



Mr. Thomas Stone McCray Jr.

August 18, 1934 - November 10, 2024

Lebanon, Tennessee 90

Passed away at Traditions Way.

Thomas Stone McCray Jr. was born on August 18, 1934 in Providence, Rhode Island and departed this life on Sunday morning, November 10, 2024, in Lebanon, Tennessee. He was the son of the late Thomas Stone McCray Sr. and Etta Beddow McCray, both with Eastern Kentucky roots.

Tom was a proud Navy Korean war Veteran, and active in the volunteer division of the Tennessee State Guard until his retirement in the early 2010's. He retired as a Colonel. A graduate of Transylvania University in Lexington Kentucky, he additionally earned his RN Associates degree from Columbia State University in Tennessee in his late fifties. He was an active Psychiatric Nurse into his early eighties.

Very notable to Middle Tennesseans, Tom and his wife Merridee McCray were the founders of Merridee's Breadbasket in Franklin, Tennessee. Here, he and Merridee and the culture they created at Merridee's Breadbasket were essential for the evolution of Downtown Franklin into the vibrant community it is today.

Tom was preceded in death by his wife Merridee Erickson McCray, and Son

Scott Thomas McCray, and Sister Betty McCray Stevenson.

Tom leaves behind three children: Mike McCray, Brian McCray, and Dawn Richards; Sister Janet Clark; 14 grand-children and 13 great-grand-children.

Please keep the family in your prayers.

Previous Events

Visitation with Friends and Family

NOV **26**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

St. David's Episcopal Church
6501 Pennywell Drive
Nashville, TN 37205

Memorial Service

NOV **26**. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Inurnment

NOV **26**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Middle Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery
7931 McCrory Ln
Nashville, TN 37221
(615) 532-2238

Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

Neuble Monument Funeral Home, LLC - February 11, 2025 at 11:49 AM

MR

“ *Melissa Rhodes lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Stone McCray Jr.*



Melissa Rhodes - November 27, 2024 at 06:47 AM

MJ

“ *Melba Jobe sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Thomas Stone McCray Jr.*



Melba Jobe - November 22, 2024 at 01:25 PM

EY

“ *Ericksons, Chamberlains, Yeagers purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. Thomas Stone McCray Jr..*



Ericksons, Chamberlains, Yeagers - November 22, 2024 at 10:59 AM

MW

“ *Mary Woods lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Stone McCray Jr.*



Mary Woods - November 21, 2024 at 03:09 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mr. Thomas Stone McCray Jr..*



November 18, 2024 at 10:47 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Thomas Stone McCray Jr..*

November 18, 2024 at 10:47 AM

SJ

“ *Sylvia Jackson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Thomas Stone McCray Jr.*



Sylvia Jackson - November 16, 2024 at 10:14 AM

SJ

“ *Our Condolences and Prayers for your family*



Sylvia Jackson

Shirley Jobe Bates

Gladys Rhone



Sylvia Jackson - November 16, 2024 at 10:13 AM

PW

“ *Pamela Waters sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Thomas Stone McCray Jr.*



Pamela Waters - November 15, 2024 at 08:41 PM

MD

“ *MISS DEAN lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Stone McCray Jr.*



MISS DEAN - November 15, 2024 at 03:41 PM

TT

“ *Teresa Turner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Stone McCray Jr.*



Teresa Turner - November 12, 2024 at 07:59 PM