3 years, he attended UAMS, where he earned his MD in 1964. George served his medical residency with the U.S. Navy, serving for two years. While stationed at Millington, TN, he trained corpsmen who would go on to serve in the Vietnam War. He lost several friends that he had trained in that war. He practiced Family Medicine for over 40 years in Jacksonville and Cabot, Arkansas, followed by nearly 20 years with MANA Urgent Care in Fayetteville, Arkansas. Through those years, he was a true general practitioner, performing many surgeries, delivering babies (and sometimes, babies of babies he had delivered), emergency room coverage, serving as an attending physician at several nursing homes, setting fractures, and general care for all ages. Doc was known and revered for his bedside manner, he could take your family history, hear about your ailment, and diagnose you simultaneously. He was one of the last doctors to do house calls, often going out in the wee hours



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of the night to care for his patients. He would often stop at roadside wrecks and check on the people involved; he helped many people even while on vacation, notably saving two different people while sitting on the beach on the Carolina coast. He gave his time generously to the central Arkansas community by serving for over 30 years on the Pulaski County Board of Education, teaching Sunday School and working with Royal Ambassadors at First Baptist Jacksonville. He volunteered as the on-field physician for both Jacksonville High and North Pulaski High School football teams. Sharing his love of baseball and softball, he coached many softball teams through the years, on the Navy base, and several church teams. Having been raised on a farm, he had a deep love of animals, and was always surrounded by horses, donkeys, goats, dogs, and cats. He loved spending time at the beach, playing golf with his brother and brother-in-law, and deep-sea fishing, and he loved taking on anyone in a competitive game of dominoes. He was a rabid fan of the Arkansas Razorback, any and all sports, and even volunteered as a Track and Field official for many years. Doc was a natural storyteller, the keeper of the family history and stories, and he was in turn, curious about others and wanted to hear their stories, even until his last days in the hospital and rehab. First, foremost, and to his final hours, his number one love and primary focus was his wife, daughter, and family. His family always took priority and pride. George's greatest loss in life was the untimely death of his 16-year-old son, George, Jr. He led his wife and daughter through the traumatic grief with dignity, courage, and grace. He kept the family together against all statistical odds, and displayed his faith and love in the process. A life-long Christian, George was raised in the Missionary Baptist community, but spent the last 70 years as a member of 3 different Southern Baptist Churches, First Baptist Jacksonville, First Baptist Cabot, and First Baptist Fayetteville.

George is preceded in death by his parents, his brother Tom, and his son George McCrary, Jr.

George is survived by his wife of 64 years, Mary Ann; his daughter and son-in-law, Mary Lynn and Alan Mantooth of Fayetteville; granddaughters Deanna Mantooth-Hendrix (Daniel) of Tucson, AZ, Laura Skinner (David) of Fayetteville, and Maureen Mantooth of Oneonta, NY; great-grandchildren Olivia and Teddy Hendrix of Tucson, AZ, and Isla and Rowan Skinner of Fayetteville. He is also survived by brothers-in-law Charlie Frizzell, Robert Frizzell (Mary), James Frizzell (Phyllis), and Kenny Frizzell (Ann); and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews whom he adored.

The family of George McCrary wishes to extend our sincere thanks for the kind and respectful care at Washington Regional Medical Center and The Maples at Har-Ber Meadows.




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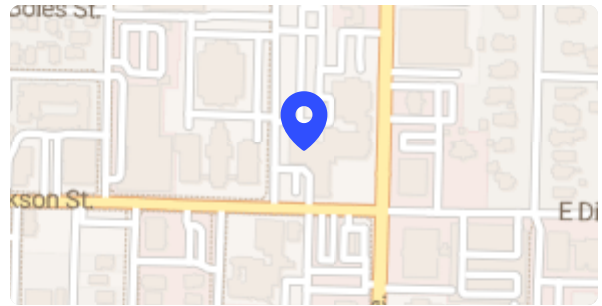
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Memorial Service

 **Monday**, February 16, 2026

 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM CT

 **First Baptist Church**
20 E. Dickson Street, Fayetteville AR 72701





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KE

Karen Edmondson posted:

I have such blessed memories of Dr.McCrary as he was my doctor for my high school to later in my adult life. Always loved to see him and he birthed both my children one in 1975 and one in 1980. He and Mary Ann were the sweetest and most admired couple I have known.

March 20 at 1:06 AM



Jerri Roe Mccrary posted:

What a legacy and a great man Dr. McCrary was! The memory of this precious man will be forever remembered in Jacksonville and surrounding communities. I'm not related to Doc - my hubby was from Michigan and i get asked this a lot. Everyone misses him and his wonderful family. May you be with Jesus, the Father God and all the Glory in Heaven. ❤️🙏❤️

March 19 at 8:09 AM

MJ

Maria Jones posted:

Was a great Dr.! He delivered my sisters and back in 69 70 72 at rebsamen hospital and personal Dr for many years of my family and grandparents and great!!! Prayers and condolences 🙏 to all !! Sorry for your loss

February 16 at 9:58 PM

D

Donna Byrd posted:

George's life exemplified faith, family and service. He touched so many people in a positive way. RIP Uncle George. Condolences to Ann, Mary Lynn and her family.Donna Frizzell Byrd

February 16 at 6:04 PM

MM

Miss Patty Moneagle posted:

Dr.Mac was my Dr since I was in 1st grade. I just loved him. Later on in 1984 I worked at the clinic as Dr.Short's nurse. I will miss him,his wit and sense of humor. He was always good to me and my entire family. Rest in Love Dr.Mac. Truly one of a kind.

February 16 at 4:30 PM



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JB

Jackie Bartee posted:

As an RN at Rebsamen Memorial Hosp & later as Dr Mc's office nurse, I observed from up close, as he so lovingly served his patients with great care & compassion along with a sense of humor thrown in.... he made patients feel like they were family. I loved working for him & serving alongside of him. Until we meet again, Nurse Bartee

February 15 at 8:08 PM

JB

Jackie Bartee posted:

Dr. Mc was a real prankster!!!! The "Prank" of all pranks was back while we were stationed at LRAFB in the late 60s. My wife, Jackie, an RN, was quickly employed at Rebsamen Memorial Hospital in Jacksonville where she worked for a couple of years before going to work for Dr McCrary as his nurse. During that time, a deep bond of friendship developed between his family and ours. We sparred often over his beloved Razorbacks and my Texas Tech Red Raiders. Of course, the Razorbacks usually always won. Our first child was to arrive in June 1970.... back in the days where husbands were not allowed in labor nor delivery. After hours of labor, I was summoned to the hospital and told to go to the waiting room. Needless to say, I was extremely nervous and excited. I found my seat in the waiting room some distance from the doors to delivery. It seemed like eternity, but in short order, the doors swung open, out walked Dr Mc carrying what I thought to be our baby neatly wrapped in a blanket. As he approached me, he appeared to stumble and dropped our precious bundle down on to the floor. My heart stopped, and out rolled a blown up Razorback Hog!!!! I was a mess, in shock and oblivious to the fact that the Rebsamen Hospital staff had gathered behind me and were a part of the prank at my expense. After a good laugh by all (except me), Dr Mc returned to delivery and brought our baby girl wrapped in a RAZORBACK blanket much to the delight of all spectators!!! At that point, I wasn't sure forgiveness would ever come, but it did. Forgiveness, Yes. Forgetting, NEVER!!! But, oh how we have loved Dr Mac & Mary Ann throughout these years! He will be greatly missed.- Mac Bartee

February 15 at 5:07 PM

CA

Chris Abbott posted:

I have so many memories of Doc I don't know just where to start. I can say this he was the best doctor my family could have ever ask for. Doc brought his horses over to my daddy's house and let me ride one it was a beautiful memory. There are so many more, but I don't know how to put them into words. All I know is he was a great man and he will be missed.

February 14 at 9:19 PM



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Diane Serenson-Ungar posted:

My deepest sympathy on the passing of Dr McCrary! On my many walks/hikes with his daughter, Mary Lynn, I always enjoyed hearing stories from her of his life as a family physician and of his devotion and calling to medicine, to patients and to his family. The respect and admiration she described the community and family feeling for him was so palpable . It was clear from her stories that he was a healer, a leader, a pillar of strength and knowledge and a role model of what a physician and family man and Razorback fan should be !Her stories made it clear to me how he loved his family so much and was so proud of them !! recall sitting on the Mantooth's porch, celebrating one of his granddaughters' birthdays when they were younger. I recall I asked Dr McCrary some medical questions and I enjoyed listening to his medical stories and learning !He always showed such enthusiasm when he spoke about medicine and you could feel his sincerity and caring. I was so impressed with his wisdom and experiences . He was an icon ! He touched so many lives ! He will never be forgotten! He will be greatly missed and always remembered ! His life was a blessing !!m glad he is at peace now .

February 14 at 6:51 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring George by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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