



John McNary

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After a brief illness, John J. McNary, died peacefully on December 31, 2018. Born on August 29, 1941, in Albany, New York, John served in the Navy from 1958-1964. While working at Bethlehem Steel Corporation, he earned his undergraduate degree in Economics from Siena College, and his M. A. in Economics from the State University of New York (Albany). He accepted a position with Federal Express in 1985 and then relocated his family to Memphis, TN, retiring in 2008. Since retirement, John devoted countless hours in service to a range of local charitable organizations including the Habitat for Humanity ReStore and the Memphis Historical Society. John earned his Master Gardener certificate and continued part-time teaching up until his death. A member of Holy Spirit Church, John received the Spiritus Sanctus Award in 2016. John is survived by his wife of 53 years, Tusa McNary, and his children, Joshua Addison McNary (Julia), Jennifer McNary-McIlvain (Jeff), and Bernadette McNary-Zak (David). He took special interest in the lives of his three grandchildren, David Michael, Benjamin, and Elizabeth. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Mid-South Food Bank. Visitation will be held at Memorial Park Funeral Home and Cemetery on Friday, January 4, from 9-11 a.m. with recitation of the holy rosary at 10 a.m. Arrangements have been entrusted to Memorial Park Funeral Home and Cemetery, 5668 Poplar Ave., Memphis, TN 38119 (901) 767-8930. "Celebrating Life... Behind the Stone Wall".



Tribute Wall

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BS

Bill & Gloria Stuble posted:

Rest in Peace, John. A wonderful and gracious brother-in-law. Always fun, adventurous, and we agreed with his opinions on everything! Love to all. Will hold John in our memories forever.

January 6 at 9:20 AM

RH

Ron Hudgens posted:

I will miss seeing John walking his dog, working in his yard and trying to keep road clean in the wooded area . I was always concerned a car might not see him.

January 4 at 4:40 AM

RG

Ralph J. Gabb posted:

John was very devoted to Holy Spirit Catholic Church. I enjoyed seeing him every Sunday at 7:30 services as he took the cross up the isle and was an altar server during Mass. After Mass, I always touched his arm and told him he did a great job serving God during Mass. He will be truly missed. May God bless.

January 3 at 2:40 PM

FA

Frick-N-Flowers Family - Carol, Alex, Nick, And Bob posted:

Our thoughts and prayers go to the McNary family in this time of loss and celebration of life. We hold dear the times spent together and how the McNary family has been such a big part of ours. As time passes, we will forget the things John said or the things he did. But we will always remember how he made us feel and the family and friends left behind. Cherish those memories and the ones closest. "Honor me not by mourning my death, but by celebrating my life" – Chris M. BradenGodspeed John McNary.

January 3 at 4:58 AM

FF

Frank And Adel Soucy Family posted:

Tusa,And Family, Cousin Johnny was very a remarkable person. He was always there for us with kind words and his humor to comfort us and always making sure to stop and visit when he was in the area.He will be missed dearly but never forgotten,he is Home now with his internal Family thats been waiting for him and i am sure the Lord has plans for him.Rest in Peace,until we meet again Cousin ! Love Adel Frank and family !

January 2 at 12:27 PM



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G. Andrew Pouncey posted:

John was a wonderful addition to the Shelby County Historical Commission and supported us at The Germantown Museum, especially with the research and restoration of the McVay Gardens Cemetery. His pleasant manner and knowledge will be missed.

January 2 at 5:17 AM



Mary Dalessandro posted:

RIP Cousin, Condolences to your family. We have good memories of John, and we know he had a special place in his heart for my mother. We lose a great one, God called him home.

January 1 at 3:39 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring John by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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