



Reverend Doran Chester McCarty

February 3, 1931 - January 7, 2021

Reverend Doran Chester McCarty, Ph.D., 89, passed away on Jan. 7, 2021, at his home in St. Augustine, Florida.

Dr. McCarty was born in Bolivar, Missouri, on Feb. 3, 1931, to Bartie and Donta McCarty. From humble Ozark roots, he went on to earn undergraduate degrees from Southwest Baptist College and William Jewell College and a doctorate in philosophy from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Doran described his life and 70-year career in ministry and education as a “pilgrimage that grew from naïve faith to an informed faith.” He served as pastor to six churches in Missouri, Kentucky, Indiana and Florida, as well as serving as interim pastor to more than 20 churches.

Dr. McCarty served as professor of theology and philosophy and director of supervised ministry and continuing education at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City. He was professor of ministry and director of the doctor of ministry program at Golden Gate Theological Seminary in San Francisco. Doran went on to found the Northeastern Baptist School of Ministry, with centers in New York City, Boston, Pittsburgh and Baltimore. He also served as an associate dean of Southern Seminary.

The list of Doran’s myriad accomplishments includes authoring more than 30 books and teaching and advising on field education across denominations

throughout the U.S. and around the world, taking him to Germany, Switzerland, Australia, Hong Kong, the Bahamas and more. In addition, he established McCarty Services to facilitate ministry and mission projects. Over his career, Dr. McCarty was awarded countless honors and recognized in many respected publications. He also served on numerous boards and committees. After multiple “retirements,” Doran culminated his life in ministry as the pastor of Hammock Community Church in Hammock Florida, where he served for 10 years.

Dr. McCarty has been described as a “brilliant educator” and “godfather of field education.” Training sessions based on his field education program have been held in more than 40 countries. Through his ministry and beyond, he has touched and positively affected countless lives. He was a respected leader, revered mentor and beloved pastor.

Doran was also greatly loved and adored by his family. He was a devoted family man—a loving, caring and supportive husband, father and grandfather. He was preceded in death by his wife of 54 years, Gloria McCarty. He is survived by his wife Catherine McCarty, his daughters, Gaye Stevick Foutch, Rise McGarvey, Marletta Holt and Leslie Beth McCarty, and his grandchildren, Elizabeth Lindgren, Connor Holt and Davis Holt, as well as, great-grandchildren, Evangeline, Flora Beth and Camille Lindgren and Grayson Holt.

Because of COVID-19 concerns, the service for Dr. McCarty, to be held at Hammock Community church, is planned for April 17. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Hammock Community church food pantry.

St. Johns Family Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

APR 17 (ET)

Hammock Community Church
5299 N. Ocean Shore Blvd.
Palm Coast, FL 32137

Tribute Wall



“ *St. Johns Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Reverend Doran Chester McCarty*



St. Johns Family Funeral Home - April 15, 2021 at 10:34 AM

VM

*I love you Uncle Doran!
R. I. P. Doran C. McCarty
We will all miss you.
Vicki Brasher Moore*

Vicki Moore - April 17, 2021 at 10:59 PM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Reverend Doran Chester McCarty.*



April 15, 2021 at 04:50 PM



“ 64 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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“ *I recall my time of study at MBTS where I met Dr. McCarty. He was a compassionate friend and teacher to me and many others. Without his encouragement on a personal level some things learned would not have been grasped for future ministry. So thankful for the time knowing him.*

William Caudle - February 03, 2021 at 04:27 PM

JC

“ I had to check my library this morning and found five books by Doran McCarty on my shelves. He taught me how to do field education at William Jewell College and had a major impact on our program since he was so close at Midwestern Seminary. But in addition he was a model for me as both a scholar, minister and friend. "Well done, good and faithful servant..." Jerry Cain

Jerry Cain - January 26, 2021 at 12:58 PM

GJ

“ Doran was my mentor and friend. He taught me how to think critically and reflect theologically about real life, day to day. What I learned from him has guided me through some challenging career decisions and helped me develop into who I am today. Yes, we shared many experiences at MWBTS, field education, serving as his interim while he was on a sabbatical, working together in associational and denominational activities. But most of all, he was my mentor and friend.
-Gary Jones

Gary S. Jones - January 22, 2021 at 04:03 PM

ES

“ Doran's encouragement and counsel were pivotal to me. He was a gift from the Lord. He will be deeply missed. -Ed Stetzer, Wheaton College Billy Graham Center (and former student of Doran)

Ed Stetzer - January 21, 2021 at 11:36 AM

JH

“Doran was an important part of the formative years of my ministry and my theological education. We had the benefit of his leadership and partnership during the years I served at the former Home Mission Board as we trained supervisors for our field personnel. I counted him as a teacher, mentor, partner in ministry, and a good friend. I was honored to have in my life. I pray God's blessing and comfort on his family and friends.

Jim Hill - January 15, 2021 at 09:57 PM

BB

“I benefit from Dr. McCarty's legacy in theological education by being trained at Golden Gate Seminary in it's Supervised Ministry (TFE) program. What I learned during that year continues to shape my life and ministry and I am thankful for the enduring impact of Dr. McCarty. My prayers are with Leslie and the rest of the family.
-Brice Butler, Pastor Tiburon Baptist Church

Brice Butler - January 15, 2021 at 01:09 AM

GY

“Doran and I arrived the same year at Midwestern Seminary, he as a new faculty member and me as a new student. I never had him in class, but like everyone in the program got to know him well as a D.Min. student. That program was life-changing for me in many ways. I was told several years ago that an ATS official had said that it was the best D.Min. program in the country in those early years when the degree was new. That's thanks to Doran. The month after finishing the degree, I was elected as to the Midwestern Board of Trustees and enlisted by Doran to serve as the field supervisor for a D.Min. student living in the St. Louis area, which eventually became a peer group in the St. Louis area. I've loved being involved in field education, and I thank Doran for the chance. He was always an encourager and a challenger which made you try to continue to grow and learn. I am one of many who owe Doran so much for his contributions to my own life and ministry. I'm grateful.

Gerald Young - January 14, 2021 at 10:08 PM

JJ

“When I first met “Dr. McCarty” (aka Gaye’s dad) at the age of 13, I thought he was the most intimidating person I had ever known. He seemed serious and taciturn. It occurs to me that this facade may have been an intentional tactic for dealing with adolescents. His quiet caused me to blather way too much. It surely cautioned would-be suitors coming to visit his budding young daughters. As I matured, I came to appreciate Doran’s intellectual might and curiosity, and his dry sense of humor. In recent years, I think I may have actually called him by his first name to his face. My favorite memory is the twinkle in his eye. That twinkle shown brightest when he was with or referring to his family.

Janet Johnson - January 14, 2021 at 10:08 PM

SB

“Doran was a professor, mentor and friend. He touched so many lives of us ministers through he Doctor of Ministry degree programs he developed. He will be missed.
Sanford Beckett

SANFORD BECKETT - January 14, 2021 at 08:11 PM

JR

“Dorian McCarty was a man of great spiritual stature. He was also the most intelligent and compassionate minister I've ever met. I will be forever grateful to Pastor McCarty for bringing my late husband, Mike, and myself on the spiritual journey he led.
My sincerest condolences to Catherine and the Pastor's family.
Blessings to you all. Jeri Ray

Jeri Ray - January 14, 2021 at 07:38 PM