



Jerry Walter McCrea

August 31, 1938 - May 8, 2021

Jerry Walter McCrea, age 82, of Oskaloosa, passed away on Saturday, May 8, 2021, at The Mahaska Health Hospice Serenity House in Oskaloosa, Iowa.

He was born on August 31, 1938, the son of Walter and Jeannetta (Lokers) McCrea at home in rural Eddyville, Iowa. He attended Eddyville High School and graduated with the Class of 1956. He later attended William Penn College and earned his bachelor's degree in Education in 1961. While attending college, Jerry played baseball for the William Penn Rangers. He later attended Northeast Missouri State University and earned his master's degree in secondary guidance. On September 1, 1962, he was united in marriage to Sharon Rinehart at the First Christian Church in Oskaloosa and later welcomed two sons, Ron and John.

Jerry taught science at Melcher-Dallas high school and Oskaloosa Junior High School. He later became a guidance counselor at the junior high school. Jerry spent many years coaching and officiating baseball, softball, football, basketball, and track. He earned his pilot's license and enjoyed flying his family to local fly-ins, short getaways, and to watch William Penn Football play and win in the Boot Hill Bowl. He also loved hunting and fishing. When his family was young, they took many fishing trips to Minnesota and Canada. Jerry also enjoyed fishing in retirement with Sharon in Missouri and visiting with their neighbors. Another hobby for Jerry was remodeling, painting, and

doing general contractor work on houses. He began farming in the early eighties, growing corn and soybeans and raising farrow-to-finish hogs. His passion for teaching extended beyond his retirement from Oskaloosa Community Schools. He enjoyed helping his grandchildren learn about livestock through their 4-H projects and employing local vocational agriculture students as hired hands on the farm. Jerry served on the Mahaska County Extension Council for several years. Jerry was an avid Chicago Cubs fan and loved baseball. He was a strong supporter of the William Penn Statesmen athletic programs.

His family includes his wife of 58 years, Sharon of Oskaloosa, his son Ron (Robyn) of Oskaloosa; four grandchildren, Amanda (Daniel) Foster, Debra (Stephen) Cronin, Nicole (Erik) Palmquist, all of Oskaloosa, and Jake McCrea of New Sharon and six great-grandchildren; Norah, Bennett, Hazel, Fallon, Owen, and Decker. He is also survived by his siblings, Chuck (Ellen) McCrea of Eddyville, and Patricia Elscott of Oskaloosa, and sister-in-law Peggy McCrea of Eddyville.

Jerry was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Jack, a brother-in-law Gaylord Elscott, a sister-in-law Judy Bridges, and his son John.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, May 11 at 10:30 a.m. at the Langkamp Funeral Home in Oskaloosa, with pastor Molly Goodrich officiating. Visitation will be at Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory on Monday, May 10, beginning at 11 a.m.; the family will be present from 4-7 p.m. to greet family and friends. As was Jerry's wish, his body will be cremated following the funeral ceremony. Burial of the urn will be in Forest Cemetery at a later date. The family request memorial contributions are made to the Mahaska County YMCA Capital Campaign instead of floral tributes.

Cemetery Details

Forest Cemetery

934 North 9th ST
Oskaloosa, IA 52577
secretary@forestcemetery.com
<http://www.forestcemetery.org/>

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 10. 11:00 AM (CT)

Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory
2116 N 3rd St
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Family and Friends

MAY 10. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Jerry Walter McCrea*



Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory - May 09, 2021 at 04:43 PM

SP

What a wonderful tribute from a loving family. God bless you during your sadness.

Scott and Julie Palmquist - May 09, 2021 at 06:43 PM

TF

First met Jerry in seventh grade, Was a great neighbor and am so sorry for your loss

Thomas FJohnson - May 09, 2021 at 10:19 PM

DR

So sorry to hear of the passing of Jerry. A wonderful educator, it was my privilege to know Jerry and his passion working to provide education for every student.

David R. Rogers

David R Rogers - May 10, 2021 at 12:00 PM

JF

So sorry to hear of Jerry's passing. Always enjoyed talking with your family & Jerry at the Babe Ruth baseball games.

Jayne & Grant Ferguson - May 11, 2021 at 10:44 PM



“ Jerry Walter McCrea

October 05, 2023 at 11:57 PM



“ I'm sorry I just heard about Jerry's Passing I am as a teacher when I was in junior high my sympathy to the family and friends of his May he be in heaven in gods arms Aman

Robert Hubbell - May 31, 2021 at 08:43 AM



“ Sharon and the McCrea Families,

Sorry to hear of Jerry's passing and may God help you at this difficult time and in the coming days. Wayne @ Peggy Hook

Wayne & Peggy Hook - May 12, 2021 at 08:53 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jerry Walter McCrea.



May 10, 2021 at 03:09 PM



“ Jill Ewing lit a candle in memory of Jerry Walter McCrea



Jill Ewing - May 10, 2021 at 10:36 AM

JF

“ Jeff & Jill Ferguson lit a candle in memory of
Jerry Walter McCrea



Jeff & Jill Ferguson - May 10, 2021 at 06:06 AM

BA

“ Sharon and family so sorry for your loss.
Dick and Barb Donohue.

Barbara - May 09, 2021 at 11:29 PM

TH

“ Ron & Patty we r so sorry to hear this u both r in our thoughts and
prayers may he RIP.

Tim Hol - May 09, 2021 at 11:01 PM

RP

“ Randy And Kathy Pleima lit a candle in
memory of Jerry Walter McCrea



Randy and Kathy Pleima - May 09, 2021 at 09:06 PM

DR

“ *Dena Roorda lit a candle in memory of Jerry Walter McCrea*



Dena Roorda - May 09, 2021 at 06:31 PM

DR

Sharon and Ron, So sorry to hear about Jerry. He was a great guy and fun to be around.

Dena Roorda - May 09, 2021 at 06:34 PM

BP

What a nice long life you two had together. So very sorry to hear of his passing.

Bonnie Patterson - May 10, 2021 at 10:47 AM

JL

“ *Thoughts and prayers are with your family in your loss!* 🙏



Judy & Larry Lewis - May 09, 2021 at 05:47 PM



“ 115 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory - May 09, 2021 at 04:39 PM



“ *Melody DeHeer lit a candle in memory of Jerry Walter McCrea*



Melody DeHeer - May 09, 2021 at 03:26 PM



“ *Cliff And Leilani VandeWall lit a candle in memory of Jerry Walter McCrea*



Cliff and Leilani VandeWall - May 09, 2021 at 02:48 PM

JR

“ *Janna Roekel lit a candle in memory of Jerry
Walter McCrea*



Janna Roekel - May 09, 2021 at 02:36 PM

EA

“ *Very sorry for your loss- he was my guidance counselor in junior
high & always enjoyed chatting with him during that time..
Eric Arbogast & family*

Eric Arbogast - May 09, 2021 at 02:27 PM

SB

“ *Sharon - So sorry to hear of Jerry's passing. Sending my thoughts
and prayers to you and your family.*

Shirley Bloodsworth - May 09, 2021 at 01:38 PM

LH

“ *He was a great teacher, remembered fondly as one of my favorites.
Truly was one of the good guys. My sincerest condolences. Lynn
Norton Hodgeman*

Lynn Hodgeman - May 09, 2021 at 01:05 PM

CW

“ *Cindy Williams lit a candle in memory of Jerry
Walter McCrea*



Cindy Williams - May 09, 2021 at 12:47 PM