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Harry E. McCoy IV, better known as Bo by all who knew and loved him, passed away at his family home in Blacksburg on Saturday August 23, 2025.

Bo is survived by his parents Kate Wallace McCoy and Harry E. McCoy III of Blacksburg, his sister and the light of his life Corinne S. McCoy of Christiansburg, his Uncle Ches (George L. Wallace III), and by aunts, uncles and cousins. He is also survived by his dearest friends and supporters Bayley Alphin and her family, Sylvia Yoncich and her family, Matt Hutchens and his family, and Angie West and her family. Bo is already missed by his much loved dogs, Elena and Tucker, his horse Misty, and many other canines, equines and one cute little donkey named Pip. Bo was preceded in death by his loving grandparents Patty and George Wallace of Martinsville, VA and Martha Lee and Harry McCoy of Norfolk, VA.

Bo completed his education in the Montgomery County Public Schools system, ran a small recycling business for many years, and served others in countless ways every day of his life.

Bo was a miraculous, magnetic, never to be forgotten life force. He was the most loving son, brother, and grandson, and was a very compassionate and caring friend and neighbor. His smile lit up any room, he was a skilled hug facilitator, a lover of life, a joyful musician, a helper and an inspiration to many who knew him. As a dear friend recently wrote, "what a privilege it was to have been a Student of Life according to Bo". This planet was lucky to have had him for 38 years, and he will be missed beyond time and space.

The family would like to thank Carilion Hospice for the compassionate care they provided Bo at the end of his life.

In lieu of flowers or other gifts, the family requests donations to the Arc of the New River Valley, PO Box 11204, Blacksburg, VA 24062 (thearcnrv.org) or Saint Francis Service Dogs, PO Box 19538, Roanoke, VA 24019 (saintfrancisdogs.org).

There will be a service celebrating Bo's life at 6 PM on Wednesday, September 3, at the McCoy Funeral Home chapel. The family will welcome friends before the service at McCoy Funeral Home from 5-6 PM.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 3. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

McCoy Funeral Home
150 Country Club Dr. S.W.
Blacksburg, VA 24060
(540) 552-3211
mccoyfuneralhome@verizon.net
<https://mccoyfuneralhome.com>

Celebration of Life Service

SEP 3. 6:00 PM (ET)

McCoy Funeral Home Chapel
150 Country Club Dr S.W.
Blacksburg, VA 24060

Tribute Wall

RJ

“ *Harry loved to come to our house at Halloween to see the creepy decorations and get scared! Highlight of every Halloween...thank you, Harry!*

Randy and Julie - September 17, 2025 at 09:50 PM

KM

He did love that so much! Thanks for the great memories, Randy and Julie:)

kate mccoy - October 31, 2025 at 12:41 PM

BS

“ *Barbara Straub lit a candle in memory of Harry Ellington McCoy IV*



Barbara Straub - September 04, 2025 at 11:42 AM

MM

“ Harry,

Thank you for the friendship and the fun, the rock and the roll, the love and light.

Thank you for being courageous and Bodacious.

Thank you for leaving a lasting impression, inspiring growth and awareness. Thank you for being authentically you, so strong, so cool.

Thank you for your powerful presence whose impact transcends words.

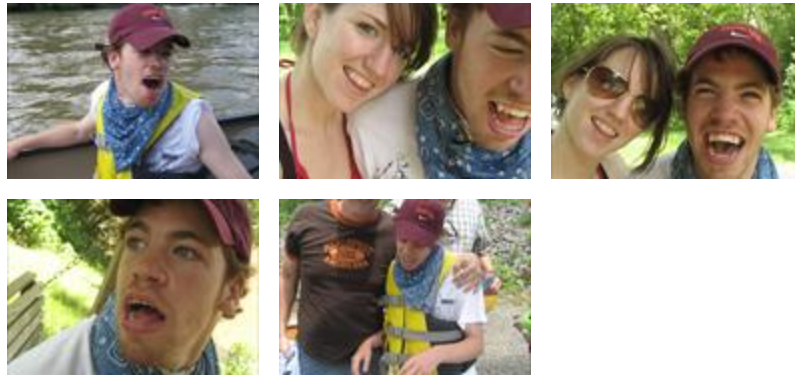
Thank you for the ways you have changed the planet and the people on it.

Thank you for sharing your SOUL with the world.

Thank you Harry, for the unconditional love, the presence and the wisdom that is uniquely You.

I will forever be grateful having you in my heart, to know and love you.

Thank you.



morgan mcevilly - September 03, 2025 at 10:51 AM

KM

Morgan, What a beautiful tribute and such amazing photos. Thank you for your words and for loving Bo! He (and we) love you!

kate mccoey - October 31, 2025 at 12:43 PM

TT

“ *What a joy to know Harry/Bo and watch him share his love with everyone he met. We at Oak Grove remember his sweet nature, ready laughter, and love of horses! We were blessed to be a small part of his huge life.*

Trina Thompson - September 01, 2025 at 06:29 PM

KM

Dear Trina, Thank you for your sweet tribute. You were such an important part of little Bo's life at Oak Grove Elementary! Much ❤️ to you.

kate mccoey - October 31, 2025 at 12:45 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Harry Ellington McCoy IV.*



August 29, 2025 at 02:38 PM

LF

“ *I have very fond memories of Harry when he was a preschooler in Gainesville. Such a joy to be around. My life was better for knowing him and his family. I am so sorry for this loss to his family and friends. I know he was treasured and will be greatly missed.*

Lise Fox - August 28, 2025 at 07:24 PM

KM

Dearest Lise, thank you for this wonderful tribute. YOU (and Donna Gilles, and Rochelle Lentini, and others) helped start us on the path to an inclusive education and life for Bo, and we will never forget you. The work you do is critically important, and we are so grateful that our lives intersected all those years ago in Gainesville, FL. ❤️

kate mccoey - October 31, 2025 at 12:48 PM

PS

“ Most of my memories as Bo’s 5th grade teacher involved him smiling, laughing, or being michievous (which usually led to the smiling & laughing) 😄 He chose well when he picked a family.He always knew he was loved and valued. Thank you for sharing Bo with me

Peggy Shrader - August 28, 2025 at 12:50 PM

KM

Thank you, Peggy, for being Bo’s teacher and friend. ❤️

kate mccoy - October 31, 2025 at 01:04 PM

MJ

“ Miranda Jennelle lit a candle in memory of Harry Ellington McCoy IV



Miranda Jennelle - August 28, 2025 at 09:23 AM

CJ

“ Dr. McCoy and family, I am so sorry to hear of Bo's passing. I know you worked tirelessly to love, care for and keep him happy and nourished. I know that he is sorely missed, and I can only imagine what a hollow this has left in your heart. I pray that you find comfort in each other and your collective memories of Bo. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Charlene Jordan - August 27, 2025 at 05:00 PM

KM

Thank you, Charlene, for your kind words and prayers. ❤️

kate mccoy - October 31, 2025 at 01:10 PM

RH

“ *Rachel Hale lit a candle in memory of Harry Ellington McCoy IV*



Rachel Hale - August 27, 2025 at 04:59 PM

CO

“ *Cindy Owens lit a candle in memory of Harry Ellington McCoy IV*



Cindy Owens - August 27, 2025 at 02:31 PM

KW

“ *Bo, you were the life of the party and I am so honored to have known you and be a part of your trusted circle all those many years ago. I love you little brother, rest easy my friend, until we meet again.*

-Kris Wiedegreen

Kris Wiedegreen - August 27, 2025 at 12:24 PM

KM

Bo loved you, Kris, as we all do! Laughing at memories of helping Bo take care of your snake just the other day. So glad you are a forever part of our tribe:)❤️

kate mccoey - October 31, 2025 at 01:09 PM