



## Dr. Charles W. McClary

April 5, 1936 - November 26, 2023

Dr. Charles W. McClary, a dedicated family practice physician and esteemed member of the Bloomington community, passed away on November 26, 2023 at the age of 87. Born in Evansville, Indiana on April 5, 1936, Dr. McClary's life was marked by a remarkable dedication to healthcare, community service, and family.

Dr. McClary graduated from Bosse High School in Evansville, IN in 1952. He played basketball and tennis all four years.

Dr. McClary began his journey at Vanderbilt University, where he cultivated his passion for medicine. He became an active member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, forging lasting friendships and bonds. Eager to further his education, he pursued his medical degree at Indiana University School of Medicine, where he honed his skills and knowledge.

Following his medical studies, Dr. McClary completed his internship at Marion County General Hospital, solidifying his commitment to serving others.

Immediately following he was drafted into the Navy as a physician for a fleet in the Pacific and at the Great Lakes Navel Training Center. He then embarked on a remarkable 40+-year career as a family practice doctor in Bloomington, touching the lives of countless patients with his compassionate and expert care.

During his tenure at Bloomington Hospital, Dr. McClary held pivotal roles as Chief of Staff and Chief of Family Practice, showcasing his exceptional leadership and dedication to the medical community. He was also recognized

as a Diplomate for the American Board of Family Physicians, reflecting his commitment to upholding the highest standards of medical practice.

Beyond his medical profession, Dr. McClary was deeply involved in the Bloomington community. He served on the boards of both Bloomington Hospital and Bloomington Convalescent Center, exemplifying his dedication to improving healthcare facilities and services. Additionally, he served as President of the Monroe-Owen Medical Society, leaving an indelible mark on the local medical community.

Dr. McClary's community involvement extended beyond healthcare. He was a former member of Kiwanis, and his dedication to charitable causes was further evidenced by his years of delivering Meals on Wheels during his retirement.

An accomplished athlete, Dr. McClary achieved the title of National Senior Games short-time trial cycling champion in 1993, showcasing his resilience and determination.

Amidst his many accomplishments, Dr. McClary held dear his family and faith. He was a devoted husband to his beloved wife of 65 years, Judy McClary, and a loving father to his sons Charles (Linda), Colin (Amy), John (Brittany), and daughter Erin Curts (Jay). His legacy continues through his cherished grandchildren - Charles L (Jordan), Scott (Corin), Sam (Libby), Henry, Addison, Avery, Evan, and AJ - as well as his great-grandchildren Natalie and Bobby with two more on the way. Dr. McClary was the son of Charles F. and Clara Werner McClary and the brother of Robert E. McClary (Pattye).

Dr. McClary was a proud and long-standing member of the 7:30am "Coffee Boys" group where they passed valuable information and solved many of the problems of the day.

In lieu of flowers and to honor him, contributions can be made to a charity of your choice, reflecting Dr. McClary's legacy of service and commitment to making Bloomington a better place.

Dr. Charles W. McClary's impact on the medical field, the community, and his family will forever resonate, leaving a void that will be deeply felt but always

honored and celebrated.

Funeral services for Dr. McClary will be held at 1:00PM on Saturday, December 2, 2023 at Allen Funeral Home and Crematory 4155 South Old State Road 37. A private family burial service will follow. Visitation will also be held Saturday at Allen Funeral Home and Crematory from 11:00AM until the time of the service at 1:00PM.

Online condolences, photos and memories may be shared with family and friends at [www.allencares.com](http://www.allencares.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Valhalla Memory Gardens

310 North Johnson Ave.  
Bloomington, IN 47401

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 2. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory  
4155 S. Old State Road 37  
Bloomington, IN 47401  
(812) 824-5905  
<http://www.allencares.com>

## Funeral Service

DEC 2. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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4155 S. Old State Road 37  
Bloomington, IN 47401  
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<http://www.allencares.com>

# Tribute Wall

DT

“ *Diana Taylor lit a candle in memory of Charles McClary*



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**Diana G Taylor** - January 27, 2024 at 11:51 PM

JP

“ *Dear McClary family,*

*When we moved to Bloomington in 1979, a new friend suggested Dr. McClary to be our family physician. We were so pleased with that choice. He was unrushed, relaxed, a good listener, non-authoritative yet exuded confidence. When our young son drank water from the creek on Cascades golf course, besides the treatment, he recounted a story from his time growing up near the Ohio River. This was his way of removing anxiety from the situation.*

*We were very fond of Dr. McClary and respected him. We are very sorry for your loss.*

*In sympathy,*

*Jane and Rob Parry*

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**Jane and Rob Parry** - December 04, 2023 at 09:20 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Dr. Charles W. McClary.*



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December 01, 2023 at 02:22 PM



“ *A grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dr. Charles W. McClary.*

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December 01, 2023 at 09:04 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Dr. Charles W. McClary.*



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November 29, 2023 at 08:17 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Charles W. McClary.*



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November 29, 2023 at 12:59 PM

KR

“ Like many here in Bloomington, we will miss Charlie McClary greatly. You could always tell when he was approaching your exam room because you would hear him whistling! As Director of Meals on Wheels, Charlie & Judy were delightful volunteers. He always had a funny story or remark to share, and completed his service with kindness & humor. Our deepest sympathy to the entire McClary family. He was one of a kind. He made the world a better place.

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**Kathy & Mike Romy** - November 29, 2023 at 09:44 AM

KN

“ This message is for Colin. You may not remember me, we worked in the ED together 30 years ago at Bloomington. I was Coordinator and you were a Tech. I always enjoyed your sense of humor, and remember some funny stories involving you. Before I worked in ED, I worked on OB when your dad was still delivering babies. I have to tell you, he was a good doctor and a wonderful person. He was also a hilarious story teller. If we ever have the opportunity, I would love to tell you some of the ones I remember. He also was extremely proud of you. I hope that knowing how much he will be missed by people like me will make his loss a little easier in some way. Take care. Karen

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**Karen Neal** - November 29, 2023 at 09:10 AM

DT

“ Judy, my condolences to you & your dear family. Dr. McClary was our family doctor for many years. I particularly remember his coming into the examining room ready to tell a good story-- helping the patient relax & just feel better. I also remember him at the Y working out & setting personal goals for himself.

*Such a kind man!*

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**Diane Thayer** - November 29, 2023 at 08:14 AM

LS

“ *My condolences to the McClary family. Dr. McClary was my doctor when I first moved to Bloomington. Although he was very busy, he always took time to listen. He will be missed!*

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**Linda (Nodeen-Luca) Scott** - November 29, 2023 at 07:46 AM

JW

“ *Dr. McClary was one of my favorites. He was such a good doctor, and good doctors are hard to find. God Bless and prayers to the family.*

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**Julie Wilson** - November 28, 2023 at 09:51 PM

BM

“ So many fun memories of good times with Charlie and Judy come to mind. From our many dinners together, to sitting together at IU games, to out of town trips, we've been blessed to enjoy their friendship over the past fifteen years. Most of all, we cherish the conversations - and the laughs - we've had.

*We didn't know Charlie as a doctor, but we can imagine, with his warmth, humor, intelligence, and integrity, that he was an awesome one. He couldn't have been a better friend.*

*Betsy and Jim More*



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**Betsy More** - November 28, 2023 at 12:45 PM

TH

“ Rest in Paradise, Dr. McClary...I worked for him in '73 through my OES program at BHSS...it began my 47 year career in healthcare. I always remember his laugh & whistling. I tried to type from his dictation, that didn't work out so well...he talked wayyyy to fast. My condolences to his family & all that loved him

*Tara Woods Hardwick*



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**Tara Hardwick** - November 28, 2023 at 07:49 AM

LH

“ *Judy and Families, so sorry for the loss of Dr. McClary. I always treasure the time I worked at the office with him and Dr. LaFollette (staff). We knew it was going to great day when he walked through the back door whistling!! He always told me every child needed to grow up on a farm. You knew what was expected of you daily, no slacking off!! Enjoyed his stories! His dedication to his patients was awesome!!! He always talked about his wonderful family!! Prayers to all of you!!!!*



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**Lana Jean Honn** - November 27, 2023 at 11:08 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. Charles W. McClary.*



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November 27, 2023 at 07:02 PM

MM

“ *Missi McHaffie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Charles W. McClary.*

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**Missi McHaffie** - November 27, 2023 at 07:02 PM

JD

“ We remember Dr. McClary always whistling as he came into the exam room. When our kids were little, they were a bit apprehensive to hear him coming. Thinking back though, he was a gentle and caring doctor to us and our children as they grew up. We are sorry for your loss and cherish sweet memories of him and of his care to us.

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**Jayne Dillman** - November 27, 2023 at 06:55 PM

JS

“ I am very sad to hear this. May your memories of him bring you comfort.



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**Justin M. Suer** - November 27, 2023 at 02:58 PM

DR

“ He was our family doctor, our son was born in his office because of a very quick delivery. He shall be greatly missed

He would tell many people of his , "Office Baby".



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**Donald J Rolfe** - November 27, 2023 at 11:58 AM

AP

“ I'm so sad to hear this. He was such an amazing Dr and caring person all around. My Mom loved working for him and I will forever be grateful for the care he provided for me for many years.

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**Allison Puckett** - November 26, 2023 at 08:26 PM