



John Thomas "Jack" McKenna

October 14, 1938 - March 7, 2023

John Thomas "Jack" McKenna, 84 of Barboursville, WV, passed away Tuesday, March 7, 2023 in Elmira, NY. He was born October 14, 1938 in Elmira, NY; son of the late Henry and Mary Kingston McKenna. He was a United States Navy Veteran serving aboard the USS Ranger as an air traffic controller. Afterwards, he worked for over 40 years in the grocery business, retiring in 2000 from SuperValu where he served as Director of Retail Stores. He was very active in his community, serving on the Barboursville Park Board as a founding member and president. He was passionate about Barboursville Little League, serving as president multiple times, later becoming caretaker of the field that now bears his name. During the holidays, he brought joy to many children by playing Santa Claus for local churches and groups. In his free time, he liked to hunt, was an aspiring artist, and enjoyed spending time with his family. No matter what, he was always ready to lend a hand to anyone in need.

He was preceded in death by his father, Henry McKenna, his mother Mary Kingston McKenna and his sister, Mary Jo Cornish. He is survived by his beloved wife of 62 years, Sharon, and their nine children; Chris (Charlann), Jeff and Tom of Barboursville, WV, Tim (Margee) of Hubbard, OH, Kevin (Kathy) of Chesapeake, OH, John (Chiemi) of Ona, WV, Billy of Culloden, WV, Kelly Scouten of Corning, NY, and Andy (Martha) of Lewisville, NC., as well as his fourteen grandchildren; Caitlyn, Emily, Kenneth (Holly), Stephanie (Chris), Heather, Riley, Grace, Sofia, Matthew, Nicolas, Molly, Ian, Carter and Tatum,

and his three great grandchildren; Zelda, Otto and Artemis, as well as cousins, nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM on Monday, March 13, 2023 at Henson & Kitchen Mortuary and Cremation Services, 6357 E. Pea Ridge Road, Huntington, WV 25705 near Barboursville. Mass of Christian Burial will take place at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church, 545 Norway Ave, Huntington, WV 25705 on Tuesday, March 14, 2023 at 10:00 AM with Father Tijo George and Monsignor Dean Borgmeyer officiating. There will be a private burial for the family conducted at a later date at Spring Hill Cemetery, Huntington, WV. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Cabell Midland Marching Band. Online condolences and memories may be shared with the family by visiting www.hensonandkitchen.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **13**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Henson and Kitchen Mortuary and Cremation Services
1592 East Pea Ridge Road
Huntington, WV 25705
(304) 736-8986
fredkitchen@hensonmortuary.com
<https://www.hensonandkitchen.com>

Mass of Christian Burial

MAR **14**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church
545 Norway Avenue
Huntington, WV 25705

Tribute Wall



“ *John Thomas "Jack" McKenna*

October 23, 2023 at 01:49 AM



“ *Jack helped me open my first store in Wellsboro Pennsylvania when he worked for Flickinger. After he moved to West Virginia, he would stop in the store sometimes to say hi, but my best memory is him stopping at our newest store. Papa the Butcher. I told him that we purposely went through Huntington on our way to see our daughter who is living in Louisville at the time, We wanted to see the fountain at Marshall University but it was closed that day for repairs. A couple of months later there's a picture of the fountain sitting on our doorstep at the store. It's hanging on the wall of my office so now I have a nice memory of what a classy guy Jack was.*



Gabriel Greco - March 31, 2023 at 05:50 PM



Thank you so much for sharing this memory!

Sharon McKenna - July 02, 2023 at 11:58 AM



“ *I was so sorry to hear of Jack's passing. He had the best smile and was such a sweet man the few times I was around him. Sending love to all the McKenna family!!*

Kay Moore - March 13, 2023 at 12:02 PM

SM

Thank you Kay. We appreciate your message.

Sharon McKenna - July 02, 2023 at 12:00 PM

PS

“ *Sharon, Jack was a lot of things to a lot of people. He was very involved in his community and he loved being involved. I personally enjoyed being with him on the Park Board and loved the visits we had when he came to City Hall. I will cherish them forever. He will be missed but never forgotten. Paula Seay, friend and Village Recorder.*

Paula Seay - March 13, 2023 at 10:00 AM

SM

Thank you Paula, you meant a lot to Jack.

Sharon McKenna - July 02, 2023 at 12:00 PM

CH

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Charlann - March 12, 2023 at 10:22 PM

SM

Thank you for posting this, Charlann! I just found it!

Sharon McKenna - July 02, 2023 at 03:56 PM

CM

“ 1 file added to the album *Tribute Wall*



Charlann McKenna - March 12, 2023 at 10:15 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of John Thomas "Jack" McKenna.



March 12, 2023 at 07:09 PM

BM

“ SO sorry to hear of Jack's passing...deepest condolences . Lots of love to your family. **BETSY MILLER (FOR TROY, PA.)** And from my family...Hank, Tony, Andy, Heidi and Floyd

Betsy Miller - March 12, 2023 at 05:46 PM

SM

Thank you so much, Betsy!

Sharon McKenna - July 02, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of John Thomas "Jack" McKenna.*



March 12, 2023 at 12:29 PM



“ *Shronand family. So sorry to her of Jack's psassing. My prayers for him and all his children. Larry Cecce*

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Lawrence Cecce - March 11, 2023 at 08:05 PM



Thank you, Larry.

Sharon McKenna - July 02, 2023 at 12:02 PM

LC

“ *Lawrence Cecce lit a candle in memory of John McKenna*



Lawrence Cecce - March 11, 2023 at 08:01 PM

SM

This is greatly appreciated.

Sharon McKenna - July 02, 2023 at 12:02 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of John Thomas "Jack" McKenna.*



March 11, 2023 at 09:59 AM

SB

“ *19 files added to the tribute wall*



Sherman Burlingame - March 11, 2023 at 09:45 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John Thomas "Jack" McKenna.*



March 11, 2023 at 09:24 AM



“ *Sharon there are just so many memories I have of Jack that I can't begin to start on here. One however that really stands out and involved your entire family was the time you invited us to the Lady of Fatima Fish Fry. We really enjoyed it, especially the keg of beer at the end of the line. That was the first time I thought I was going to be struck by lightning inside the church. God bless Jack and the Entire McKenna family.*

Sherman Burlingame - March 11, 2023 at 09:19 AM



“ *Growing up, we were friends with the McKenna family who lived in Troy, PA. Jack McKenna worked with my dad at Flickinger's.*



I Remember going to their house often. It was especially fun for me because they had boys I could play with. Their lone daughter had fun as we brought girls she could play with.

I'm very saddened to hear of Mr McKenna's passing and send heartfelt condolences to Mrs McKenna, her children, and grandchildren. RIP Mr McKenna. 🙏❤️😭

Alan Cecce - March 11, 2023 at 08:13 AM

TB

“ *Great guy !! Prayers to all of the family !*

Tim Black - March 10, 2023 at 01:45 PM

TW

“ *Jack and Sharon McKenna were some of the kindest people I encountered as a teenager. I have been forever grateful to their compassionate and welcoming ways. My prayers are with the entire family. Toni Moore Walls*

Toni I. Walls - March 10, 2023 at 01:02 PM