



Dr. J. Ronald McCrea

May 4, 2007

Dr. J. Ronald McCrea age 85 of Myrtle Trace died Friday , May 5, 2007 at Conway Medical Center following an illness. Dr. McCrea was born December 8, 1921, a son of the late Rodden and May McCrea in Cardinal Ontario, Canada. At the age of 19, Dr. McCrea joined the Royal Canadian Air Force and became a spitfire pilot in squadron 416. He served in Europe from 1942-1945, and was awarded the Operational Wings of the Royal Canadian Air Force for his gallant service. In 1947 he attended Ontario Veterinary College, and after graduation he practiced in Prince Edward Island, Canada in a large animal hospital. In 1954 he moved to Washington D.C. to practice with small animals. He was the Veterinarian to the D.C. Police Canine Corp and Smithsonian Canine Corp. During his career he also cared for Jackie Kennedy's German Shepherds. Dr. McCrea was a member of the Maryland State Board of Veterinary Examiners for 14 years. While in Maryland, he opened his own practice and retired in 1985 and then moved to Myrtle Trace in 1993. Dr. McCrea is survived by his wife of 62 years, Eileen Grace McCrea of the home and two children, Alan McCrea and wife Carol of Surfside Beach S.C. and Lynda Baker and husband Paul of Maryland ; five grandchildren Christopher McCrea , Janine Lebeouf and husband Gibson, Nicholas Baker and fiance Heather, Adam Baker and fiance Ashley and Megan "precious" Baker, and three great grandchildren Claudia, Isabella, and Jacquelyn. He was predeceased by his parents, his brothers and sisters, daughter Leslie and granddaughter Victoria. A Catholic Mass will be held 2:00 Monday at St.

James Catholic Church with Father Rick LaBrecque officiating . Burial will follow in Hillcrest Cemetery. Family will receive friends one hour prior to service at the church. The family request that no flowers be sent and memorials be made in honor of Dr. J. Ronald McCrea to St. Jude Medical Center 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TENN. 38105. Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel is in charge of arrangements.