



## Stephen Christopher McCrea

November 22, 1986 - March 15, 2022

Stephen Christopher McCrea, 35, completed this earthly life Tuesday, March 15, 2022.

A graveside service will be held Sunday, March 20, 2022 at 2:00 pm at Sparrow Swamp Baptist Church Cemetery near Timmonsville, South Carolina.,

Stephen was an Honor graduate of Wilson High School and attended College of Charleston. During IB Art classes in high school, he developed a love of abstract art, a passion which he continued to pursue all of his life. Stephen was co-owner of Railroad Junction an Art Gallery in the Florence Downtown area, when it began its latest revival in 2011. He participated in FMU's International Arts Festival, several competitions, and exhibits with the Florence Arts Alliance, as well as The Florence Museum and various events in downtown Charleston. Stephen also loved planning and coordinating exhibits, including PopCult-True Love and PopCult-Metamorphosis. He later was the owner of Prime Livery an online store specializing in traditional Southern men's wear. Stephen was a brilliant, enigmatic thinker with an eclectic style in both his personality and his physical appearance. He also had

a passion for writing and music.

Surviving are his parents Melinda & Duke Leftridge; grandparents Billie & Sam Stallings; his father Steve (Sherri) McCrea; his brother Jonathan Pierce McCrea; his step-brothers Danny Leftridge (Sierra Coatney) & Robby Leftridge (Kym Ussery); a niece Kenzie Leftridge—with whom he shared the love of visual artistic expression; nephews, Bryson, Blake & Gavin Leftridge; aunts, Heather (Kevin) Hammond and Mandy Stallings; uncles, Tom Hunter and Josh (Leah) Stallings; cousins, Jordan T. Hunter, Grayson S. Hammond and Lawson G. Hammond; his God-Mother, Candyce D. McCrea; as well as a large and loving extended family of Great-Aunts, Great-Uncles, and many cousins. Stephen was predeceased by his paternal grandparents, Rayford H. & Mary W. McCrea; his maternal grandfather, Tommy B. Hunter; his God-Father, Chris Frazier; and 4 great-grandmothers, Mildred O. Pierce, Ruth M. Stallings, Alice Vonceil P. McCrea, and Catherine D. Hunter. Memorials may be made to the Darlington County Humane Society 1705 Adoption Way Darlington, SC 29532.

# Previous Events

## Service

MAR **20**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Sparrow Swamp Baptist Church Cemetery  
Timmonsville, SC 29161

# Tribute Wall

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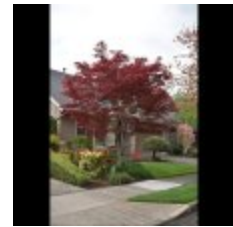
“ I just heard about Stephen's passing. I used to hang out with him when he played guitar in Winter Ferris. He was a huge reason I got into playing guitar and got involved with the local music scene. He was a wonderful person and is truly missed.

-Dennis

Dennis Woods - March 24, 2022 at 03:59 PM



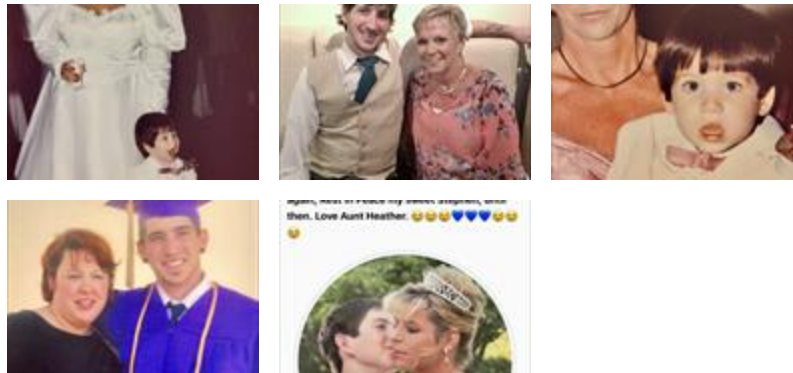
“ Red Leaf Japanese Maple was purchased for the family of Stephen Christopher McCrea.



March 21, 2022 at 02:25 PM

ML

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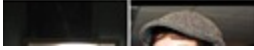


melinda lefridge - March 20, 2022 at 12:58 PM

RF

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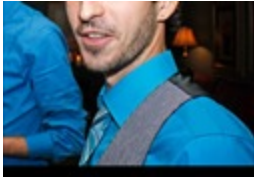
tell your story. Your artist soul will still have a place to rest and take refuge here at The Healing Arts Exchange always and we will still exhibit your latest "The Artists Exhale". Thank you for always believing in the healing arts exchange and the power of local art and your mission to show the world art through your eyes. May your spirit, your art & story live on. We will carry on that mission of Pop Cult Art - R.I.P. Stephen McCrea 🙏🏻🎨



Renee Fitch - March 20, 2022 at 12:57 PM

RF

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Renee Fitch - March 20, 2022 at 12:56 PM

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Renee Fitch - March 20, 2022 at 12:54 PM

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Shane Nickle - March 19, 2022 at 02:24 AM

ML

You guys did have some fun times! Sweet memories!

melinda lefridge - March 19, 2022 at 05:50 AM

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that dont have paint on



melinda lefridge - March 19, 2022 at 02:03 AM

SN

“ I feel like the news of this took days for me to digest. Stephen was one of my closest, dearest friends growing up. We were both somewhat lost, kind of grew up outside of the lines so to speak... I saw his intelligence develop and watched his abstract view of life smeared across canvases, so many canvases. He taught me to appreciate art and how to express myself through it. I can't look at anything without him coming to mind. He was so, so talented. Written in pages of journals that we exchanged back and forth, there was the start our common questions and our misunderstandings of the world... these writings ultimately lead us to start a band together. It was Stephen's confidence in me that helped me start believing in myself. He wrote very odd, sometimes nonsensical sounds with his guitar that somehow, when presented with accompaniment, made music stand out made you feel a connection to the world and with one another. We spent the majority of our childhood, teenage years running around town in our boxer shorts, smoking cigarettes and driving our moms cars to the mall, crying in the backseats because we didn't fully understand how difficult life could be. We thought that we knew everything and had the music to prove it. He marched to the beat of a different drum and I loved the beat that was created. Stephen pushed me to be better. He pushed me to be different. At the core, he was such a shy, kind, and yet very misunderstood individual. We kind of fell out of touch with one another throughout the years... but without him, I would not be the man that I've grown into today. I look in the mirror and still see pieces of Stephen within me everyday, even if he didn't know it. Rest In Peace old friend. I was fortunate enough to know you and I hope you knew that you left a positive impression on me and my life.

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**Shane Nickle** - March 19, 2022 at 01:37 AM

ML

Thanks so much for such a meaningful tribute!! It did my Mama heart good! 🙏

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**melinda lefridge** - March 19, 2022 at 11:52 AM

DK

*God be with u Melinda and your family . Love Dianne and Alan, u are in our prayers.*

**Dianne and Alan Knight** - March 19, 2022 at 12:10 PM

EH

“ *So sorry for your loss Melinda and Duke praying for healing 🙏 for your family.*

**Eva Hardy** - March 18, 2022 at 10:51 PM

RG

“ *Melinda and Duke, my heart is extremely heavy and broken from the loss of your angel. I know just how you are feeling. Please know that I am here for you both as much as I can be. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me at any time. I love you both. I'm sending up prayers for you and your family. 🙏🕊️🕊️❤️*

**Renee Graham** - March 18, 2022 at 07:00 PM

SK

“ *Praying for peace...we are so sorry to hear about Stephen. Much love and friendship always! Susan H Kirby and Family*

**Susan H Kirby** - March 18, 2022 at 05:49 PM

TF

“ *The first time we met Stephen, he was smiling, shy and eager to share his passion which was his art. So talented! What a brilliant and beautiful mind he has. You couldn't help but in be awe of his intelligence and creativity. So very talented and oh so handsome. He quickly won both of our hearts. The world is dimmer and Heaven is brighter. I can't help but reflect he is with the creator of all. What a marvelous discussion he must be having with God. I can't help but think ... For eye has not seen or ear heard, nor our minds understand all the things God has prepared just for Stephen. He is so loved and his smiles in the photos shared give glimpse to that. To Melinda, Duke, and his family you have our deepest condolences and prayers. We shall never forget “ Our Boy” Much love and tightest of Hugs! Ginger & Gene*

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**The Lark Family** - March 18, 2022 at 04:52 PM



“ *We send our deepest condolences, our love and our prayers. Please let us know if we can do anything for you.*

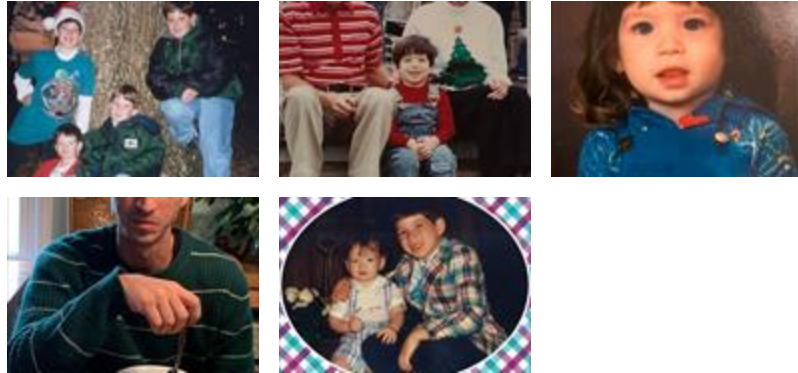
*- Mark and Lan Bailey*

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**Mark Bailey** - March 18, 2022 at 12:09 PM



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Melinda Leftridge - March 17, 2022 at 08:44 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Stephen Christopher McCrea.



March 17, 2022 at 04:42 PM



“ My dearest son I lost so much of your life. Now you are gone and my heart is forever broken. I love you with all my heart. Dad

Steven McCrea - March 17, 2022 at 04:26 PM