



Mr. Patrick Michael McCusker

October 2, 1962 - August 25, 2012

On August 25, 2012, Patrick Michael McCusker beloved husband of Jackie Falter McCusker; dear father of Darby R. and Finn P. McCusker; dear son of John C. McCusker and the late Joyce Tweedle McCusker; devoted brother of Joseph F. McCusker; dear son-in-law of Alice M. (nee Darby) and Frank H. Falter, Jr.

Funeral arrangements have been made for Patrick "Scunny" McCusker, the owner of two popular Baltimore restaurants who died in a bicycle accident in Ocean City on Friday.

The 49-year-old husband and father of two died after the bike he was riding collided with an Ocean City municipal bus, according to police. The circumstances remain under investigation.

McCusker, known as "Scunny," owned Nacho Mama's and Mamas on the Half Shell in Canton. He was hailed as a pioneer who helped revitalize the area and a civic giant throughout the region.

As the news of his death spread, state and local leaders paid tribute to the restaurateur who supported such causes as the Believe in Tomorrow Children's Foundation that supports a house at Johns Hopkins Hospital.

U.S. Sen. Ben Cardin said in a statement that McCusker never met a charity that he did not support. "I am honored to have been among the hundreds who were fortunate to have been able to call him a friend."

"Canton wouldn't be what it is today without small business pioneers like McCusker," said Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake. "I am deeply saddened by his sudden and tragic death."

He was known for his Battle of the Paddle fundraiser and serving 16,000 meals to sick children and their parents.

"Canton lost a true hero," said Gianene Musotto, one of McCusker's friends.

"We love him. Me and my family, everyone down here," said Tavern on the Square's Kristin Tiptin.

McCusker opened the Tex-Mex restaurant Nacho Mama's on Elvis Presley's birthday in 1994. Nacho's success led to McCusker opening the equally popular eatery Mama's on the Half Shell.

"The joke always was a Jewish guy talked to a Irish guy about opening a Mexican restaurant in a Polish neighborhood. Some of his best friends are people who didn't think he would last a month," said Nacho Mama's bartender Dave Powell.

Ocean City police said McCusker's bike collided with a city bus that was traveling on northbound 132nd Street and Coastal Highway at about 8:30 p.m. Friday. McCusker later died at Peninsula Regional Medical Center.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Believe in Tomorrow Childrens Foundation, 6601 Frederick Rd., Catonsville, MD 21228

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 27. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Mitchell - Wiedefeld Funeral Home, Inc.
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Funeral Mass

AUG **29**. 10:30 AM (ET)

Cathedral Mary Our Queen
5200 N. Charles Street
Baltimore, MD 21210

Tribute Wall

MF

“ *Our prayers are with you and the family. He will be so very missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him.* ”



Martin & Tere' Ferris - August 29, 2012 at 10:39 AM

KG

“ *Kelley Gulin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Patrick Michael McCusker* ”



Kelley Gulin - August 29, 2012 at 10:29 AM

NG

“ *Nick Gibson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Patrick Michael McCusker* ”



Nick Gibson - August 29, 2012 at 08:07 AM

KL

“ *Karen Lenkey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Patrick Michael McCusker* ”



Karen Lenkey - August 28, 2012 at 04:00 PM

KS

“ *Kimberly Strickland lit a candle in memory of Mr. Patrick Michael McCusker*



Kimberly Strickland - August 28, 2012 at 02:26 PM

TC

“ *Trish Czyzewski lit a candle in memory of Mr. Patrick Michael McCusker*



Trish Czyzewski - August 28, 2012 at 02:11 PM

KB

“ *Kathleen Bosley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Patrick Michael McCusker*



kathleen bosley - August 28, 2012 at 10:05 AM

BB

“ *Bill Bamonto lit a candle in memory of Mr. Patrick Michael McCusker*



Bill Bamonto - August 28, 2012 at 09:23 AM

BB

It was a pleasure to have known Scunny for 29 years, going back to the Green Turtle days in OC! He achieved his Dream of owning his own Bar & Restaurant! He did it in spades in opening Naco Mama's & Mama's on the Half-Shell! All our love to Jackie, Darby, & Finn--Bill & Donna Bamonto

Bill Bamonto - August 28, 2012 at 09:31 AM

CH

“ *CHRISTINE HEINBUCH-NASH lit a candle in memory of Mr. Patrick Michael McCusker*



CHRISTINE HEINBUCH-NASH - August 27, 2012 at 09:30 PM

CH

My prayers & sympathy go out to Jackie and her family.

CHRISTINE HEINBUCH-NASH - August 27, 2012 at 09:32 PM

GG

“ *He will surely be missed. When ever I visited Maryland I always made a point to go eat at Nacho Mamas with my friends Linda Markiewicz and Martha. When he was there he always talked to us as he did in June of this year and always remembered that I was visiting from Florida. Gerry Gingco*

Geraldine G. Gingco - August 27, 2012 at 04:42 PM

TF

“ *The Moore Family purchased the Bright and Beautiful Spray for the family of Mr. Patrick Michael McCusker.*



The Moore Family - August 27, 2012 at 02:37 PM

SC

“ *Sharon A. Cosentino lit a candle in memory of Mr. Patrick Michael McCusker*



Sharon A. Cosentino - August 27, 2012 at 12:12 PM

BT

“ *Patrick wrote his own epitaph by the way he lived his life, sharing, caring and, giving. He always had a joke or two. Not many knew but for the past two years we always met a week before Thanksgiving at Celebration of Life Christian Ministries where he would supply us with Turkeys for fifty plus families with all the fixings. If we ran out he would go and get more. Patrick called me on Mother's day to wish me a Happy Mothers day and at the end of the conversation he said "Ms Brenda can I get a witness!" Well, Skunny You got a Witness!*

*Respectfully submitted,
Pastor Brenda E. Trusty
COLCL Members*

Brenda E. Trusty - August 27, 2012 at 10:59 AM