



Bret McCullough

December 28, 1959 - December 24, 2023

Bret McCullough, age 63 of Mentor, passed away Sunday, December 24, 2023 at UH Seidman Cancer Center, Cleveland, with his family by his side. He was born December 28, 1959 in Ashtabula.

Mr. McCullough worked as a Domain Architect at Progressive Insurance.

Bret was an avid golfer that enjoyed golfing with “The Boys” and their yearly golf trips. He loved a good bourbon with a cigar. He loved to grill and use his smoker. He was famous for his steaks, ribs, and prime rib. He also loved sitting on his lanai at our condo in Cape Coral, Florida, while enjoying a nightcap and listening to Jimmy Buffett. But most importantly, he loved spending time with his family whether that be hanging out with “his girls” and grandson, Jayce, or cooking out with his brothers and family friends. He was the greatest man and will be missed by many.

Survivors include his wife of 28 years: Karla (Miller) McCullough; daughters: Breonna and Leah McCullough; grandson: Jayce; mother: Barbara Dodge; father: Lawrence “Larry” McCullough and siblings: Bart (Karen) McCullough, Tamara “Tammy” (Michael) Peri, Kevin McCullough, Gregory “Mac” (Kari) McCullough, and Mark McCullough; nieces and nephews: Jake McCullough, Jennifer Gedeon, Sara (Billy) Ledger, Alexander “Alex” (Brian Baruth) Peri, Brock (Hannah) McCullough, Bionca McCullough, Michael Britton, Mike

(Mallory Graham) Miller, and Andy Miller; Mother-in-Law: Earlene Miller; Father-in-Law: Karl Miller; and Brother-in-Law: Steve (Barbara) Miller.

Preceding Bret in death are his brother: Troy Lynn McCullough, stepmother: Barbara McCullough, grandfather: Virgil (Alice) McCullough and grandmother: Helen (Roy) Stinchcomb.

A funeral mass will be held at 11:00 am Saturday, January 6, 2024 at St. John Vianney Church, 7575 Bellflower Rd., Mentor, OH, 44060.

The family will receive friends at a luncheon immediately following the mass in the Fr. Kline Center on the grounds of St. John Vianney Church.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a contribution in memory of Bret McCullough to UH Seidman Cancer Center, 11100 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, OH, 44106.

Arrangements entrusted to Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060.

Offer condolences at www.brunners.com

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

JAN 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. John Vianney Catholic Church
7575 Bellflower Road
Mentor, OH 44060
(440) 255-0600

Tribute Wall

MW

“ I'm sorry to hear this news about Bret, but glad he was with his loved ones at the end. I worked with Bret for many years at Progressive and really enjoyed that time together. His calm voice and sense of humor will be greatly missed. Praying for the family.

Michael Wray - January 08, 2024 at 06:08 PM

CN

“ Bret and I worked together on multiple projects at PGR and he always had a ready smile for me. Seems like he retired just yesterday. Sending my sincere sympathy and condolences to his family and friends.

Chris Nettesheim - January 06, 2024 at 06:37 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Bret McCullough.



January 05, 2024 at 01:56 PM

DW

“ Since hearing of the loss of Bret, I keep hearing his laugh along with seeing his smile. I worked closely with Bret at Progressive for a few yrs, on our PPRO to Billing interface, and then we were on separate teams but always connected to that work we did together (he was a great mentor). I truly learned a lot from Bret, and he had a great work ethic. He was a very trusted resource. He also shared stories about his family. I recall when his girls were younger his face would light up when he spoke of them, and it was clear how important his family was and how close they were to one another. Before he left, we chatted about his retirement and, of course, he had that great smile on his face. This was truly a shock and loss. Thinking of you Karla, and your whole family during this time. A gift that stays with me now is his laugh/smile.

Dori Weiss - January 04, 2024 at 07:43 PM

DL

“ My condolences and prayers to Bret's family at this time. He was a great guy who got along with everyone. I worked with Bret early at Progressive and learned alot from him in the years following. Mainly giving me and our coworker Tina work we didnt want to do and with a smile would tell us "It's good for you". And he was right, it was the best way to learn, thanks man.

Also enjoyed many nights hanging out in the golf league after work. Our careers took us to different teams over the years, but always would be greated with a laugh when we did cross paths. He will be missed by many.



Darren Lach - January 04, 2024 at 11:00 AM

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Darren Lach - January 04, 2024 at 11:00 AM

DC

“ *A beautiful soul gone too soon. May the joy, warmth and life Brett shared with all of us who knew him live on!*



David Chege - January 03, 2024 at 10:16 AM

RS

“ *Rob and Joyce Soroka planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bret McCullough.*

Rob and Joyce Soroka - January 02, 2024 at 10:13 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Bret McCullough.*



January 02, 2024 at 10:13 AM

VG

“ So sorry for your loss, Bret was a great guy and I enjoyed working with him in the Probill platform. Will keep you in my prays.



Virginia Gates - January 02, 2024 at 05:42 AM

SM

“ I will always remember Bret as one of the first friendly and welcoming faces when I started my career in IT. He was awesome to work with and had an incredible personality. I'm very grateful to have known him. May the Lord comfort each of his family and friends, each day.

Sean Morgan-Bell - December 31, 2023 at 09:16 AM

SM

“ Sharon M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bret McCullough.

Sharon M. - December 30, 2023 at 08:00 AM

CJ

“ Caryn J. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bret McCullough.

Caryn J. - December 29, 2023 at 03:58 AM

TL

“ 6 files added to the album Golf Trips



Tony Laska - December 28, 2023 at 09:52 PM

TL

The memories will remain forever despite the loss of our close friend. My condolences to Karla, and all of your families.

Tony Laska - December 28, 2023 at 09:58 PM

VC

My sincere condolences to the family. I worked with Brett for many years, he was a great guy.

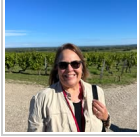
~Vincent Crenshaw

Vincent L. Crenshaw - January 03, 2024 at 01:25 PM

CH

“ *Bret was a very special man who could make any stranger feel included. The love for Karla and their daughters just radiated from him. It's heartbreaking that he is no longer with us. Cancer sucks.*

Cathy Hlinka - December 28, 2023 at 07:31 PM



“ *Bret was always someone who brightened your day with that smile on his face. Prayers for peace and comfort to his family. Our deepest condolences, Lynn & Ken Schreffler*

Lynn Schreffler - December 28, 2023 at 05:29 PM

JD

“ *It didn't take much to put a smile on his face. Cheers my friend*



Jim DiFonzo - December 27, 2023 at 09:59 PM

CR

“ *He was a special person and special friend!*

We will miss him every day!



Carmen Rosa - December 27, 2023 at 08:23 PM

SH

“ 8 files added to the album *Golf Trips*



Scott Hollowell - December 27, 2023 at 07:38 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Bret McCullough.



December 27, 2023 at 06:10 PM