



## Mac Herring

June 12, 1962 - May 19, 2015

Ralph McNeely Herring graciously accepted the Lord's invitation to come home on Tuesday, May 19, 2015.

"Mac" was born on June 12, 1962 in Charlotte, NC to Ralph and Alice Herring. When Mac was 2 years old, the family moved to his grandmother's house at 735 North Main Street in Mooresville. He loved the town where his family already had deep roots. After marrying his wife Jill, he purchased the family house on Main Street and again made it his home where they raised their own two children, Nell and Van.

Mac started his education in the Mooresville school system, attended The Gow School in South Wales, NY, and graduated from The Patterson School in Lenoir, NC. He earned his BA in History and Religious Studies from Guilford College in Greensboro, NC and later completed his education at CMHA in Charlotte and received an Associate's Degree in Nursing.

Mac was truly a public servant. At the time of his death, he worked as Director of Professional Relations at Catawba Regional Hospice, and served as Commissioner on the Mooresville Town Board. He had served as a town commissioner for Ward 3 since 2005. Mac gave of his time tirelessly. He headed up numerous committees, and promoted a variety of community improvements in the areas of education, transportation, recreation, history, and recycling. He was active in the greater community with Boy Scouts, a past board member of the NC branch of the International Dyslexia Society, a past president of the Sherrills Ford Rotary Club, a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, served on the board of directors of the Mooresville Soup Kitchen, and was involved in numerous other community organizations.

His gift for tending to the needs of others spilled over into every aspect of his life. He was often guiding others on end of life issues and stepping in to lend a hand both on and off the job to help those needing crisis guidance.

Mac had an abiding love for God and First Presbyterian Church in Mooresville, where he was a lifelong member. He served his Lord and his congregation as a Deacon, a Sunday School teacher, and most notably as the pulled pork BBQ chef at the annual Camp Grier retreat.

Mac was a dedicated historian. He was the caretaker of his family's stories and traditions. Mac's passion extended into the community, where he helped to start the Mooresville Museum, serving as its principal organizer and president. He was also a founding member of the Mooresville Historic Preservation Commission.

Mac had a keen appreciation for God's earth, and cherished spending time at his house on Lake Norman. Special memories were created by friends and family at gatherings hosted there. He also took great pleasure in gardening and canning. God, family, the people of Mooresville, and the lake were Mac's refuge in this life - providing him strength and joy in everything he did.

Mac is survived by his wife Jill Paxton Stubbs Herring, his daughter Nell McNeely Herring, and his son Van Kilpatrick Herring, all of the home. He is also survived by his father Ralph Alderman Herring, Jr., and brothers Alexander McNeely Herring and Cyrus McNeely Herring. He will be dearly missed by in-laws, nieces, nephews, and his large extended family as well.

Memorials may be made to First Presbyterian Church, 249 W. McLelland Ave, Mooresville, NC 28115 and/or The Mooresville Museum, 132 E Center Ave, Mooresville, NC 28115 and/or Catawba Regional Hospice, 3975 Robinson Rd, Newton, NC 28658.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, May 23 at First Presbyterian Church with Rev. David Rockness officiating. The family will receive friends on Friday from 6:00-8:00 PM at Cavin-Cook Funeral Home.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mac Herring*

February 14, 2021 at 11:24 AM



“ *Mac Herring*

February 14, 2021 at 11:04 AM



“ *Mac Herring*

February 14, 2021 at 11:03 AM

SA

“ *Rest in peace Mac you'll be missed it was a real learning experience working for you at summit place in mooreville. You were the best teacher and boss I ever had Sarah Berry and family*

**Sarah** - August 09, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ *Dear Jill, Nell and Van, It is with great sadness that I write to you. Mac was a great person who took time for all. He will be greatly missed in the Cancer Support Group. He set an example of how we all should live. I have been and will continue to pray for you at this difficult time. I pray that your special memories will bring you comfort and peace. Blessings, Connie Byers*

**Connie Byers** - June 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Jill, Van, & Nell, I am so sorry to hear that Mac has passed from this life. May you find some measure of comfort in knowing that so many people admired him...count me among them. You see I came to know Mac through my working years at a local branch of a major investment firm (I retired about a year ago). Mac was always cheerful and pleasant...a genuinely nice guy...he was one of my favorite people. Please know that I am sincerely sorry for your loss and that you are in my prayers.*

May 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ Mac was a dear friend who selflessly helped me promote myself and my new position in the Lake Norman Community. He cared so much for his patients, and whenever I saw him, he had a new story about his wife and kids. He will be greatly missed.

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**Lisa Hartman** - May 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ Mac is remembered by staff and classmates at Carolinas College of Health Sciences as fun loving, determined, kind, and compassionate. Mac's rich career of distinguished community leadership and service made us proud to have been a part of his education. We are deeply saddened by the much-too-early end to Mac's life, and offer our deepest sympathy to his family and friends.

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**Ellen Sheppard** - May 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ Mac was a very special man who made the world a better place. We will all miss him. We pray that God will strengthen you and comfort you as you deal with your loss. Joyce and Jerry McGuire

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May 23, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ Mac was a a great man. He could always be counted upon to stand firm if he said he was with you. Mooresville and Iredell County lost a great leader who embodied the ideal of selfless service. Mac was both a servant for others and a leader to improve our community. To discuss Mooresville issues, without Mac in the conversation, will never seem quite right. I miss my friend.

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**Ken Robertson** - May 23, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ Jill, Nell and Van, Words can't express how very sorry we are for your loss. You and your family will remain in our thoughts and prayers. With our sincere sympathy. The Wedlock-Telinger Family Jamie, Jon, Matthew, Chris, Rebecca and Jacob

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May 22, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Ralph, Doris and I saw the notice in our local paper this morning and I write to tell you of our sorrow at Mac's death. Your Dad was one of the greatest influences in my life and I will always be indebted to him when I pick up the Scriptures and can hear his voice from long ago. We live in Burlington where I still serve as pastor at Northside Baptist Church. At 81 I am still active. We will pray for you and your family as we begin our service this coming Sunday. May God bless all of you.

Dale & Doris Steele - May 22, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ I will remember Mac's kindness above all else.

Christie Decker Frazier - May 22, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ Dearest Jill, Nell and Van, Sending prayers and healing thoughts from Boston. Love, Ellen and Jay Cobau

May 22, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ Dear Jill, Nell and Van- Our thoughts and prayers are with you. I wish I could be there with you this weekend. God Bless you. Love, Tassie

Tassie Cantrell - May 22, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ Sadden to hear of the passing of Mac. Mac was a student in the MGSD when I first joined the system. Such a great loss to the city. Enola Lynch

May 22, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Praying for my sweet friends Jill, Nell, Van & Ralph...Extended 1st Presbyterian family for comfort, healing, & protection during this difficult time! Much love, Susan!

Susan Meade - May 22, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ Jill, Nell and Van, I am so sorry for your loss. Mac was a great man and leader to our community and his loss will be felt by all. You and your family will remain in our thoughts and prayers. The Shangle Family, Dorothy, Steve, Stephen, Tim, Matt and Beth

*Mooreville, North Carolina*

May 22, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ I am saddened by the death of a fine man with whom I worked at Rowan Regional Hospice. Gone too soon we might say. Condolence and prayer offered for his family.

May 22, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ Nell, Praying that you feel God's love and peace during this difficult time. You and the family are in my thoughts and prayers. Love in Christ, Tammy

**Tammy Sightler** - May 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ I first met Mac when I became a member of the Mooreville Beautification Committee. . Although I was a northern transplant Mac always made me feel welcome and comfortable. A true southern gentleman. Always a friend, always someone you could talk too. He was my go to person for anything and everything that I needed both for the town and when I needed personal advice. Mooreville will not be the same. We lost one of the good ones and he will never be replaced.. Jill my heart goes out to you and your family. There are truly no words that can relate how much he will be missed.. Barb Pfeffer Chair Mooreville Beautification.

**Barbara Pfeffer** - May 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TN

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends that have lost this fine man. I appreciated Mac and he will be missed but he has left his mark on many of us and this region. Hopefully you will see him again - in a better place. May by God Bless each of you.

Tom Nixon - May 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ Jill -- I am so very sorry for your loss. You and your entire family will be in my prayers!

Amy Holcombe - May 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ I remember hearing stories of the young "Terrible Trio" Herring boys! What a treat they were and look at how Mac, the leader of the pack, turned out to be the caregiver for his extended family, his patients and his town!

Molly Leight - May 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ To the family,I am very sorry for your tremendous loss. Mac Herring was a huge asset to the community. I had the pleasure and honor of working with Mac while I was employed with Mooresville from 2005 to 2014. He was a fierce defender of Mooresville but also a great cheerleader. He took his role of commissioner very seriously and worked tirelessly for continuous improvement. The words he used to describe himself, compassionate, genuine, approachable, loyal, are the very words I would use. Mac genuinely cared about people and it was obvious from speaking with him that he loved his family very much. Mac's legacy as a community leader will be hard to duplicate. He will be missed. With deepest sympathy

Lisa Hammond - May 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM

HW

“ Mac will be remembered for many things, but my most poignant memories are from Camp Grier and BBQ, the fellowship shared while he worked his magic cooking and the kitchen crew of volunteers to "pull" the pork when is was finished. He will be missed in this world dearly. Jill, Nell and Van, we will be here for you loving, praying and making ourselves available to you for whatever your needs.

Harry & Lucinda Weyer - May 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM

WB

“ Mac was a student in the schools in Mooresville when I worked there. His mother was Attendance Counselor. Mac grew and developed into a fine young man, a servant of the people of Mooresville and a comfort to those who were hurting. He spoke recently at our Prayer Luncheon at First Presbyterian here in Gastonia. We knew of his passion to help people. I do not know his family, but I want to tell them he was good to all. My deepest sympathy to the family. Dr. William L. Brown

William Brown - May 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ Jill, Nell and Van, so very sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. The Cairelli family, Rosalia, Vincent, Allie, Vinny & Michael

May 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the Herring family during this time of grief and in days to come. Mac and the Herring family were a big part of FPC when I was growing up there and I know continue to be. May God's perfect peace surround you all.

Jamie Wright Price - May 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ I was stunned & saddened to hear that Mac has passed on, but reading the stories of his faith & service gladden my heart. I only met him a couple of times: Once at an Alumni Reunion at The Patterson School, and once at an Orton Conference. You have my prayers & sympathy for the loss of this very special man.

Janet Spoon - May 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Ralph.....I cannot imagine how broken hearted you must be feeling at the loss of such a wonderful son. If only I had some magical "spell" that could somehow make your sadness evaporate. Please know that you and your family and in my thoughts and in my prayers.

Marcelle Ferro - May 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ Mac was a good man. He was a co-worker of mine at Rowan Regional Home Health and Hospice and even though he challenged me, I enjoyed his humor and he was a good communicator with patients and families. He is remembered and will be missed. Condolences to his family.

Becky Moore - May 20, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ Jill, many, many people looked to Mac for support for their physical and medical needs. We all wish we could have been there for him. God seems to have had a different plan and so we will join the many who support you and your family today and in the days to come. You each are a bright light, as he was, and that cannot be extinguished in the light of eternity. My prayer is for you and your son and daughter to have the peace and presence of God each day now and forever.

joyce johnson - May 20, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ May 20, 2015I first met Mac when he attended a meeting I was leading held at the Mooresville Public Library April 2015. The meeting was to receive nominations for the governing board of directors of the newly organized Fourth Creek Founders & Patriots Society of Iredell County. Mac volunteered to do whatever he could to assist this lineage organization. Mac became the first member of this board. I was very impressed with Mac, especially with his leadership skills and unselfish devotion to our cause. On behalf of the Board of Directors we extend to his family and many friends our sincere heartfelt condolences and assurance that Mac's image will long endure and inspire others to walk nearer his footsteps. Mac is here with us, we just no longer can see him. Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

C. Donald . Stevenson, Jr - May 20, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ Jill, you do not know me but my Daughter, Michelle Robbins and my Son-in-law, Allen Stevens taught your Children. They told me that you were wonderful and supportive parents. Both were so fond of your Children. I also knew Alice, Mac's Mom, and thought she was a super person. I worked for the Town and she served on one of our Boards. You are on my Prayer list, and I will pray for you and your family for many, many days to come. May God Bless.

Barbara Whittington - May 20, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JJ

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*joyce johnson,*

*mooreville, North Carolina*

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**joyce johnson** - May 20, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ *Grieving the loss of a very special person and a tireless public servant. May the family feel the peace and comfort of God's love in the days and weeks ahead.*

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**Ann Williams** - May 20, 2015 at 12:00 AM