



Mr. C Gordon McBride

June 2, 1934 - December 14, 2021

It is with deep sorrow that the McBride family announces the death of their beloved father, C Gordon McBride, 87, of Hartsville, SC.

Mr. McBride passed away peacefully on Tuesday, December 14, 2021.

A private funeral service to honor and celebrate his life will be held at First Presbyterian Church. The Rev. Ashley Cheek and The Rev. Dr. Dan Sansbury will officiate and the burial will also be private. Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Directors are caring for the family.

Born June 2, 1934, in Rochester, Michigan, to the late Clifford James McBride and Anice Gonyou McBride. He is the widower of his longtime wife, Bernice Rogers McBride.

He graduated from the University of South Carolina with a degree in Engineering then went into the United States Navy. After his military service, he went to law school at the George Washington School of Law at American University in Washington, DC. Upon graduating from law school, he took a job as a patent advisor for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. When he left NASA, he came back to start his private law practice in Columbia, SC, where he practiced mainly intellectual property law. After several years in Columbia, he moved to Hartsville and took a job with

SONOCO products in their engineering department doing patent, copywrite, and trademark work for the company.

When he left SONOCO, he went back into the private practice of law. During his private practice, he served as Darlington County Attorney; he was a Public Defender; he represented the Hartsville Housing Authority; he was an Administrative Law Judge for the S.C. Public Service Commission and presided over utility rate hearings all over the State of South Carolina.

As an Attorney, Mr. McBride was licensed in the State Courts of South Carolina and Florida. He was also admitted to the Federal District Court in South Carolina, the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit in Richmond, Virginia, and the United States Court of Customs and Patent Appeals. He was also a member of the American Bar Association, the S.C. Bar Association, and the Darlington County Bar Association. As a Darlington County Bar Association member, he also served a term as its President. He was also instrumental in starting and serving as the first Executive Director of Legal Services on the Fourth Judicial Circuit. He started the program to bring free legal assistance to low-income residents of Chesterfield, Darlington, Dillon, and Marlboro Counties.

In 1988, he was elected Solicitor of the Fourth Judicial Circuit, where he spent two terms as the head prosecutor in criminal cases in Darlington, Dillon Chesterfield, and Marlboro Counties. While Solicitor, he was also elected as President of the South Carolina Solicitor's Association in 1996. After his terms as Solicitor, he went back into private practice.

While living in Hartsville and raising his family, Mr. McBride was also active in the community. He was a longtime member of First Presbyterian Church in Hartsville, where he served his church as a Deacon, Elder, and Trustee. He was active on numerous church committees and active on numerous projects

over the years. He also served as a Troop Committee Member for Boy Scout Troop 512 sponsored by the church.

He was a Master Mason and served as Master of Masonic Lodge #173 in Hartsville. He was also a Shriner in OMAR Temple, was a member and President of the Darlington County Red Fez Club in 1987. He was also a member of the Jolly Jeepsters. While active in OMAR Temple, he served as OMAR Temple Attorney for several Potentates.

While in private practice, he was also an adjunct professor at Florence Darlington Technical College, where he taught private security and State Constable, classes. He was also on the S.C. Attorney General's Private Security Task Force. After retirement from the practice of law, Gordon served a number of years as a member of the Service Core of Retired Executives (SCORE).

Gordon served on the Darlington County Economic Development Board and "Forward Darlington County." He served a term as the Darlington County Economic Development Director. He was named State of S.C. Ambassador for Economic Development in 2006 by Governor Mark Sanford for his "Outstanding Commitment to Economic Development."

He was a longtime member of the Hartsville Rotary Club. Served as Club President and was Paul Harris Fellow. He and his wife Bernice represented the Club at the Internal Rotary Convention in Copenhagen, Denmark.

He and his wife were loyal supporters of Coker University and Kalmia Gardens financially and by attending activities and events. He also chaired the "Hartsville Community Campaign for Coker" one year.

His other civic activities included:

Member of The Pee Dee Red Cross Board and served as Chairperson.

Member of The Pee Dee Mental Health Board.

Member of The Pee Dee Land Trust Board and served as Chairperson.

Member of the Greater Hartsville Chamber of Commerce Board and served as Chairperson.

Member of the Hartsville United Way Board and served as Chairperson.

Member of the Hartsville Red Fox Booster Club and served as President.

For his many of the activities, accomplishments, and the ways he served his community and state, Gordon McBride was named "Citizen of the Year" by the Hartsville Rotary Club in 2009.

He is survived by his three sons Clifford Carlisle McBride of Florence, SC; Roger Bruce McBride of Hartsville, SC; and Burns Gordon McBride of Florence, SC. His brother James Arthur McBride of Land O'Lakes, Florida. His granddaughter Jessica McBride Thompson (Jeremy) and great-granddaughter Elsie Ann Thompson of Concord, NC. He is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials can be made to First Presbyterian Church in Hartsville or any of the non-profits or organizations mentioned above that meant so much to him.

Cemetery Details

Private

Tribute Wall

CV

“ I loved both of your parents so much. They were so kind and so funny. They were also so proud of “My Three Sons” that your Mama had that put on her license plate! I am so blessed to have been entrusted with your care when I was a teen, and getting to be a part of your family when we were growing up. We certainly had a lot of good times together.

Your parents were cherished by the whole Hartsville community, and loved by all of their many friends. I will never forget them. God Speed, Mr. McBride. My love to you all.

Claire Howle VB - January 21, 2022 at 11:10 AM

TH

“ Terri Huggins lit a candle in memory of Mr. C Gordon McBride



Terri Huggins - January 12, 2022 at 10:21 AM

LD

“ Dear Cliff, Bruce, and Burns,
My family and I loved both your parents, and share your grief. They were wonderful, kind, loving neighbors and friends. Our prayers will be lifted for you all. We will remember them both well. Bernice was a treasured mentor, and Gordon was my hero more than once. Sending my love to you all. Laura Dawkins



Laura Dawkins - January 10, 2022 at 11:38 AM

SN

“ Hey Cliff and Bruce and family.....am so, so sorry to hear about your Dad. He was a great man, and sure lived life to the fullest. May you all find some measure of comfort in the many memories that you all have, and please know you are close in thought and prayer.

Sharon Norton - January 04, 2022 at 11:19 PM

EM

“ Elayne Mahn lit a candle in memory of Mr. C Gordon McBride



Elayne Mahn - January 02, 2022 at 08:38 PM

CG

“ Claudette B. Gainey lit a candle in memory of Mr. C Gordon McBride



Claudette B. Gainey - January 02, 2022 at 01:11 AM

CB

“ So very sorry! Prayers sent for all heartbroken!

Connie Braddock - December 28, 2021 at 01:45 PM

GC

“ Praying for you and your family Cliff!

Gary Carroway - December 24, 2021 at 09:12 AM

LL

“ Love and continued prayers for you all during this sorrowful time. Cliff, Bruce and Burns, both of your precious parents are now gone from our sight, but never from our hearts. We are so honored to have known and have lasting memories of this wonderful couple.



Lori and Randy Lowe - December 21, 2021 at 04:04 PM

SC

“ Sherry Cross lit a candle in memory of Mr. C Gordon McBride



Sherry Cross - December 21, 2021 at 07:39 AM

CG

“ Cindy Griggs lit a candle in memory of Mr. C Gordon McBride



Cindy Griggs - December 20, 2021 at 01:09 PM

JS

“ Jacquelyn J Slayton lit a candle in memory of Mr. C Gordon McBride



Jacquelyn J Slayton - December 20, 2021 at 10:34 AM

JS

My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family, Cliff. Your Dad's passing is a true loss to Darlington County and beyond.

Jacquelyn J Slayton - December 20, 2021 at 10:38 AM

DJ

“ *Thoughts and prayers up for the family. Darlington County has surely lost a great man. Rest in peace Mr. McBride*



Darlene Jackson - December 19, 2021 at 01:35 AM

LG

“ *Cliff, so sorry to hear about the passing of your father. May God comfort you and your brothers during this time. I am always hear if you need me.*

Loretta Graham

Loretta Graham - December 18, 2021 at 01:23 PM

RS

“ *Roger And Jan Soper lit a candle in memory of Mr. C Gordon McBride*



Roger and Jan Soper - December 17, 2021 at 05:22 PM

RS

Thinking of you all and praying for comfort for Cliff and family.

Roger and Jan Soper - December 17, 2021 at 05:23 PM

TW

“ *Travis Winburn lit a candle in memory of Mr. C Gordon McBride*



Travis Winburn - December 17, 2021 at 01:26 PM

PS

“ *Patsy Ann Sowell lit a candle in memory of Mr. C Gordon McBride*



Patsy Ann Sowell - December 17, 2021 at 12:08 AM

BG

“ *Don and I are so sorry to hear of the loss of Gordon. May you find peace and comfort in your precious memories.*
Don and Bess Gore

Bess Gore - December 16, 2021 at 09:39 PM

KB

“ *Kim Bryant lit a candle in memory of Mr. C Gordon McBride*



Kim Bryant - December 16, 2021 at 07:50 PM

JP

“ *Cliff, we were so very sorry to hear of your father's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your brothers. May the Lord help all of you through this difficult time.*

Julia Prosser - December 16, 2021 at 06:32 PM

PW

“ *Gordon and Bernice were such sweet, thoughtful neighbors to my son, Beau and his wife, Wendi, They would often walk over when I was babysitting for my granddaughter , Sarah Mims, when we were out in the front yard playing. I enjoyed our conversations and their loving words to her. My thoughts and prayers are with your family in the days to come.*

Phyllis Mims Watson - December 16, 2021 at 06:00 PM

RB

“ *So sorry to hear of Gordon's passing. He was always a true gentleman and friend. His personal and professional relationships were always so pleasant and Gordon did his absolute best to help in any situation, whether county attorney, solicitor, or private practice. I will miss him tremendously. May God bless you family in your time of sorrow and grief !!!*

Robin Bryant - December 16, 2021 at 05:46 PM

BC

“ *I knew him from Sonoco many years ago. One of the finest people I ever met.. You have my sympathy. RIP, Gordon.*

Beulah Chapman - December 16, 2021 at 05:26 PM



“ *Gordon McBride was one of the truly great men of Hartsville First Presbyterian Church, providing wise guidance to young and old alike there. He was also a good friend to my father Neil and my Uncle Harry. I will always have fond memories of and the utmost respect for Gordon McBride. Rest in peace sir after a life well lived!*

John McDonald - December 16, 2021 at 04:10 PM

AW

“ Gordon McBride was a lifelong friend of my family, along with his late wife, Bernice. He was the epitome of a southern gentleman, and his late wife, Bernice, was the epitome of a southern lady. Gordon, as most know, was a longtime Hartsville attorney, who served as our solicitor in Darlington County (and surrounding counties/jurisdictions) for two terms. I grew up in their home, and for the life of me, I cannot remember him (or Bernice) ever saying a bad thing about anyone, ever. They both loved my parents, but especially my mother, and they both loved and supported me at tough times. I will always be grateful for these things.

I wish the world had more Gordon and Bernice McBrides. I only hope that one day I am as consistently nice and kind as they were everyday to everyone...and I mean EVERYONE. Gordon, especially, was a great example to me of what a Christian acts like when the church service is over. I will really miss him and his constant encouragement. Always, always gracious. I loved the McBrides. Gordon will be missed by many. (This photo you show is how his face looked every time I saw him.....never a frown.....never a cross look.)

May we all be better servants for Jesus, and be true Good Samaritans. These are truly attainable goals for us all, and we all can improve our walks. ALL of us can improve - clergyman and layperson alike.

Peace,

Andy Williams

NOTE: As I posted on Facebook, Gordon was a big help to me early in my recovery from alcoholism, with all of the legal mess that comes with some (MOST) people twisted up in addiction. I will always be grateful for the peace he gave to me and to my family in those bygone days, and anything at all that is good in my life today, he helped start back then with the confidence he restored in my life.

God bless the family, and God bless his memory.

Andy Williams - December 16, 2021 at 03:40 PM

MJ

“ *He was such a sweet man.*



Mary Jordan - December 16, 2021 at 02:59 PM

RW

“ *Rebecca Walker lit a candle in memory of Mr. C Gordon McBride*



Rebecca Walker - December 16, 2021 at 02:35 PM

CG

“ *I'll surely miss Mr. McBride.
He helped me in a lot of situations.
I'll always remember him.*

Cynthia Gilbert - December 16, 2021 at 01:50 PM

CG

“ *Cw & Lynn Grant lit a candle in memory of Mr. C Gordon McBride*



Cw & Lynn Grant - December 16, 2021 at 01:11 PM

RB

“ Randy And Dottie Byrd lit a candle in memory of Mr. C Gordon McBride



Randy and Dottie Byrd - December 16, 2021 at 12:56 PM

VM

“ Vern & Nancy Myers lit a candle in memory of Mr. C Gordon McBride



Vern & Nancy Myers - December 16, 2021 at 11:58 AM

PJ

“ Pat James lit a candle in memory of Mr. C Gordon McBride



Pat James - December 16, 2021 at 11:46 AM

BH

“ My condolences to all the family.

Bobbie Huggins - December 16, 2021 at 10:55 AM

CA

“ We are so sorry to hear of Gordon’s passing. He was a true gentleman and friend to Rick and I. I am sorry to miss the service as I am hosting a bridal shower the same day. Please know We are praying for peace for the family and hope you all are comforted by your sweet mother Bernice and father being reunited.



Carolyn Atkinson - December 16, 2021 at 08:53 AM

JG

“ JOHNNY And Bobbi Grant lit a candle in memory of Mr. C Gordon McBride



JOHNNY and Bobbi Grant - December 16, 2021 at 08:17 AM

GB

“ Deep Sympathy to the McBride family.

Gerald Brock - December 16, 2021 at 08:15 AM

LB

“ Lisa Baker lit a candle in memory of Mr. C Gordon McBride



Lisa Baker - December 16, 2021 at 07:44 AM

WW

“Cliff, Bruce and Burns, my heart was broken when I heard this news. He was such an awesome man and an even better friend. We had many conversations and he shared his wisdom with me. I always looked forward to seeing him, and when I retired I didn't get to see him very much but I kept in touch with him. Fly high Mr. Gordon. Now you are back with your precious wife.



Wanda M. Wingo - December 16, 2021 at 07:24 AM

KM

“Kathy Moore lit a candle in memory of Mr. C Gordon McBride



Kathy Moore - December 16, 2021 at 07:22 AM

KH

“Kay Hendrix lit a candle in memory of Mr. C Gordon McBride



Kay Hendrix - December 16, 2021 at 05:59 AM

SB

“Ever the gentleman and precious friend. suzq Bridgers

suzq Bridgers - December 16, 2021 at 05:21 AM

PP

“ *Paulette Payne lit a candle in memory of Mr. C Gordon McBride*



Paulette Payne - December 16, 2021 at 01:40 AM

AH

“ *Rest easy and FLY HIGH Mr. McBride! My prayers and condolences for your family.*



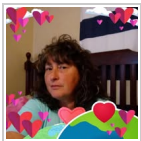
Allen Haynes - December 15, 2021 at 10:50 PM

DG

“ *Deborah Gandy lit a candle in memory of Mr. C Gordon McBride*



Deborah Gandy - December 15, 2021 at 10:20 PM



“ *Annette Moore lit a candle in memory of Mr. C Gordon McBride*



Annette Moore - December 15, 2021 at 09:42 PM

LJ

“ Prayers for the family. Gordon was a very special person who will be greatly missed.

Linda R. Jirdan - December 15, 2021 at 09:40 PM

KM

“ Kathy McFarland lit a candle in memory of Mr. C Gordon McBride



Kathy McFarland - December 15, 2021 at 09:01 PM

JL

“ JIMMY LANDREWS lit a candle in memory of Mr. C Gordon McBride



JIMMY LANDREWS - December 15, 2021 at 08:48 PM

AS

“ Al & Melinda Sansbury lit a candle in memory of Mr. C Gordon McBride



Al & Melinda Sansbury - December 15, 2021 at 08:38 PM

JB

“ Johnny And Suzanne Beasley lit a candle in memory of Mr. C Gordon McBride



Johnny and Suzanne Beasley - December 15, 2021 at 08:08 PM

TM

“ Your family is in our thoughts and prayers! Gordon was a wonderful man that we had the utmost respect for! Wonderful memories! Hugs to all three sons!



Trisha and Deke Montgomery - December 15, 2021 at 07:33 PM

CS

“ Charles And Lavonde Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. C Gordon McBride



Charles and Lavonde Smith - December 15, 2021 at 07:19 PM

CS

Cliff, Bruce and Burns we are so sorry to hear about your dad's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Charles and Lavonde Smith - December 15, 2021 at 07:21 PM

DJ

“ Gordon was one of the nices people I ever met. Prayers for the family.



Donna James - December 15, 2021 at 06:54 PM

SG

“ Sandy Reynolds Gough lit a candle in memory of Mr. C Gordon McBride



Sandy Reynolds Gough - December 15, 2021 at 06:42 PM



“ Kim Lewis lit a candle in memory of Mr. C Gordon McBride



Kim Lewis - December 15, 2021 at 05:55 PM

EE

“ Elizabeth Eades lit a candle in memory of Mr. C Gordon McBride



Elizabeth Eades - December 15, 2021 at 05:50 PM

EA

“ I was Mr. Gordon’s dental hygienist at Dr. Phil Kennedy’s many years ago and had the distinct honor of serving under him on Grand Jury. His smile was infectious and we always shared laughs outside of court. I have thought of him often over the years! Please accept my deepest sympathies.
“Eppie” Mills Adams

Eppie Mills Adams - December 15, 2021 at 05:35 PM

CB

“ Tom & I are so very sorry for your loss. Gordon was a good man and will be greatly missed. Love and hugs to the three sons. Cecelia

Cecelia D Brown - December 15, 2021 at 03:41 PM

JG

“ Jerry & Cathy Guy lit a candle in memory of Mr. C Gordon McBride



Jerry & Cathy Guy - December 15, 2021 at 03:15 PM



“ David Jordan lit a candle in memory of Mr. C Gordon McBride



David Jordan - December 15, 2021 at 03:12 PM

JW

“ *Joann Wurzbacher lit a candle in memory of Mr. C Gordon McBride*



Joann Wurzbacher - December 15, 2021 at 03:12 PM

JW

First Hartsvillian I met when visiting, and then I knew I wanted to make Hartsville my home.

Joann Wurzbacher - December 15, 2021 at 03:15 PM

GW

“ *So sorry to hear this, my deepest condolences.*



Gloria Wase White - December 15, 2021 at 02:33 PM

KL

So sorry to hear of this. I always thought so much of him. Praying for this family.

Kathy Lawhon - December 15, 2021 at 09:50 PM

JM

“ *John And Susan Martin lit a candle in memory of Mr. C Gordon McBride*



John and Susan Martin - December 15, 2021 at 02:28 PM

GO

“ *Cliff and family I am sorry to hear of Gordon's passing. He has always been a true friend. I am going to miss him. We would always stop to chat at the post office. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers that God will comfort you in the days ahead always reflect back on the memories you cherished with Gordon They will last a lifetime.*



Grady O'Neal - December 15, 2021 at 02:09 PM

RG

“ *Robin Conyers Griggs lit a candle in memory of Mr. C Gordon McBride*



Robin Conyers Griggs - December 15, 2021 at 12:33 PM

JM

“ *So sorry for your loss.*



Janet Moore - December 15, 2021 at 12:19 PM

KN

“ *Kristina Wilson Nobles lit a candle in memory of Mr. C Gordon McBride*



Kristina Wilson Nobles - December 15, 2021 at 12:14 PM

BT

“ *Betty Huggins Turner lit a candle in memory of Mr. C Gordon McBride*



Betty Huggins Turner - December 15, 2021 at 12:04 PM

DB

“ *Dick Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. C Gordon McBride*



Dick Brown - December 15, 2021 at 11:34 AM

DB

Gordon McBride was a true friend of mine. Cliff, my thoughts and prayers are with you and the family.

Dick Brown - December 15, 2021 at 11:36 AM

PC

“ *Paul & Carole Cannarella lit a candle in memory of Mr. C Gordon McBride*



Paul & Carole Cannarella - December 15, 2021 at 11:22 AM

LL

“ *Prayers for the family
Lawrence & Cindy Lowe
& family*



Lawrence & Cindy Lowe - December 15, 2021 at 11:00 AM

WS

“ *William F & Angela H Stokes lit a candle in memory of Mr. C Gordon McBride*



William F & Angela H Stokes - December 15, 2021 at 10:55 AM

AW

“ *Dear Cliff, Bruce and Burns, I have so so many happy memories with your family. I loved your Mom and Dad. They always treated me like family. All of you have. They are together now. BLESS THEM. LOVE, Anna*



Anna Williams - December 15, 2021 at 10:30 AM