



## Neal S. McCoy

November 22, 1940 - September 25, 2010

For Neal S. McCoy, the lessons he learned in his one-room Kansas schoolhouse became the foundation for a life defined by a highly successful career in the law, a lifelong affection for the Flint Hills and tall grass prairies of his home state and for the waters of the Chesapeake Bay where he loved to sail. But most dear to him was his wife of 30 years, Catherine Collins McCoy. Born in Winfield, Kansas on November 22, 1940, he died peacefully at his home in Oxford, Maryland, on Saturday, September 25, from complications due to cancer.

In many ways, his was a life of adversity overcome. As a small boy growing up, his ambition was to work the family's cattle ranch like his father and grandfather before him. But circumstances conspired against him when he contracted polio at the age of ten. It was an event that changed the trajectory of his life and defined his approach to it. Guided by a razor sharp intellect and unflagging persistence, he graduated with honors from Winfield High School in 1958. Among his early distinctions, he was elected Student Body President at Winfield High School and was selected as Kansas delegate to the American Legion's Boys Nation in 1957. He attended the University of Kansas and after graduating Phi Beta Kappa in 1962, he went on to graduate from Harvard Law School in 1965. He then studied economics at Cambridge University in England.

While his career took him to the East Coast, he continued to cherish all things Kansas, including his beloved Jayhawks.

In 1966, he joined the staff of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission's Division of Corporation Finance, where he was named Chief Counsel at the age of 29 and later became associate director. He began his career in private practice in 1977, when he was tapped by Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom when it opened its Washington office. Mr. McCoy served as office leader for most of his more than 20 years with the firm. During that time, the office grew from 3 lawyers to more than 230 lawyers. Mr. McCoy's practice focused on a broad range of federal securities law issues, including representing clients in mergers and acquisitions and SEC enforcement matters. He was admired for uncommonly sound judgment and for nurturing younger colleagues as a generous and wise mentor.

He was a member of the Federal Bar Association, Talbot Investment Group, Tred Avon Yacht Club in Oxford, Maryland, and Underwood Club in New Russia, New York. He was predeceased by his parents, R. Stewart McCoy and Alma Fry McCoy. Besides his wife, he leaves his cousin, Thomas W. McCoy, and many other treasured cousins, a brother-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces, and nephews.

A memorial service will be held Wednesday, September 29 at 11 am at the Tred Avon Yacht Club, 100 West Strand, Oxford, Maryland 21654. A private burial will be held prior to the memorial service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts in his honor may be made to Talbot Hospice Foundation, 586 Cynwood Drive, Easton, MD, 21601 and the Lombardi Cancer Center, Georgetown University, Office of Advancement, 3300 Whitehaven St., NW, Washington,

DC 20007.

# Previous Events

## Service

SEP **29**. 11:00 AM.

Tred Avon Yacht Club

# Tribute Wall



“ Neal S. McCoy

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ Neal S. McCoy

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ Neal S. McCoy

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ Cathy: I've recently heard of Neal's passing and am so saddened. I worked for him at the SEC early in his career, and he was the best boss I've ever had. He was a true gentleman and through his example made everyone strive to reach beyond what was expected of them. I'm sure you know what a difference he made in this world. I know he will be greatly missed.##imported-begin##Dede Nuckols##imported-end##

January 31, 2011 at 03:11 PM



“ CATHY- I WAS SO SORRY TO READ ABOUT NEAL'S PASSING. HE WAS TRULY AN EXCEPTIONAL PERSON- MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY. LAUREN##imported-begin##DR. LAUREN ADAMS,DDS##imported-end##

October 05, 2010 at 01:55 PM



“ Sending my Sympathy and Condolance to Neal's Wife and Family. I knew Neal from the Cloverdale, Kansas Rural School when he was a young man. Later I seen Neal a few years ago at the Cloverdal Rural Grade School Reunion at Island Park in Winfield, Kansas Neal was an inspiration to many who knew him as he was growing up.  
Will miss Neal very much. A friend, Betty Jane Call-Klutmeyer now of Blackwell, Oklahoma.##imported-begin##Betty Jane Call-Klutmeyer##imported-end##

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October 03, 2010 at 04:01 AM



“ Gretchen and I extend our sympathy and condolences to Neal's family. I still treasure the friendship we shared as Betas at KU, and sincerely regret that I did not stay in closer touch over the years since.##imported-begin##Mike and Gretchen Pivonka##imported-end##

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September 29, 2010 at 03:08 AM



“ Great things were expected of Neal McCoy and he exceeded those expectations. Neal was elected president of the student council during my first year as principal of Winfield High School. It was my good fortune to have a student leader like Neal Our thoughts and prayers are for his family.##imported-begin##Bill Medley##imported-end##

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September 28, 2010 at 08:28 PM



“ Neal was a class ahead of me in high school and college, a fraternity brother, we went to Boy's State together, and we were even in Boston at the same time for graduate school. I'm sorry that I haven't seen him much since that time, but I remember him as an exceptional individual. Even in junior high, Neal always had a smile, demonstrated remarkable energy and determination, and his stature continued to grow despite the many health issues that burdened him throughout his life. I never heard him complain. I admire him greatly. He did love his home in the Flint Hills and was always happy there, even while equally comfortable in our nation's halls of power. He was a very good man.##imported-begin##Lovell (Tu) Jarvis##imported-end##

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September 28, 2010 at 06:36 PM



“ Cathy, Debbie and my thoughts and prayers are with you. I looked up to Neal both as a lawyer and, more important, as a person. His warmth and decency will be fondly remembered. Neal saw fit to give me my first job out of law school over 33 years ago, and I will always be grateful.##imported-begin##Bruce Mendelsohn##imported-end##

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September 28, 2010 at 02:12 PM



“ My condolences to Neal McCoy's wife, family, and friends. I, too, knew Neal from our undergraduate days in the KU Beta Theta Pi fraternity. Neal was a very intelligent man who confronted a serious disability and earned many friends and distinctions in spite of it. His life is an inspiration.##imported-begin##Robert Clyde, MD##imported-end##

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September 28, 2010 at 10:54 AM



“ HE WAS A REMARKABLE MAN..OVERCAME MANY THINGS THAT NORMAL PEOPLE WOULD HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO OVERCOME. I KNEW HIM AS A FRATERNITY BROTHER AT KU BETA HOUSE. NEIL WAS JUST ONE OF THE MOST REMARKABLE PEOPLE WHO WERE BETAS AT KANSAS DURING THAT TIME. MY CONDOLENCES TO HIS FAMILY##imported-begin##ROBERT ADAMS M.D.##imported-end##

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September 28, 2010 at 10:46 AM



“ Gerald and Winonah McGee are saddened to hear of the loss of Neal.  
Gerald and Neal attended and graduated from Winfield High School together.  
Our best to his family.##imported-begin##Gerald McGee##imported-end##

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September 28, 2010 at 09:57 AM



“ Kathy,  
As you know, Neal and I were best friends and virtually inseparable for many years. I appreciate the life that you and Neal made for each other and sincerely thank you for enduring the hard times toward the end.##imported-begin##Robert D Wright##imported-end##

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September 27, 2010 at 11:48 PM



“ Another member of the class of "58" in Winfield is gone, but not forgotten. He was an inspiration and role model then, and went on to great heights in his life. We always joked and said he would go far in politics, because he would debate anything with a smile. May you have comfort and peace in the coming days, and may the lord help you through your grief. Lee class of 58##imported-begin##Leland Brashear##imported-end##

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September 27, 2010 at 11:44 PM



“ Dear Cathy,  
Our hearts' love and prayers are with you and your loved ones. Neal was such a remarkable human being and it was our honor to be a part of his life.  
He will be missed by so many whose lives he touched and made better.  
All our love to you,  
Larry & Roberta##imported-begin##Larry & Roberta  
Briskin##imported-end##

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September 27, 2010 at 07:45 PM



“ Please accept my condolences to the family during this time. The Bible holds out a comforting hope at Revelation 21;3,4##imported-begin##r gray##imported-end##

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September 27, 2010 at 12:19 PM