



## James Richard (Dick) McCallum

Secretary/Treasurer Emeritus, Order of Merit Recipient

Excerpt from Walker Funeral Home Obituary:

Mr. James Richard "Dick" McCallum, a resident of Durham passed away at Duke Regional Hospital on Wednesday, January 23, 2019 at the age of 94 years old.

Dick was born in Ripley, TN on July 30, 1924 to the late R.B. and Bess McCraw McCallum. He worked for many years as a plaster contractor in the Durham area. Dick loved to work with his hands. He had many hobbies like woodworking, flying and ornamental plaster molding. Dick was a member of the Carrboro United Methodist Church. He was involved in all aspects of the church.

In addition to his distinguished service as a Sergeant in the United States Marine Corp., Dick also was recognized for several outstanding recognition awards in the many civic organizations that he was a member of. His accolades include being recognized as a



Dick McCallum - 2005

past Master and a Lifetime Member of the University Masonic Lodge #408AFAM the Silver Beaver award for the Boy Scouts, a pilot for the Flying Fez (who took children to the Shriner's Hospital), served on the South Orange Rescue Squad and was also a member of Amaran Shrine.

Dick was predeceased by his parents, brother's Watt McCallum and Herbert McCallum; his sister Sara Grey McCallum; his first wife Christine Boone McCallum; his second wife Peggy Norton and his grandson Christopher Grey McCallum. End of Excerpt.

Dick was a late starter in the McCallum-Malcolm clan society. Late in 1980, Dick and his wife Tina joined Herb and Mavis Guthrie and Peggy Norton on a trip to Grandfather Mountain Highland Games. They enjoyed the trip so much started going every year after that.

Herb bought a kilt and Dick got talked into doing the same. Peggy and Tina measured him for the kilt and Dick couldn't believe that it fit so well! Early in the 1990's, he agreed to become secretary/treasurer for the clan with the urging and blessing from Donald Malcolm and Brown McCallum.

Dick discovered that he was signing up people but the Clan would lose them after a year or two. As a result, he began sending out cards to remind them of their dues. This helped a great deal. Later he started adding the expiration above the address on the newsletter. We had about 150 families enrolled when I started and there were about 500 families when he turned the job over to Kinloch McCollum.

In 1992 Dick and Tina visited Scotland and met our Chief Robin Malcolm and his wife Susie at Duntrune Castle. Robin pointed out a leak in the castle. Dick built up a scaffold so he could get outside to "tuck point" the stone. This was the beginning of a friendship which is treasured today.

Dick's greatest memories are from "The Gathering" in 2009 in Scotland and our visit with Robin and Trish after the games in Edinburgh. We also spent several days with his cousin (Doug McCallum) and his wife Hannie.

Dick's greatest surprise was in July 2004 at the Grandfather Mountain Games when he was presented Award of Merit. He was completely floored!

Dick gives thanks to the people whom he has met at the GMHG, Loch Norman, Greenville, Atlanta, Alma and Long Peak games. They are like extended family to he and Peggy.

Dick is a proud Marine, Mason for over 50 years, Boy Scout Leader for 25 years and a leader in his church. Clan MacCallum Malcolm Society owes Dick a debt of gratitude for his service to his faith, country and the Clan Society.