



Francis. B. McCaffrey

A Trustworthy Friend

Whatever town or village you go into, ask for someone trustworthy...

- Matt. 10:11

MEETING FRANK MCCAFFREY IS TO HAVE MET SOMEONE TRULY TRUSTWORTHY. Throughout his life in family, friendships, and career, Frank left all of us inspired by his genuine love and concern and faithfulness.

Frank died October 27, 2018, and on a fine early summer day –Saturday, June 1, 2019– we celebrated a Thanksgiving for his life. The greater community of family, friends, colleagues, and members of the Vermont Judiciary gathered for a morning Eucharist at the Priory. With much gratitude and laughter, we remembered the deep friendship, love and wisdom Frank lived throughout his life and ministry as advocate and judge. We celebrated Frank’s great gifts that he freely gave to all of us. On November 1, 2019 the Rutland, Vermont, District and Family Courthouse was renamed in his honor: the Francis B. McCaffrey Courthouse. ■



Rita Whealan McCaffrey



The Francis B. McCaffrey Courthouse



Weston Priory brothers

On the following page, see Vermont Governor Philip B. Scott’s Proclamation on the dedication of the Courthouse to Judge Francis B. McCaffrey:

State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation

WHEREAS, Francis B. McCaffrey has called Rutland his home since moving there as a young lawyer with his wife Rita Whalen McCaffrey in 1969; and

WHEREAS, Francis B. McCaffrey was appointed to the Vermont Bench as a District Court Judge in 1980; and

WHEREAS, Francis B. McCaffrey was appointed as Vermont's Chief Administrative Judge in 1998, and held the role during the planning of the first-in-the-state Rutland Treatment Court in 2003; and

WHEREAS, Francis B. McCaffrey dedicated his retirement years to volunteering as the Presiding Judge in the Rutland Treatment Court from 2004 to 2018; and

WHEREAS, Francis B. McCaffrey was very instrumental in the planning and construction of the Rutland District and Family Courthouse in 2005; and

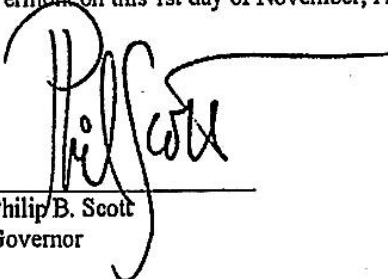
WHEREAS, the Rutland County Legislative Delegation proposed re-dedicating the Rutland District and Family Courthouse to honor Judge McCaffrey's tremendous contributions to the courts, to the legal profession, to the Rutland community and to Vermont; and

WHEREAS, I signed into law Act 42 of 2019 re-dedicating the courthouse at 9 Merchants Row in Rutland as the "Francis B. McCaffrey Courthouse."

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim November 1, 2019 as
FRANCIS B. MCCAFFREY COURTHOUSE DEDICATION DAY


in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 1st day of November, A.D. 2019.



Philip B. Scott
Governor




Brittney L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs