



Ralph McCue

April 23, 2008

??? Bluefield, WV - Dr. Ralph W. McCue 85 of 1300 Liberty Street Bluefield, WV died Wednesday morning April 23, 2008 at the Westwood Health Care Center Bluefield, VA. Ralph was born April 13, 1923 in Bluefield, WV, the son of the late Alonzo Gooch McCue, Jr. and Laurel Clarkson McCue.

??? Ralph grew up in Bluefield. He was an Eagle Scout and a lifelong member of the Buccaneer's Club. Ralph played football on the 1940 Beaver High School team that had the first undefeated season in the school's history.

??? Ralph attended VPI but left school after his sophomore year to enlist in the Army Air Corps during World War II. After serving in the European Theater in France and Germany, Ralph returned to VPI to complete some pre-dental courses. He then attended the Baltimore College of Dental Surgery at the University of Maryland Dental School and graduated in 1951.

??? After graduation he was recalled to active duty during the Korean War. He was assigned to Bolling Field in Washington, DC where he served for two years as a dentist.

??? In 1953 Ralph was discharged from the military. He and his family returned to Bluefield and Ralph joined his father, Dr. Alonzo McCue, Jr. in the practice of dentistry. Ralph continued his practice in Bluefield for 37 years, retiring on December 31, 1989.

??? Ralph was a life long member of Christ Episcopal Church in Bluefield. Over the years, he served on the Vestry, held positions of junior and senior warden, taught Sunday school and was a trustee of the Church.

??? Ralph was a member of the WV Dental Association and enjoyed presenting clinics on "root canal" techniques at the meetings.

??? Ralph was an avid golfer and loved his West Virginia hills. In October 2004, he was inducted into the BHS Hall of Fame.???

??? Ralph is survived by his wife of 62 years, Mary Ellen Gilliss McCue and their four children Lynn (Russ) Burney of Wilmington, NC, R. William (Lorraine) McCue, Jr. of Akron, OH, Lucy (Don) Dancer of Manhattan Beach, CA, and Laurel (David) Payne of Blountville, TN. He is also survived by seven grandchildren: Helen Burney (Greg) Williams, Jean Ellen and Anne McCue, Christian and Dana Dancer, Clarkson and Keaton Payne, and two great-grandchildren: Mitchell and Claire Williams. He is also survived by his sister Mary (Don) Kersey of Bluefield and was preceded in death by a sister Phyllis (Charlie) Pearce.

??? Ralph's family would like to extend our thanks, appreciation and love to his special friend Grady Price who gave him such wonderful care. Also we send our thanks and appreciation to the staff at Westwood Health Care Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Dr. Raza, Dr. Amin, Ms. Kim Matzel and the nursing staff at Bluefield Regional Medical Center for their wonderful, compassionate care of Ralph during his recent illness.

??? Funeral services will be conducted Saturday April 26, 2008 at 11:00 am at Christ Episcopal Church with The Rev. Michael E. Snider, II officiating.

Interment will follow at Monte Vista Park Cemetery in Green Valley. Serving the family as pallbearers will be David Kersey, Don Dancer, Christian Dancer, Greg Williams, David Payne, Mike Sudduth, Dr. James M. Godwin, III and Dr. Gary Lawson. Honorary pallbearers will be Russ Burney, Charlie Scott, Don Kersey, Bobby Richardson, Dick Smith and Joe Graham.

??? The family will receive friends Friday April 25, 2008 at Mercer Funeral Home from 6:30 pm until 9:00 pm.

??? In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Christ Episcopal Church Building Endowment Fund 200 Duhring Street Bluefield, WV 24701, or to Bluefield Union Mission P.O. Box 4056 Bluefield, WV 24701.??? Those

wishing to share memories or condolence messages with the family may do so by visiting www.MercerFuneralHome.com? ??? Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory of Bluefield is serving the family of Dr. Ralph W. McCue.

Tribute Wall

WD

“ My name is Wayne Davis and I was a patient of Dr McCue while attending Beaver HS and Va Tech.

Dr McCue had done a lot of work to repair inferior work done by other dentist, and at that time I didn't know enough to thank him for his excellent dental skills.

However the first dentist I visited after moving to Hampton, Va examined my mouth and politely excused himself from the office. Returning 5 minutes later he and another dentist examined all of my many fillings etc.

The other dentist leg, and my dentist said to me: Mr Davis, I am not sure that I want to do dental work on your teeth. Naturally I was supposed and showed in my expression.

Then he said, “I can't match the work that has already been done on your teeth.”, and neither can my colleague. It is the best work we have ever seen. Who was your dentist?

I proudly exclaimed: Dr. Ralph McCue in Bluefield, WV. The dentist was astounded that such superb work could come from such an out of the way place.

Then, three years later we lived in Decatur Alabama, and I went is see a dentist, recommended by my boss.

The dentist did a very thorough visual examination and took a full set of x-rays. And stated. “We'll someone tried very hard.”. But when the c-rays were developed for my return visit he entered the room and said: Mr Davis, I owe you an apology. I told you that someone had tried very hard , but I want you to know that you have had the best dental work done that I have ever seen. I can also tell that another dentist has done one filling, it is OK, but is easily distinguished from all the other work.

When you leave my office I want you to call the dentist that did this exceptional work and thank him.

This message is written as I am 86 years young and want the children, grandchildren and beyond to gain a little understanding as to the outstanding work DrRalph McCue provided to our little town of Bluefield, Wv.

Posted: Dec 24, 2023.

wayne Davis - December 24, 2023 at 09:52 AM



“ *Ralph McCue*

October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ *Dear McCue Family,*

I am sorry to hear of Dr. McCue's passing. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers at this time of sorrow.

I am resending this as I am not certain the previously sent one went through cyberspace.

It was nice to see your smiling face, Mrs. McCue, at Dr. Blaydes office several months back when I had mom there. She is now in a nursing home and not doing well.

Laurel, I have fond memories of you from Girl Scout days. I appreciated your friendship and positive spirit.

Again, my sympathy to all of your family.

*Love,
Lisa Dunn Godwin*

Lisa Dunn Godwin - March 07, 2014 at 04:21 PM

LJ

“ *To to the McCue Family:*

Dr. McCue was like a second father to me and I will miss him so much. Take comfort that he is in heaven and at peace and probably playing golf with Dad. I'm sorry I can't make it to the services. I miss you all and think of you often. May God Bless you all.

Love,

Lisa Peraldo

Lisa Peraldo Jackson - March 07, 2014 at 04:21 PM