



John M. McMeekin

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John M. McMeekin, age 79, of Lewes, DE passed away peacefully Saturday, August 27, 2016 at Beebe Healthcare in Lewes, surrounded by his loving family. He was born in the Bronx, NY, son of the late Thomas and Margaret (Zimmer) McMeekin.

John retired after 30 years as a Delaware educator, teacher and assistant principal. He was a member of the National Education Association and a former member of the Counsel for Exceptional Children. John attended the University of Delaware and graduated with a Masters Degree from Trenton State College. He spent most of his career in special education, both upstate, and in Sussex County. Becoming the Assistant Principal at Frankfort Elementary School was an especially proud moment for him. John was also a very active member of Epworth United Methodist Church in Rehoboth Beach, the Masons, American Legion Post 28, and Cancer in Common. He was a proud United States Marine Corps veteran, having served during the Korean War, and was a member of the Marine Corps League. He also served in and retired from the Delaware National Guard.

A natural storyteller, John loved to entertain with memories of growing up in the Bronx, his military career, his courtship of Audrey, his children and grandchildren, and the many students he had in his classrooms. He was a gifted writer and was encouraged by several people to write a book. He completed many chapters due to this encouragement. John was a comedian; telling jokes was his favorite thing to do. He felt it was his mission in life to uplift people with his gift of laughter. Even his doctors wanted jokes from him before he left their offices. He was often stopped to talk about his unusual canes, which is when the Irishman in him would come out.

His greatest role, however, was as a wonderful and devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister Mary.



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He is survived by his loving wife of 58 years, Audrey M. (Schwerthoffer) McMeekin. 2 sons: Roger (Beth) McMeekin and Scott (Lisa) McMeekin. 4 grandchildren: Scott, Amanda, John, and Thomas McMeekin. 2 brothers: Michael and Thomas McMeekin, and a sister: Pat Sullivan.

A memorial service will be held on Thursday, September 1, 2016 at 10:00AM at Epworth UMC, 19285 Holland Glade Rd., Rehoboth Beach, DE, where friends may call between 9:00-10:00AM. Final Services with military honors will be held at 2:00PM at the Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 26669 Patriots Way, Millsboro, DE

Memorial contributions may be made to Epworth UMC, the SPCA, PO Box 398, Georgetown, DE 19947, or the Cancer Support Community, 18947 John J. Williams Highway, Suite 312, Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971. In honor of Mr. McMeekin, the family also asks that you think of a favorite joke John shared with you.

Please sign Mr. McMeekin's online guest register.

FLORIST NOTE: PLEASE DELIVER ALL FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS BY 3PM WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31, 2016 TO PARSELL FUNERAL HOMES, LEWES.

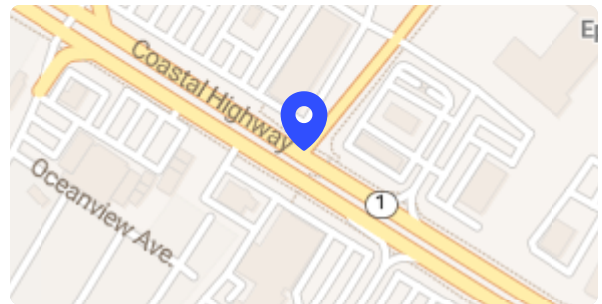


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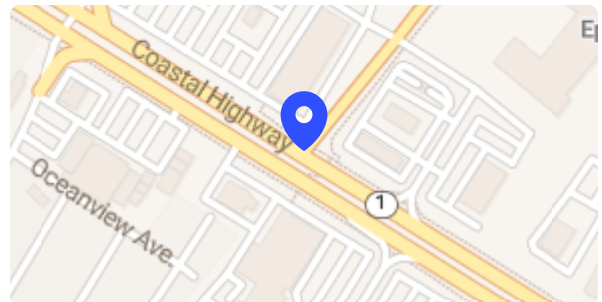
Visitation

- Thursday**, September 1, 2016
- 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM ET
- Epworth United Methodist Church**
19825 Holland Glade Road, Rehoboth Beach DE



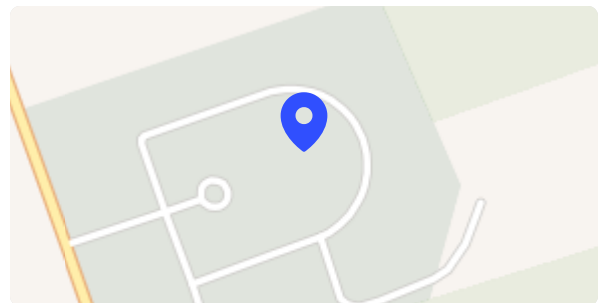
Funeral Service

- Thursday**, September 1, 2016
- 10:00 AM ET
- Epworth United Methodist Church**
19825 Holland Glade Road, Rehoboth Beach DE



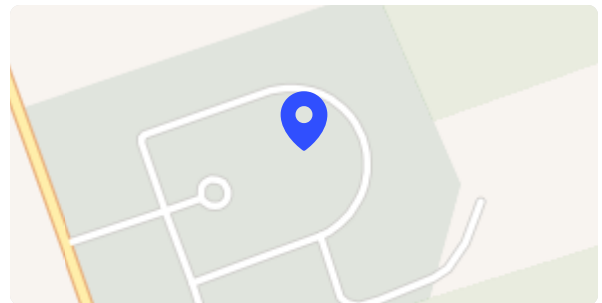
Interment

- Thursday**, September 1, 2016
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Cemetery Details

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Tribute Wall

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Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium shared a **Tribute Video**.



September 1 at 7:28 AM



Amanda Mcmeekin shared 3 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

My bestfriend, my man, my heart. So thankful to have learned and grown in your presence. I'm forever grateful for the hard core Bronx man... but letting me do his hair is one of the best memories I'll ever have 😊😄



August 29 at 9:18 AM



Noelle Bolingbroke lit a candle in honor of John.

It was a pleasure taking care of John and meeting you all. He is with his lord, happier than we could ever dream. Stay strong, keep your smiles and faith, and stay close like you were when I knew you. Noelle, RN



September 13 at 5:24 AM



Noelle Bolingbroke posted:

It was a pleasure taking care of both John and meeting you all. He is with his lord, happier than we could ever dream. Stay strong, keep your smiles and faith, and stay close like you were when I knew you. Noelle, RN

September 13 at 5:23 AM



Beth Howlett posted:

Audrey- I regret I was unable to express my condolences to you in person. I hope you are comforted by the fact that so many of your friends and colleagues feel for your loss of your husband. Beth Howlett

September 7 at 10:17 AM



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CM

Carol Masse posted:

My deepest sympathy for the McMeekin family, I know how much your grandpa was loved by Scott and Amanda and cherished by Lisa and Scott. My prayers are with you always. Carol Masse and the entire Masse family prays for you.

September 3 at 6:28 PM

BL

Becki Mott-Lynn posted:

Audrey so sorry I missed Johns funeral. I just found out from Jane. Such a great man. I saw that it was asked to share a joke of Johns, I would love to but if I post the only one I remember I'll get in trouble....."cracks me up" just thinking about it....

September 3 at 3:32 AM

LW

Linda Wallace posted:

Uncle Johnny was always laughing! He was funny, smart, quirky and silly! When he and Grandad got together they constantly cracked each other up with their jokes, crazy songs and tales of their 'younger days'. I am very grateful that I have those memories. . . .Linda (Rescigno) Wallace

September 2 at 5:58 AM

SK

Susan Kugel posted:

John was a wonderful man. I worked with him in Christina SDis. I learned a lot from him and used that knowledge in my job. His passing must be unbearable, but know that so many lives were touched, improved and better for his skills. Your family will be in my thoughts and prayers. I would have been there today, but have to take my husband to the VA Hospital in Elsmere at the same time as his service. Sue (Scheers) Kugel

September 1 at 6:19 AM



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Tim & Elaine Kennedy posted:

Our memories of both you and John go back over 35 years when you lived in Newark, Audrey, and I taught in Medill and Central and John was such a witty and helpful person. You and I shared many fond memories of our travels and "Welcome Wagon!" When we retired to Rehoboth, I was so happy to hear you both also were here and close by us. It is comforting to know the pain he sometimes endured will not be there any longer. Our thought and prayers go out to you and your family. Sorrowfully, Tim & Elaine Kennedy

August 31 at 11:56 AM



Kathy Turner lit a candle in honor of John.

AUDREY, I AM VERY SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS. WE ARE ALL GOING TO MISS JOHN AND HIS JOKES. HE WAS A VERY SPECIAL PERSON. KATHY TURNER

August 31 at 11:37 AM



Susan Zigler posted:

Audrey and Family, I worked with John at Central on Academy in Newark back in the day! John's great sense of humor kept us going many days! You are in my thoughts and prayers. Sue Zigler

August 31 at 6:12 AM



Vivian Statler posted:

Remembering all the fun times we shared as young teachers getting started in the field of education. We are blessed to have remained friends for probably 50 years. Always keeping in touch even if it was, some years only, the annual Christmas card. Over the years we have shared the good and the bad times in the lives of our families. At this time we share in the loss of your loved one. Sending our Love and Sympathy to Your Family. Woody and Vi

August 30 at 6:44 AM



Anonymous sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the McMeekin family.

August 30 at 4:51 AM





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CI

Cindy posted:

Audrey and family,What a blessing John was! I'll always remember his unique sense of humor, quick wit and his "shillelagh."My deepest sympathy,Cindy Anderson

August 29 at 5:09 PM

GS

Gary & Sheryll Law lit a candle in honor of John.

Dear Audrey, thinking about you and celebrating the memories we shared at Epworth together.. My dad, Dave Baker, always looked forward to Johns jokes shared on the phone on paper! What a wonderful way to be remembered! God Bless you! And your family! SHERYLL & Gary Law



August 29 at 2:27 PM

PM

Peace, Epworth Stephen Ministers sent a Beautiful in Blue to the McMeekin family.



August 29 at 12:47 PM

BG

Bj Gilmore posted:

Audrey & Family--We shared the Bronx; we shared Osher Lifelong Learning in Lewes; ; we shared the Marine Corps.May John share eternal rest in the loving arms of Jesus,Tana & Bernie Gilmore

August 29 at 10:12 AM

EB

Emory Buck posted:

Always admired John and enjoyed his company and sense of humor. He will be missed greatly.Emory and Anne Buck

August 29 at 9:18 AM



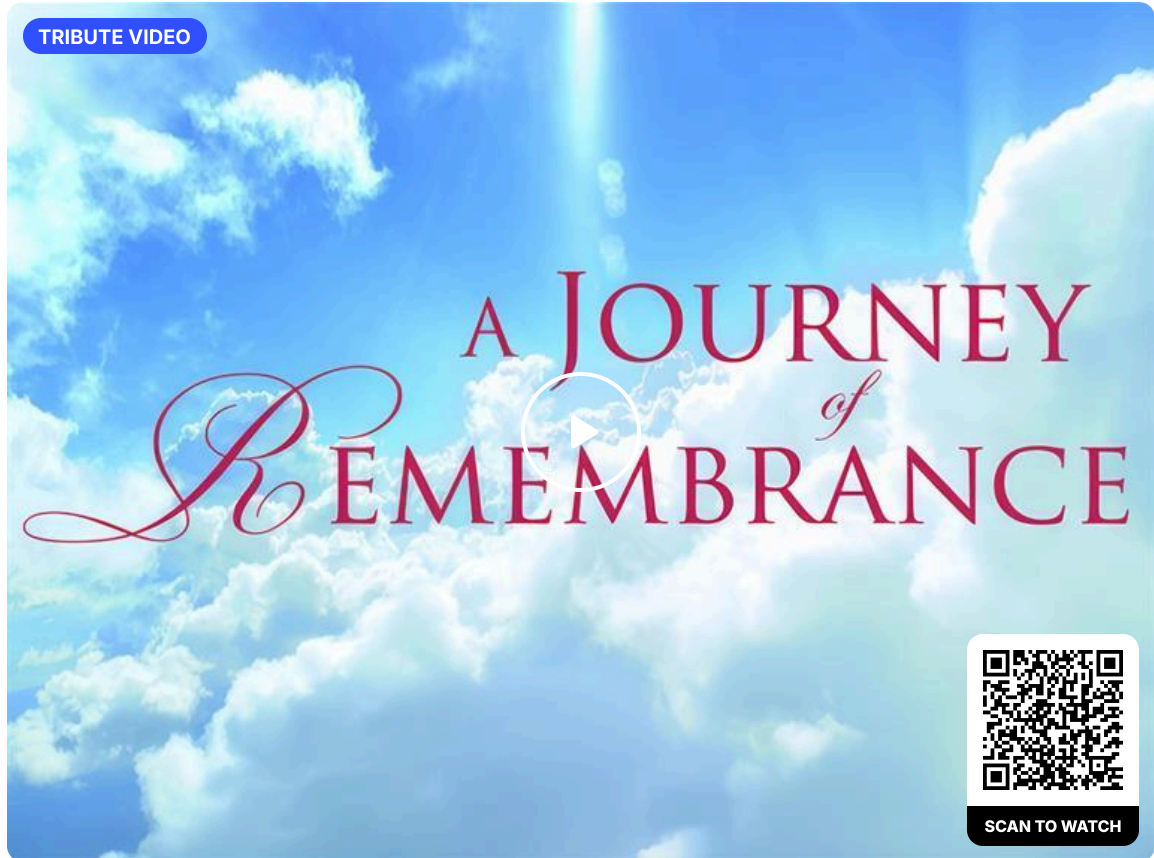
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September 1 at 7:28 AM



Amanda Mcmeekin February 6 at 5:01 AM

Where is his funeral video please 🙏



Darlene Drobnak-Rotolo September 5 at 3:49 PM

What a beautiful tribute to a great man that I am proud to call my uncle !! I love you Uncle Johnny !!! You will be missed !!



Hannah Mcmeekin September 1 at 9:17 AM

A great tribute to a beautiful life well lived



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February 6 at 5:00 AM





Memories only last if you share them

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



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