



## Mark W. McCaw

May 3, 1958 - August 14, 2023

Mark Wallace McCaw, a beloved resident of Estero, Florida, passed away early in the morning on August 14, 2023, at the age of 65. He was born on May 3, 1958, in Waukegan, Illinois, to his loving parents Jerry Franklin and the late Richard Wallace McCaw, who provided him with a nurturing and supportive upbringing.

On May 23, 1981, Mark joined Karen in holy matrimony in Lexington, KY. They shared an incredible journey spanning over four decades filled with love, laughter, and cherished memories. Together they built a beautiful life, raised their three children, and embraced the joy of parenthood as well as becoming grandparents. Mark and Karen were blessed with three wonderful children, Christina, Jacquelyn, and Richard. Their son also blessed them with a loving daughter-in-law, Courtney, as well as their grandson, Richard Gregg McCaw.

In his early years, Mark attended Henry Clay High School in Lexington, Kentucky. Upon graduating in the class of 1976, Mark embarked on his next educational journey at the University of Kentucky. He pursued his passion for knowledge and emerged as a graduate, with a degree in Business, Finance and Economics in 1986. Professionally, Mark held the CIMA certification and achieved his dream of starting a family business. In 2017 he opened McCaw and Associates Investment Group where he worked alongside his wife, Karen, and two daughters, Christina and Jacquelyn.

Beyond his professional life, Mark actively participated in several organizations including the Bonita Springs Chamber of Commerce, Rotary, Gulf Coast Swim Team (GCST), USA Swimming and the Chaîne des Rotisseurs.

Mark immersed himself in local charities, furthering his mission to support the community. He was the local Chairman of the Board and the Director of the Bonita Springs Chamber of Commerce, the Bonita Springs Assistance Office, and the Rotary Club of Bonita Springs. Mark also held numerous leadership positions at The Foundation of The Rotary Club of Bonita Springs including Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Treasurer, and Trustee.

Mark's contributions did not go unnoticed. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Award, the Meritorious Service Award, Service Above Self Award, and is a Paul Harris Fellow and Sustaining Member. Mark was a true Rotarian and lived by the 4-Way Test.

Mark was always active in his children's hobbies. He coached his son's roller hockey team, volunteered in his daughters' girl scout troops, and dedicated a large portion of his life to his favorite hobby: officiating. In his younger years, Mark swam competitively alongside his younger siblings, Mike and Marianne McCaw. Later, when he signed his own children up to swim, Mark embarked on the beginning of his officiating journey. He quickly became an apprentice official and began running swim meets in 2002. He went on to train many officials, host officials' clinics, officiate for FGCU Women's Swim Meets and Open Water Swimming and volunteered for several Florida Swimming Championship Meets, FHSAA Meets, Sectional Meets, and USA Swimming National Swim Meets, including the US Olympic Team Trials.

In 2009, Mark was nominated to the FINA Open Water Referee list by USA

Swimming. His first international Open Water assignment was to Guam for the Junior Pan Pacific Swimming Championships in 2009. He became one of the top Open Water Officials in the world, refereeing Open Water races around the Statue of Liberty in the Hudson River, and throughout the US, Canada, and Japan.

Mark was the Treasurer and Financial Vice Chair for Florida Swimming for several years and wore many hats in the swimming world: Meet Referee, Administrative Official, Technical Official, Deck Referee, Starter, Lead Chief Judge, Stroke and Turn, and Evaluator. Florida Swimming awarded Mark McCaw the prestigious Phillips 66 Outstanding Award in 2017. It recognizes volunteers for their service to USA Swimming and is awarded by an LSC. On top of all these accolades, to honor Mark, Gulf Coast Swim Team has renamed their annual Summer Invite as the “Mark McCaw Summer Classic”, continuing his swimming legacy, and acknowledging the countless hours he dedicated to the sport and community.

Another passion of Mark’s was to enjoy good food and good wine. Mark and Karen were initiated members of the Chaîne des Rôtisseurs, an international gastronomic society. Together they served on the board of directors. Mark was the Vice Conseiller Gastronomique of the Bailliage de Bonita. He frequently worked with local chefs to create unique and exciting menus for his fellow Chaîne members.

In Mark’s spare time, he enjoyed golfing with his friends, especially at Shadow Wood Country Club, where he and Karen have been members since 2011. Mark ran several golf groups and both Mark and Karen were active in the Shadow Wood Charitable Foundation.

Through his visionary guidance and unwavering support, Mark made a lasting

impact on the lives of countless individuals within the Southwest Florida community. He selflessly devoted his time and energy, was a world traveler full of cultural experiences, and was always willing to share his stories and travels to grow others around him.

Mark McCaw will be dearly missed by his family, friends, and all those whose lives he touched. He leaves behind a legacy of love, compassion, and dedication to his family and his community. Although he is no longer with us, his spirit will forever remain alive in the hearts of those who knew and loved him dearly.

The funeral will be held at Our Lady of Light Catholic Community, 19680 Cypress View Drive, Fort Myers FL 33967 on September 2, 2023, at 11:00 am. There will be a reception following the service in the parish hall. In lieu of flowers, the McCaw family requests donations be made to The Foundation of The Rotary Club of Bonita Springs. 100% Of these funds will be distributed to three organizations Mark was passionate about; The Bonita Springs Assistance Office as well as The Wheelchair Foundation and the Gift of Life, both of which Rotary supports.

Donations may be sent to:

The Foundation of the Rotary Club of Bonita Springs

P.O. Box 474

Bonita Springs, FL 34133-0474

(Note Mark McCaw donation on the check)

\*Or\*, by visiting our club's website and clicking the 'donate' button at the bottom of the page. Enter Mark McCaw donation on the description line. The Rotary Club of Bonita Springs/Service Above Self ([bonitaspringsrotary.org](http://bonitaspringsrotary.org))

# Previous Events

## Memorial Mass

SEP 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Light Catholic Community  
19680 Cypress View Dr  
Fort Myers, FL 33967-6201  
(239) 267-7088

## Reception

SEP 2. 12:00 PM (ET)

Our Lady of Light Parish Life Center  
19680 Cypress View Dr.  
Ft. Myers  
Ft. Myers, FL 33967

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mark W. McCaw*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mark W. McCaw.

September 12, 2023 at 09:48 PM



“ *"In loving Memory" 30" Medallion Chime was purchased for the family of Mark W. McCaw.*



September 12, 2023 at 09:48 PM



“ *We would like to express our deepest sympathy and share your sorrow as we lost our dear neighbor Mark. It has been our great great journey as we shared Belhaven Way with him and his family. We will miss his warm smile and his friendship. May he rest in peace. Please let us know if we could support the family in this difficult time.*

*With our love,  
Wojtas family*

**Waldemar** - September 02, 2023 at 11:07 AM

KM

*Thank you so much!*  
*Karen*

**Karen McCaw** - September 15, 2023 at 03:06 PM

JM

“ *We are so blessed to have had Mark in our lives as he has touched so many of us. Our hearts and sympathy to Karen and the family. xoxo May you laugh, cry and eventually smile about the treasure of memories you've shared through the years. We are always here for you. Love, Bob, Janice, Kristin & Mark*



**Janice MacDonald** - September 02, 2023 at 10:10 AM

KM

*Thank u!*  
*Karen*

**Karen McCaw** - September 15, 2023 at 03:06 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mark W. McCaw.*



September 01, 2023 at 04:13 PM

LB

“ Love, LIPS and the B's. purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mark W. McCaw.



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Love, LIPS and the B's. - August 31, 2023 at 08:48 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mark W. McCaw.



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August 30, 2023 at 07:59 PM

ER

“ So very loved by all he touched. He'll be missed but with us in our hearts always. Our thoughts and prayers to all the families and friends on this tough loss.

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Elena Ray - August 30, 2023 at 02:49 PM

KM

“ Kimberlie M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mark W. McCaw.

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Kimberlie M. - August 29, 2023 at 05:58 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mark W. McCaw.



August 29, 2023 at 05:44 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mark W. McCaw.

August 28, 2023 at 10:08 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mark W. McCaw.



August 28, 2023 at 10:08 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mark W. McCaw.



August 27, 2023 at 11:30 AM

CM

“ 1 file added to the album Mark



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**Christina McCaw** - August 25, 2023 at 04:53 PM

CM

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Christina McCaw** - August 25, 2023 at 04:50 PM

TL

“ *Mark you were a kind soul with a big heart. I will remember you always. Karen, you are a beautiful person inside and out and I am here for you if you need me.*

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**Trish Leonard** - August 25, 2023 at 03:52 PM

BV

“ *Mark was a super optimist with an infectious can do attitude which benefited the many organizations he served. His contributions influenced many to follow his example. A great loss to society.*

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**Bill Vareschi** - August 24, 2023 at 10:34 AM

CF

“ *Working at Red Lobster and going to the University of Kentucky.*

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**Cecilia Furnish** - August 23, 2023 at 09:00 PM

DD

“ Mark Mc Caw was the finest, kindest man, friend and official I have ever known. I have so many wonderful memories of the things he shared with me both on and off of the pool deck that have filled my life. His family was his everything. He gave 100% in everything he did. Such a tragic lose.

Dottie Daniels - August 23, 2023 at 07:15 PM

HP

“ Hyatt Regency Coconut Point purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Mark W. McCaw.



Hyatt Regency Coconut Point - August 23, 2023 at 11:42 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mark W. McCaw.



August 22, 2023 at 06:06 PM

BB

“ Mark was always a gentleman. He was so proud of his family. His eyes would just light up whenever he spoke of Karen. He will be missed.

Bobbi Bird - August 22, 2023 at 10:29 AM

DE

“ Danielle E. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mark W. McCaw.

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Danielle E. - August 22, 2023 at 06:37 AM

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