



## Mike McCrory

September 11, 1956 - October 6, 2020

Francis Michael McCrory, 64, passed away Tuesday, October 6, 2020.

A memorial mass will be held on Saturday, October 10 at St. Clement Catholic Church with Fr. Lou Dorn officiating. Visitation will be held on Friday, October 9, 2020 from 4:00-8:00 p.m. at Bibb-Veach Funeral Home in Bowling Green.

Mike was born on September 11, 1956 in St. Louis, MO to Frank and Pat McCrory. He was united in marriage to his loving wife Karen Lynn Henderson on November 28, 1980 at St. Clement Catholic Church. She survives. He is also survived by his son, Matt (Lauren) of Troy, MO and their children Leo (9), Seamus (5) and Whitman (3); daughter Taylor Preston (Shane Henderson) of Bowling Green, MO and her children Dylan (14), Emma (13) and Bryson (9); and daughter Paige Brock (Cody) of Stet, MO and their children Chesney (4) and Bellamy (1). Also surviving are his brothers John (Marilyn) and Matt (Lisa) McCrory and their families.

Mike was preceded in death by his loving parents Frank and Pat McCrory who instilled in him a passion for livestock and a deep faith in Christ. Mike made friends where ever he went. Throughout his youth he became active in 4H and FFA at Clopton High School, graduating in 1974 and then went onto attend University of Missouri Columbia where he was a member of Farmhouse Fraternity. Through Farmhouse, Mike acquired numerous lifelong friends. In

1979, he graduated with a degree in Animal Husbandry. He returned home to Clopton High School, where he became devoted to investing his time and talents into building character, self-esteem and relationships with thousands of Clopton FFA members. His love of Clopton athletics also led to valuable friendships with other coaches and created lasting memories on and off the court. No matter the jersey or the blue jacket, Mike was there to make a difference. He did not see FFA contests or games as competitions, but instead as a celebration of youth and their abilities. Mike shaped lives at Clopton High School for 33 years.

After his retirement, Mike soon realized that he could not give up his love of teaching and promoting agriculture. Mike began his “victory lap” teaching at Elsberry FFA and spent 3 years encouraging students and building relationships. In the past few years he enjoyed providing more service to the community, while being a key contributor to the Hospice board, Farm Bureau, Knights of Columbus, Cursillo, and establishing adult agricultural education classes at the Pike-Lincoln Technical Center.

Mike cherished the time that he spent with his grandchildren, teaching them the importance of caring for animals and taking pride in their work. Mike loved being on the farm with his children and grandchildren, but ultimately spending time as a family is what gave him the greatest joy. His friends and family will always celebrate Mike’s joyful outlook on life and his compassion for helping others. Mike will truly be missed by all that knew him!

Memorials may be made to the Pat and Mike McCrory Memorial Scholarship Fund.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **9**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Bibb-Veach Funeral Home's & Crematory LLC - Bowling Green  
606 West Main Street  
Bowling Green, MO 63334  
(573) 324-2211  
office@bibbveach.com  
<https://www.bibbveach.com/>

## Funeral Service

OCT **10**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Clement Catholic Church  
21509 Hwy 161  
Bowling Green, MO 63334  
<http://www.stclementmo.org>

## Burial

OCT **10** (CT)

Cornith Cemetery  
Clarksville, MO 63336

# Tribute Wall

KA

“ I miss you most of all. You were the best thing that ever happened to me.

Karen - November 11, 2020 at 08:14 AM

DH

“ Karen we just heard of Mike's passing We are so sorry. We are thinking of you and your family. We enjoy being around you both when we seen you. He will be greatly missed. Life is way to short. We never know what to expect. We try to do the best we can. Thinking of you. Delane and Debbie Hammett.

Debbie Hammett - November 08, 2020 at 07:08 AM

SB

“ I knew Mike from college and FarmHouse. He was always so friendly with that winning smile and positive attitude. I am fortunate that our paths crossed! My sincere sympathy for your loss.

Steve Borgelt - October 13, 2020 at 08:56 AM

JF

“ Mike was the main reason I chose to join farmhouse. He was so inviting and engaging. Never saw him have a bad day or moment.  
Jerry Folta

jerry folta - October 11, 2020 at 09:06 PM

EL

“ *Elenora Lobb lit a candle in memory of Mike McCrory*



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**Elenora Lobb** - October 10, 2020 at 06:46 PM

 Doris  
Bryce  
Love

“ *Doris Bryce Love lit a candle in memory of Mike McCrory*



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**Doris Bryce Love** - October 09, 2020 at 10:33 PM

JT

“ *Mike was engaging from the first time I met him at the Pike County Shorthorn sale as a young one, , when he was a student at Clopton in 7th grade and as an adult in the community. So sorry for our loss.*  
*Jamie Tomek*

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**Jamie Tomek** - October 09, 2020 at 08:40 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mike McCrory.*



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October 09, 2020 at 04:46 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mike McCrory.*

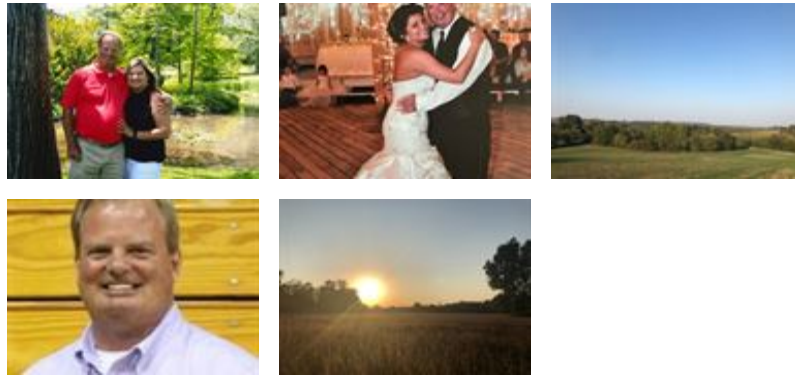


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October 09, 2020 at 04:41 PM



“ *51 files added to the album Life Tributes*



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**Bibb-Veach Funeral Home's, LLC.** - October 09, 2020 at 03:55 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mike McCrory.*



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October 09, 2020 at 01:43 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mike McCrory.



October 09, 2020 at 09:18 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mike McCrory.



October 09, 2020 at 09:13 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mike McCrory.



October 09, 2020 at 09:10 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mike McCrory.



October 08, 2020 at 11:21 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mike McCrory.*



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October 08, 2020 at 10:47 PM



“ *Mike was a wonderful person. He was a great mentor to me as a new teacher, for that, I will always be thankful. He will be missed by many.*

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**Jeannine Bax Brickey** - October 08, 2020 at 10:25 PM



“ *I had Mike for a FFA AND AGRICULTURE teacher. Had fun going to the state convention and doing ffa sales he was always happy and cheerful and not a day went by when I seen his smiling face he brought brightness to my day. Will miss him dearly.*



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**Ashley merrill** - October 08, 2020 at 10:11 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Mike McCrory.*



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October 08, 2020 at 09:30 PM

DS

“ *To an excellent teacher to my children!  
Always had a smile on his face and a gift of  
sharing what he knew about animals and  
gardens. Rest In Peace. Shobe family*



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**Debra Shobe** - October 08, 2020 at 08:40 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of  
Mike McCrory.*



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October 08, 2020 at 08:24 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for  
the family of Mike McCrory.*



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October 08, 2020 at 04:26 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of  
Mike McCrory.*



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October 08, 2020 at 03:21 PM

LG

“ So sorry for your loss.

Leasa Wilkerson Gudderra - October 08, 2020 at 03:11 PM

JS

“ Jim & Janella Spencer purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Mike McCrory.



Jim & Janella Spencer - October 08, 2020 at 03:00 PM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Mike McCrory.



October 08, 2020 at 02:10 PM

RB

“ Rusty & Leslie Beckham purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Mike McCrory.



Rusty & Leslie Beckham - October 08, 2020 at 02:06 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mike McCrory.*



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October 08, 2020 at 11:48 AM



“ *Tom White and your friends at A&W Communications. purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Mike McCrory.*



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**Tom White and your friends at A&W Communications. -**

October 08, 2020 at 11:26 AM



“ *Finally got him to attend Rons boat racing adventure,so glad he did.Will be missed.*

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**Terry Allen -** October 08, 2020 at 11:24 AM



“ *Lana lit a candle in memory of Mike McCrory*



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**Lana -** October 08, 2020 at 11:07 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mike McCrory.*



October 08, 2020 at 10:50 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mike McCrory.*



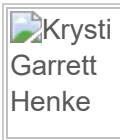
October 08, 2020 at 10:38 AM



“ *Elenora Lobb lit a candle in memory of Mike McCrory*



**Elenora Lobb** - October 08, 2020 at 10:32 AM



“ *Krysti Garrett Henke lit a candle in memory of Mike McCrory*



**Krysti Garrett Henke** - October 08, 2020 at 10:03 AM



*Praying for the McCrory family! So many great memories to cherish!*

**Krysti Garrett Henke** - October 08, 2020 at 10:04 AM

AC

*“ My heart aches for you and your family Karen. Keeping you in my thoughts and prayer's. Hug's!*



**Ann Cannon** - October 08, 2020 at 10:03 AM

MS

*“ MSA/MSMC Boards and Staff purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Mike McCrory.*



**MSA/MSMC Boards and Staff** - October 08, 2020 at 09:38 AM



*“ So sorry for the loss of your husband, your father, your friend...Mike was a mentor to our youth, teaching them good values, always encouraging them to be proud of their accomplishments. His smile could change your day. Sorry he's gone from our lives, but we'll meet again...on the other side, and what a joy that day will be!*



**Gail Rutter** - October 08, 2020 at 04:27 AM

TR

“ *Tammi Ries-mcpike lit a candle in memory of Mike McCrory*



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**tammi ries-mcpike** - October 08, 2020 at 12:54 AM

DS

“ *Your loving interest in teaching my children grows with them today. You were truly a life long learner with animals and plants. You helped make them who they are today. I am grateful and very thankful. You are the best! Shobe*

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**Debra Shobe** - October 08, 2020 at 12:22 AM

PT

“ *My first memory of Mike was watching him & Marvin M. working Herford cattle at the Ill. State Fair, even before we moved to Missouri. My friend keep us on the straight and narrow path until we meet again. Prayers to his family, friends & community. He was the Best.*

*Paul & Mary K. Thomas*

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**Paul & Mary K. Thomas** - October 07, 2020 at 10:21 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mike McCrory.*



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October 07, 2020 at 10:19 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mike McCrory.*



October 07, 2020 at 10:07 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mike McCrory.*



October 07, 2020 at 09:56 PM



“ *My prayers go out to the family. I'm so very sorry for your loss. Mike was such a nice guy. And taught a lot of kids the importance of agriculture, farming & how important they are to everyone! He will be greatly missed! 😭💔*  
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**Chrystal Walker** - October 07, 2020 at 09:47 PM



“ *So very sorry to see this. Mike always had a smile. Thoughts and prayers are with his family.*

**Kim Sellers Ferguson** - October 07, 2020 at 08:53 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mike McCrory.*



October 07, 2020 at 08:22 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Mike McCrory.*



October 07, 2020 at 08:18 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear this. My thoughts and prayers are with the family . I remember his mother so well . What a nice family.*

**Joann Barnes (Mrs. Melvin )** - October 07, 2020 at 08:09 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mike McCrory.*



October 07, 2020 at 08:01 PM



“ *Mike was a wonderful guy, husband and father,grandfather, deepest sympathy to Karen and the whole family for this terrific loss 🥹💔*

**Karen McMahan** - October 07, 2020 at 07:51 PM

JJ

“ Mike was a great guy. He cared about his students and I was proud to work with him great father and friend

Joan Harrell Jarrett - October 07, 2020 at 07:34 PM

TB

“ Mike and I served on the MVATA executive committee together. He definitely made the meetings more fun with his infectious humor while at the same time bringing great thoughts to the table. He will be missed by so many. May God comfort you in this time of loss.

Tammy Bartholomew - October 07, 2020 at 07:17 PM

SB

“ Mike was so kind and welcoming when I began my teaching career at Clopton. What a great family. I'm so sorry for your loss.

Stacey Bibb - October 07, 2020 at 06:38 PM

AC

“ So very sorry for your loss. My prayers and thoughts for your family.

Amber Cope - October 07, 2020 at 06:38 PM

TB

“ My heart aches for his family and for the members of our community. Mike was such an amazing, humble and selfless person. He was a great asset to the Home Care & Hospice Foundation of Pike County- he was always so willing to help with whatever we needed with no hesitation or questions asked. He will TRULY be missed by so many. It was an honor to of known him. Me deepest and most sincere condolences to the family.

Tracy Brookshier - October 07, 2020 at 06:15 PM

SK

*So many memories Mikey you will be missed. Love to Karen and all the family. He was a wonderful guy, love ya Mikey*

**Sandy Korte** - October 07, 2020 at 07:37 PM

DG

*Karen, I was so shocked to hear the tragic news about Mike. It is so heartbreaking. Mike has such a happy smile every time I saw him (just like this picture). I will always remember that smile. I want you to know you and the family are in my thoughts and prayers. Love you.*

**Della Green** - October 08, 2020 at 12:50 PM

SM

*So sorry for your loss prayers for your family*

**Sammy Meyers** - October 09, 2020 at 12:43 PM

RO

*There are no words to express our deep sympathy to the entire McCrory family. I remember Mike, at an early age hanging on to those shorthorn cattle halters and getting those sheep ready to show with his mom right there every minute. He has played such a positive role in so many young people's lives. He was so proud of his own children and grandchildren being in the show ring. He has left many memories to be held on to as we struggle to wonder about how God chooses those he needs. Mike's smile was certainly passed on to others whenever you met him. Thank you Mike for your many hours of dedication to agriculture and Pike County. You will be missed!*

**Richard & Susie Oberdahlhoff** - October 10, 2020 at 02:10 PM