



Samuel "Sam" McCright Jr.

November 17, 1943 - November 25, 2023

Samuel "Sam" Arthur McCright, Jr. passed away peacefully on November 25, 2023 in Terrell, Texas with the love of his life beside him. Sam was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma on November 17, 1943 to Samuel Arthur and Ina Lucille McCright. Both of his parents have preceded him in death along with sister Becky Shields.

To know Sam was to know a man with a heart of gold. Sam's passion was playing the trumpet. He started playing when he was 7 years old and played his horn the rest of his life. He always found himself in first chair of any band he was a part of. For many years, Sam played in the Mesquite Symphonic Band and The Nobles of Note big band for the Shriners Temple, playing a dance just several days before he passed. Sam was a member of Bugles Across America and volunteered playing Taps at many veterans' funerals. He also was involved with the Patriot Guard Riders and played at many veteran's day events. Sam served his country as a member of the Air National Guard for 10 years including during the Viet Nam War. Sam loved cars, especially his Austin Healey 3000, which he and his wife enjoyed, and formed a group of other Healey owners to ride around together and build comradery. He also had a race car for a few years. After graduating from The University of Tulsa, Sam worked for several pharmaceutical companies during his career. After a move from Tulsa to Humble, Texas, Sam was actively involved in coaching soccer for a select team, which led to him becoming a state-level soccer referee. He also found time to get his Black Belt in karate, selling donuts

every Friday morning for two years at the high school to raise money for Project Graduation. He continued his sports officiating after moving to Terrell, first in soccer and then many years as a white hat football official for Dallas Football Officials Association. He retired from the field after suffering sudden cardiac arrest while refereeing a game. He was brought back to life with an AED machine and made the front page of the Dallas Morning News, He then moved to clock operator and recently did two playoff games. After retiring from the drug business, Sam and his wife had an estate sale business, he worked at the knife shop in Terrell and then went to work for Platinum Ford in Terrell as a courier, happy to drive so many different cars. Sam lived life to the fullest but his greatest joy was always his beloved family.

Those left to carry on Sam's love and legacy are his wife of 56 years, Karen McCright, daughters Stacy Allen and husband Dave, and Shelby Carino and husband Joe along with Sam's beloved kitties and grandkitties. Also left to remember Sam's cherished memories are his brother Rodney McCright and wife Katie of Fort Smith, Arkansas and sister Sally Mathews and husband Eddie of Luther, Oklahoma, along with numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, family and a host of friends.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Bugles Across America at <https://www.buglesacrossamerica.org/>

A Celebration of Life will be held on Sunday, December 3, 2023 at Max Slayton Funeral Chapel at 2:00 p.m.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

DEC 3. 2:00 PM (CT)

Max Slayton Funeral Chapel
642 N. Rockwall Ave.
Terrell, TX 75160

Tribute Wall

AJ

“ I am so very grateful I had the chance to meet and get to know the special person my Uncle Sam was, he was truly kind hearted and a warm, funny person, and so kind and welcoming to me as family. I think of him every day and will never forget him. Love to you all and everyone hurting from his loss. Until we meet again, Sam. Love, Allison

Allison Joyce - December 06, 2023 at 05:21 PM

RM

“ Sam was my big brother, my mentor and I always looked up to him. I remember when I was younger he would always get mad at me for playing with and sometimes breaking his airplane models he built. I was always forgiven. He would take me to his Jr. High football practices and I kind of became the team mascot. Sam started teaching me to play the trumpet which I still do today. Miss you Bro.

Rodney M McCright - December 03, 2023 at 12:06 PM

JW

“ What can I say about this man. He was a mentor, friend, and brother. Sam, Karen, Shelby, Stacy y'all have meant a lot to me since the day you walked into my clinic. Sam got me into officiating football in Dallas. I truly am going to miss him. Karen, Shelby, Stacy all of my love to y'all.

Love
Jarod waters

Jarod Waters - December 02, 2023 at 10:07 PM

SM

“ 4 files added to the album *Sam's Passions*



Sally Mathews - December 01, 2023 at 12:36 PM

LY

“ *We will miss Sam. He was a joy to have in the band Nobles of Note. He always had a kind word for everyone. I called him the Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy because he played the trumpet solo on that song. (not an easy solo)*
And he always made me laugh and he would wear shorts to rehearsal even in the winter.
God bless and keep Karen and the family.
Linda Young (singer Nobles of Note)

Linda Young - December 01, 2023 at 11:19 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Samuel "Sam" McCright Jr..*



December 01, 2023 at 11:13 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Samuel "Sam" McCright Jr..*



November 29, 2023 at 05:59 PM



“ *I met Sam in the Mesquite Community Band where I sat next to him for several years. He was an amazing friend. He was always supportive of me. I am going to miss him greatly. Blessings to his family. He will be missed.*

Christina Haney - November 28, 2023 at 03:38 PM



“ *R. WAYNE AND SHERI SMITH planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Samuel "Sam" McCright Jr..*

R. WAYNE AND SHERI SMITH - November 28, 2023 at 03:26 PM



“ *R. WAYNE AND SHERI SMITH purchased the Ar rive in Style for the family of Samuel "Sam" McCright Jr..*



R. WAYNE AND SHERI SMITH - November 28, 2023 at 03:26 PM

RS

“ Sam was part of my work family . SKB was our family and we became good friends. I always looked forward to being with Sam and talking to him. He was a kind , lovable , and smart man. Sam had many interests with Family #1 followed by music , cars, and sports. I loved Sam as a good friend and will miss him. May God Bless Sam and his Family.

Roy Wayne & Sheri Smith - November 28, 2023 at 03:09 PM

YA

“ Sam was a gifted Musician and a wonderful Husband.. Father..Brother..and Friend...He will be truly missed..Thank you for your Service!

Yancey Arthur - November 28, 2023 at 01:59 PM

EM

“ Sam was a wonderful man. I have vivid memories of him coaching our daughter, Erin, and her friends in league soccer for several years. He was patient, kind and generous. Most of all he was a good friend and will be missed. Ed McCormick, Conroe, Texas

E. R. (Ed) McCormick - November 28, 2023 at 09:52 AM

PS

“ Pam Smith planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Samuel "Sam" McCright Jr..

Pam Smith - November 27, 2023 at 11:11 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Samuel "Sam" McCright Jr..*



November 27, 2023 at 11:11 PM