

FFWPU USA Blessing and Family Ministry: In Loving Memory of Kevin McCarthy

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June 2, 2022



Kevin McCarthy

Spouse: Carol Ann McCarthy

Children: Stephen (Rorie Dean), Hannah,
Charlanne, Morla (Daniel)

Birthdate: April 27, 1951

Ascension: May 21, 2022

Rev. Kevin McCarthy is well known as one of America's premier Divine Principle lecturers. Having joined the Unification Movement in 1972, he has taught alongside the likes of Rev. Ken Sudo in the 70s. Then, in the 80's, as the main lecturer, he taught over 7000 clergy in Korea and Japan during the Interdenominational Conferences for Clergy (ICC). He was a pastor, teacher and great family man. Along with being a warm and loving brother and dedicated citizen of this country of America, he was gifted with an extraordinary

ability to discern exactly which Biblical verse and Principle texts were needed, to help the lectures come to life, and he did it with amazing humor to bring the points home. Due to his firm stances and dignity of convictions, True Parents referred to Kevin as "The American Buffalo."

Rev. Kevin Charles McCarthy, 71, of Woodbridge, Virginia, died May 21, 2022 at Inova Fairfax Hospital.

Born April 27, 1951, in Neptune, New Jersey, Kevin was the son of the late Gladys Delores Skehan and Edward Albert McCarthy. Raised in Freehold, New Jersey, the family moved to Aberdeen, North Carolina in 1958.

Survivors include his wife of 40 years, Carol Ann McCarthy; a son, Stephen McCarthy and his fiancée Rorie Dean, both of Maspeth, New York; daughters, Hannah McCarthy of Tucson, Arizona, Charlanne McCarthy of Richmond, Virginia, and Morla McCarthy and her husband, Daniel McCarthy of Stafford, Virginia.

He is also survived by his sister Katherine Ann McCarthy and her husband, John Faulkner, of Arlington, Virginia; a brother, Richard McCarthy of Aberdeen, North Carolina; and a sister, Linda Pedersen of New Jersey.

Kevin began his scouting career as a cub scout and worked his way up to Eagle Scout. He received his certificate in 1965. He enjoyed sports and was an avid fisherman and golfer. At Aberdeen High School, he was on the track team, on the junior varsity football team, and later named captain of the varsity team.

He graduated in 1969. He studied philosophy at Belmont Abbey College in North Carolina.

While living in Charlotte, North Carolina, during his early years, he worked for the Charlotte Observer Newspaper.

Kevin was the author of several books, including "Realizing Jesus: What the Bible Really Tells Us About Jesus." His author page on Amazon, under KC McCarthy, includes the following words:

"I'm not a theologian. I'm not a scholar. I'm just an ordinary person who has happened to have lived a very eclectic life. I've been a seeker of truth since I can remember. Perhaps, being born in New Jersey to an Irish-Catholic family and then moving to the Protestant rural South of North Carolina at age 7, I was forced to contemplate the sometimes-dire consequences of being the only Roman Catholic Yankee in town. Having to explain to my classmates why I could eat a hot dog any day except on Friday was always a daunting task that probably set my course toward seeking deeper truths and clearer explanations beyond the accepted dogmas.

"At college I became a student of the religions of the world and was always amazed in discovering the essential similarities of the various religions even though they were founded at different times and places. It made me realize that there was a great universal truth about the one God and that we all were only subject to various amounts of that whole truth.

"It seemed in those years, seekers such as I, ended up either marching against the war, smoking copious amounts of weed or were searching for and finding a new expression of God that was being offered by the array of new religious movements. I was no different. My path was toward the spiritual and for the next thirty years of my life I was given the opportunity to engage in dialogue and fellowship with literally thousands of clergy, priests and teachers of most all of the faiths of the world. This indescribably rich experience is truly the foundation of this book."

A professional photographer, he specialized in Real Estate photography, specifically in the high-end luxury market in Northern Virginia. He also served as photographer for several non-profit organizations and provided graphic design work for The Washington Times, Times Color Graphics, the Global Peace Foundation, Westar Mortgage, and a wide assortment of local Prince William County and Northern Virginia clients. (www.kcharlesphoto.com)

A private graveside service was held Saturday, May 28th, in the Historic Stonewall Memory Garden, Manassas, VA., surrounded by Manassas National Battlefield Park.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Donation Link

Please use this GoFundMe link to help the family with funeral and other expenses: gofund.me/Obfda1ca

If you would like to purchase his book, Realizing Jesus, it can be purchased here: www.amazon.com/Realizing-Jesus-Bible-Really-Tells/dp/1677845465

Write Tribute Stories

Due to the overwhelming response, the family created an easy place for folks to share their many stories about our dad. We have loved reading everyone's memories with him. Please submit your stories at this link: forms.gle/NreJEXHg9pQn5Ne67



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Hannah McCarthy is organizing this fundraiser on behalf of Carol McCarthy.

My father Kevin McCarthy passed away peacefully in the evening of May 21st, 2022. He is an incredible inspiration to many and our family would like to lay him to rest in a way that honors his legacy. Our family will be having a private graveside service for family only and a larger Celebration of Life at a later date. If you would like to purchase his book, Realizing Jesus, it can be purchased here: <https://www.amazon.com/Realizing-Jesus-Bible-Really-Tells/dp/1677845465>

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Organizer
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Mitchell Bien
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I remember his workshops in my early days in the church. He had a good sense of humor and presentation. I didn't know him well. May he have a smooth transition to the next life.

Patrick Hickey
1 d

Kevin was a dear brother and a great friend. No one in Unification circles did more to educate fellow Christians about the Divine Principle than Rev. McCarthy.



Ruth Guerrero Nader

\$73 • 2 d

There's no way I could thank Rev McCarthy for his kindness and guidance at the 21 day workshop in NY and in Washington DC. He is an inspiration for his faith and love for Jesus and our Heavenly Father



Ronald Beatteay

\$120 • 5 d

I learned much from Kevin's passion for the Principle as he helped with our workshops at Camp Sunrise! May God richly Bless Kevin and Carol and Family!!



Douglas Burton

\$50 • 5 d

Rev. McCarthy was the real deal. He digested suffering and got the victory.



Carl Hagen

\$100 • 7 d

My precious friend and brother of nearly 50 years is missed beyond words, by Grazyna, me and untold others. Yet now for so many, our hearts begin to heal with moving (and side-splitting) stories of Kevin. He absolutely loved "Rocky" because he's so... [Read more](#)



Richard McInerheney

\$30 • 7 d

I had the good fortune to spend some time with Kevin over the years. He helped many including me, to understand the power of the Divine Principle. He had such a gift to express God's words with heart and joy, and had a wonderful command of... [Read more](#)



Howard Self

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Kevin has always been my image of a great elder leader and brother...ever since meeting him in 1975. He will always be loved and missed by my family and countless others...until we meet again in the Eternal Life.



Michaela Hochmuth

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Kevin was an amazing speaker. I was always moved by his sermons in Washington , DC. Condolences to the family.



Thomas Corley

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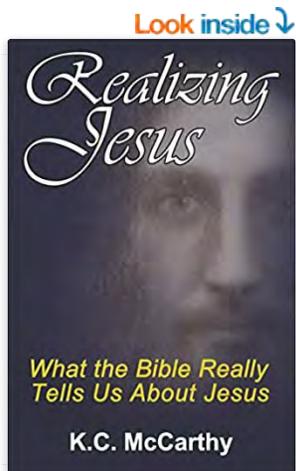
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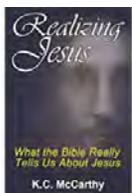
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