



# John P. McKay

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**J**ohn Patterson McKay, Jr., age 67, of Lewes, DE passed away suddenly on May 22, 2015 at his residence. John was born in Wilmington, DE on July 23, 1947, son of Julia Ann (Patterson) McKay and the late John Patterson McKay, Sr.

John attended Tower Hill School in Wilmington, DE. He furthered his education attending and graduating from Salisbury School in CT. John also attended Franklin and Marshall College where he earned his B.A. degree. He served his country proudly for 3 three years serving with US Army where he was stationed for a year and a half in Germany.

John's professional career included working for both the Delaware State Chamber and the New Castle County Chamber, where he served in leadership roles in Business Development. After retirement, John focused on using the skills he acquired working for the Chambers, and became a Business and Event Development Consultant. John worked on special events for the Chamber and Goodwill Industries. He also served on the Canary Creek H.O.A. committee.

As an avid boater, John loved to travel around the Chesapeake Bay and the Delaware Bay boating with family and good friends. John and his wife Linda were members of the Lewes Yacht Club where they enjoyed the Club's activities and dining. He immensely enjoyed any project where he could use his hands to build or repair an item or send someone a good business lead. These projects included working on a BMW that he brought back from Germany 40 years ago which was completely restored this past spring.

John was preceded in death by his father, John Patterson McKay, Sr. He is survived by his loving wife, Linda Ridgway McKay of Lewes, DE; his mother, Julia Ann Patterson McKay of Cokesbury Village, Hockessin, DE; two brothers, Richard McKay and his wife Robin of Harbeson, DE and James McKay and his wife Jan of Williamsburg, VA and three nephews: Garrett, Jonathan and Jason McKay.



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A Celebration of John's life will be held at 11 AM on Friday, May 29, 2015 at St. Peters Episcopal Church, 211 Mulberry Street, Lewes, DE. Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to Goodwill of Delaware & Delaware County, ATTN: Ted Sikorski, 300 East Lea Blvd., Wilm., DE 19802.

Please sign John's online guestbook at this site.

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## Tribute Wall

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JM

**Jeff Mckay** posted:

East Coast McKay's:Sorry for your loss. I know I haven't seen you in 24 years but Dad & Jack would call once a week so I would get updates. I try to call Judy once in a while & e-mail. I know that John is watching over Dad & Jack. My prayers are with you.

May 30 at 8:00 PM

CN

**Charles W Nagle** posted:

Aunt Jule, there are no words to ease the pain. Be comforted in the knowledge that Uncle Jack and mother will find him and bring him home . Love from Chip

May 30 at 8:00 PM

SB

**Sharon Bark** posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with Linda and family. John was one of the first people I met when getting into sales 12 years ago and he was always kind and helpful. He touched so many lives and will never be forgotten. May John rest in peace.

May 28 at 8:00 PM

WE

**William Ennis** posted:

Sending condolences from the Ennis family

May 28 at 8:00 PM

VG

**Vaughn Mckamey, Sr.G** posted:

To The Family of John P. McKay, Jr.Please accept my deepest sympathy for the loss of your loved one. I worked with John on many occasions with the new Castle Chamber. I hope the fond memories will help relieve some of your grief.

May 28 at 8:00 PM



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JM

**John McClement** posted:

Totally shocked at the news...Always helpful in business matters, and a few personal as well...John, I hope you are enjoying what we look forward to... And Linda, may you take some comfort in knowing how well thought of John was...and is...

May 27 at 8:00 PM

BM

**Bill & Joan Mansperger** posted:

John was a special person and a wonderful neighbor. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.

May 27 at 8:00 PM

MM

**Max And Vicky Myers** posted:

He was an amazing man. I have known him all my life. My mother is his cousin. We spent summers on the beach many times all of our families together. He was always there to lend a helping hand, and I'm sure none of us would be able to get to the beach without the steps that he built and loving maintained all these years. We will miss him dearly. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Love Max and Vicky Myers and Family

May 27 at 8:00 PM

DQ

**Debra Hopley-Queitsch** posted:

I knew John for many years through his work with the New Castle County Chamber. He was a thoughtful man, always willing to lend a hand, be it the Women's Expo or other chamber functions. John truly personified the meaning of "a good man." Blessings to Linda and all of the McKay family.

May 27 at 8:00 PM

RW

**Ron& Gretchen Walker** posted:

Gretchen & I offer our deepest sympathy to you, Linda, and to the other family members in the loss of John. He was a very special person and he was taken from much too soon. Memories sustain us and John has left many wonderful memories for all to cherish.

May 27 at 8:00 PM



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LP

**Lee And Sher Patterson** posted:

I will miss John as we shared many life experiences. We both had the same name-Patterson (his middle, my last). We both went to small liberal arts colleges in PA (F&M,W&J). We both served in the military in Germany. We both married later than the norm to wonderful women. We both had wonderful parents (who were also friends). We both loved boating -which we talked about all the time. We both recently bought and visited our retirement homes. We both were retired and ready to enjoy this next phase of life. Although I have only known John for the past 10 years, I feel like it has been longer. We will miss John! Lee

May 27 at 8:00 PM

JH

**Jack Heyse** posted:

I am so sorry to here that John passed. I was Ricks neighbor in Stoneridge.

May 27 at 8:00 PM

TW

**Terry Wild** posted:

I share your loss and memory of John. He was a dear friend in the early years of Tower Hill grade and middle school.

May 27 at 8:00 PM

BG

**Bill Gardner** posted:

John was a great friend and business associate and will surely be missed by all.

May 27 at 8:00 PM



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SM

**Scott Moyer** posted:

I am deeply sorry to hear of this untimely passing of my sweet neighbor and childhood friend Johnny McKay. Though we have not been in touch for many years I have a lifetime of joyful memories during the times we spent in Deerhurst as next door neighbors. I always thought the world of all of the Mckays and what absolutely great people they were. Growing up, I couldn't have asked for nicer neighbors who were always a joy to be around. My heart goes out to the entire immediate Mckay family, their close friends and all who came to know the quality of man that John was. I regret not having been in closer touch over these many years but I have always had delightful memories of those fun days we shared in Deerhurst up to the age of 10 when we moved to New Jersey. I am in LA thinking about all of you during this time....Jimmy, Dick and Mrs McKay and feeling the pain of your loss even after all these years. I will always remember Johnny in such a good light and am thankful for that and for having known him. My blessings to you all. Much love, Scott

May 27 at 8:00 PM

LE

**Linda Eriksen** posted:

Linda, I am so so sorry to hear of John's passing. I am still in shock I believe. John was just in the office last Tues planning the tabletop event. I am so heartbroken for you and John's family. I would love any opportunity to help comfort you if I can. please call. John you will be sorely missed my friend.

May 26 at 8:00 PM

RF

**Roxane Ferguson** posted:

Linda & Family, Our thoughts & prayers are with you during this time. John will be missed. Love, Roxane, Peg & the Middletown Chamber Family

May 26 at 8:00 PM



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JT

**Jean Toman** posted:

Dear McKay Family, I was deeply saddened to hear of John's passing. He was a wonderful friend and co-worker, and truly taken from us too soon. John worked tirelessly for businesses in Delaware through both his years at the State Chamber and the County Chamber. He made friends with everyone he met and people will remember him for years to come. It's ironic that he should go home to be with Jack, Sr. at the beginning of his favorite time of the year. His summers in Lewes, being around the water, on the boat and biking thru the town, always held just fond memories for him. It will hurt for us all not to be able to see John and to talk with him again, but for Linda, Judy, Rich & Robin, Jim and Jan, and his 3 nephews, just know that you now have two special angels to watch out for you in all you do. Rest in peace, John. You will be missed.

May 26 at 8:00 PM

DH

**Dawn Boulden {Niece Harmer}** posted:

Linda & John's family, My sincere condolences on the loss of your loved one! May God and your wonderful memories bring you comfort in the difficult days ahead of you!

May 26 at 8:00 PM

EC

**Edd Connor** posted:

John did a lot of good for a lot of people. He will be missed by many.

May 26 at 8:00 PM

DM

**Doug Macgray** posted:

I was shocked and deeply saddened to hear the news of John's sudden passing. He was a giver. Whenever I saw him or met with him over these past decades, he was always interested in what was going on with me and how he could help me. I will miss his sincere, gentle and genuine smile.

May 26 at 8:00 PM

SS

**Sharon Strine** posted:

Deeply saddened for you, Linda, and John's family. John made it effortless to be his friend. I hope that you're comforted by so many of us. Remembering him in grief, but it's impossible not to think positively in his memory and his model. With love and support - Sharon

May 26 at 8:00 PM



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GF

**Gavin Fick** posted:

I am so sorry to hear of John's passing. I always enjoyed working at the Chamber, and a significant part of that was the time I spent with John. He always made sure to get from me what he needed, and then we'd settle in for a long talk about boating and our shared love of being on the water. I'm glad I got to know John, he was a class act all the way.

May 26 at 8:00 PM

RB

**Ron Bevan** posted:

Ron Bevan has sent this Expressions of Sympathy card.

May 26 at 8:00 PM

RB

**Ron Bevan** posted:

So sorry to hear of John's passing. Always enjoyed his company at network and business meetings. I pray he is with the Lord and rejoicing in Heaven.

May 26 at 8:00 PM

SR

**Sharon Huss Roat** posted:

I am so sorry to hear of John's passing. He was a true gentleman, and one of the kindest people I have ever known. It was a privilege to work with him for several years early in my career. My thoughts are with Linda and family.

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EW

**Ed Wright** posted:

Our sympathy, Ed and Barbara Wright

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LR

**Linda Read** posted:

Having the privilege of working with John at the Delaware State Chamber from 1985-90, I am deeply saddened to hear of the loss of this fine man. He was a solid, thoughtful, considerate, and genuine person, and a great colleague with which to partner on new ventures. You could count on John. Sincere and heart-felt condolences to Linda and all his family and many friends.

May 26 at 8:00 PM

RR

**Rosemarie Rossillo** posted:

My heart is saddened to hear this news- Linda the love that you had for each other was incredible! I am so blessed to have known him and to had called him my friend. Hold onto the many memories you have and know he will always be in your heart. RIP my friend John

May 26 at 8:00 PM

CM

**Cathy Matthews** posted:

Linda,Just know that my arms are wrapped around you during this time of loss. John was such a wonderful friend and I know how much he will be missed.My thoughts and prayers are with you and all of his family and friends.Cathy

May 26 at 8:00 PM

SM

**Susan Miller** posted:

It is with a heavy heart that I write about a dear man that gave so much to all of Delaware. We shared a lot of times together as employees of the NCCCC.I am so happy that Linda and John found each other as everyone could truly see how happy they were together.Linda I am so sorry for your loss as I will miss John's light that he brought to this world.

May 26 at 8:00 PM

EA

**Eve Austin** posted:

Linda, our prayers and condolences to you and your family. May the Lord's peace comfort your heart.

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KS

**Karen Smith** posted:

I am so saddened to learn of John's passing. He was such a kind-hearted and fun-loving individual. Linda - you and your family will be in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

May 26 at 8:00 PM

MB

**Marie Blest** posted:

Prayers to John's wife Linda and Family. I remember John back in early 200's when I joined the Chamber, no one was a stranger, RIP John

May 26 at 8:00 PM

CC

**Carl Colantuono** posted:

John was loved by all and an inspiration to us both. John was always willing to help with a project, and able to share a wealth of information. While now enjoying his heavenly reward - he is gone from us so soon. We extend our condolences to Linda & to all of John's family. Carl & Robin Colantuono

May 26 at 8:00 PM

LD

**Lou And Patie Deyenno** posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with you Linda and your Family

May 25 at 8:00 PM

PG

**Phil Gross** posted:

I could not have said it any better than everyone has. What a shock to find out about John's passing. My heart goes out to Linda John ALWAYS did for others and certainly someone that I am honored to say was a friend, mentor and role model. Does anyone know what time the service Friday is, at St. Peter's Church in the service Friday at St. Peter's Church in Lewes, DE?, DE? Is there an obituary as I couldn't seem to find it. Thank you John for all you've done and the impact that you made on so many people's lives. Linda please remember, you're not alone as you are loved and have the support of sooo many people ..... some you know and many that you might not know. I will be attending the service. We will miss you John! heart emoticon

May 25 at 8:00 PM



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FB

**Francine Balinskas** posted:

I have known John for a short time. He and I became friends because of our commitment to the architectural board at Canary Creek. He was a joy to get to know and a wonderful neighbor. Our short friendship will be always remembered. My prayers are with you Linda. Frannie

May 25 at 8:00 PM

DB

**Donna Beck** posted:

I knew John as a neighbor as because I worked with him because of his work on the Architectural Committee for Canary Creek. He walked the community almost daily and was extremely helpful as we endeavored to enhance the landscaping of the community. His attention to detail and his input will be missed. If you ran into John anywhere in the community, he always took the time to say hello. His warm smile and great attitude will be missed. Our prayers are with Linda and their family during this extremely difficult time of saying good-bye.

May 25 at 8:00 PM

KG

**Kathie Rinnier Garofolo** posted:

My deepest condolences to my dear friend, Linda. I am so very sorry for the loss of your husband. I am sending prayers your way.

May 25 at 8:00 PM

GF

**Gary And Diane Foster** posted:

Missing our boating buddy and wonderful friend.

May 25 at 8:00 PM

BP

**Bill Page** posted:

I am deeply saddened by John's passing. He meant so much to me and helped me so much further my business, but more than that he became a friend over the years. I am completely shocked and will miss John tremendously.

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DW

**Donna L. Woerner** posted:

Dear Linda, Julia, Rich, Robin and the entire McKay Family, It was such a shock to learn of the sudden passing of our dear John. There a few words to describe how saddened I am, but will always treasure the wonderful memories of days spent together as friends with such a wonderful, kind, loving, humorous gentleman. My prayers go out to the McKay Family. God Bless you all, With heartfelt sympathy, Donna L. Woerner Woodstown, NJ

May 25 at 8:00 PM

GW

**Ginger Weiss** posted:

Dearest Linda, I'm still struggling to believe that John is gone. He was a remarkable guy. Never said no to anything! I know you'll miss him dearly. But I'm so glad that you, two, enjoyed this last chapter in his life, together. Our love to you, Ginger and Barry

May 25 at 8:00 PM

RM

**Robin McCormick** posted:

John was truly a great man and I am so sad to hear of his loss. I first met John over 15 years ago through the NCC Chamber and I've respected him ever since. My heart and prayers go out to Linda and the entire McKay family.

May 25 at 8:00 PM

FL

**Fritz Land** posted:

John made going to Chamber Meeting enjoyable. You always knew he would be there with a hand shake and a smile!

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BW

**Blake Wilson** posted:

John was a model...as an employee...as a marketing & meeting professional...and as a friend. There was no task too large or too small for John to accept. And if there was a need for a tough problem to be solved, John was the man to handle it...by breaking it down and working it through. He was always full of life -- and he had a kind-hearted way of having fun with his work and those he knew and with whom he worked. But his life truly shifted into high gear when he met and married Linda. I last spoke with John several days before his untimely passing, and he noted how much he was enjoying life from both his personal and professional perspectives -- including his time on boating excursions with Linda and friends. "So life is good," he said, as we wrapped up what I wish now I had known would be our last conversation. I would have told him how much I respected his counsel and hard work over the years...and his friendship. And I would have told him what a difference he made in my life...and the lives of so many he touched through his work in the Chamber field...and through his friendships. May the road rise up to meet you, John -- and until we meet again, may the Lord hold you in the palm of His hand.

May 25 at 8:00 PM

PF

**Pat Forester** posted:

Rest in peace my dear friend. I'm heartbroken and will miss you. Thanks for being my friend. You always found a way to help others.

May 25 at 8:00 PM

SF

**Scott Fitts** posted:

John McKay...The Consummate professional who knew everyone!....Thank you for being part of my early days in Delaware!

May 25 at 8:00 PM

LE

**Labarre Everette** posted:

Linda, please accept my deepest condolences on the sudden loss of your husband John. I will always remember how John welcomed me into the NCCC and was always willing to give 100% for any project he was involved in. He was one in a million.

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BF

**Beth Fisher** posted:

John was my buddy in and out of the NCC Chamber. He was quite a unique and very personable guy who so loved helping people connect and succeed. My prayers are with his lovely wife Linda and the McKay family. He surely will be missed.

May 25 at 8:00 PM

BJ

**Brother Jim** posted:

I will miss my brother so much. He was always there for me. The Lord has taken him to be with Dad. God Bless him.

May 25 at 8:00 PM

SE

**Scott Burdette & Scott Ennis** posted:

Linda, please accept our deepest condolences on the sudden loss of your husband John. We hope as each day passes you find strength and comfort in family and friends to help you through your grief. Our deepest condolences go out to the McKay family as well. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. We hope you find comfort in your memories of John. God Bless John and the entire family. Scott Burdette & Scott Ennis

May 25 at 8:00 PM

RM

**Rich McKay** posted:

I miss my brother so much.

May 24 at 8:00 PM

VD

**Vicki Duchene** posted:

Linda and family...so sad to here that the Lord has taken John from us. Our hearts go out to all of you. He will be missed greatly in the community. Mark and Vicki

May 24 at 8:00 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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