



Henry McKiernan

May 22, 1948 - March 25, 2021

Henry "Hank" McKiernan, 72, of Kannapolis, passed away on Thursday, March 25, 2021 at home. He was born on May 22, 1948 in Wadsworth, OH, to the late George and Geneva McKiernan.

Hank was a veteran of the Vietnam War serving as a medic in the US Navy. He graduated from East Mecklenburg High School and Central Piedmont Community College. Hank spent 29 years in law enforcement. His career started in 1971 with the City of Charlotte as a police officer. He retired in 2000 with 15 years in Davidson as Police Chief. After leaving law enforcement he went to work for the Mint Museum in Charlotte as the Facility Manager. To quote Hank "it's the best job I ever had". His comrades contributed to his love for the job.

He will be remembered for his compassion, wit, his desire to help others and of course being outspoken. Hank left a lasting impression on all that knew him. He will live on in our hearts.

He is survived by his wife of 33 years, Cheryl Wilson McKiernan; daughter, Ashley Hieronymus (Stephen); grandchildren, Natalie and Alexander; his sisters, Denise Beardslee and Carol Cleckner; nieces and nephews.

No memorial events are currently scheduled. His family always included

rescue dogs. In lieu of flowers, his family asks, if you are so moved, that you please send memorial donations to: North Mecklenburg Animal Rescue in Charlotte NC.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory, Mooresville, NC, is serving the McKiernan family. Condolences may be made to the family at www.cavin-cook.com.

Cemetery Details

Cavin-Cook FH & Crematory

494 E. Plaza Drive
Mooresville, NC 28115

Tribute Wall

MW

“ I will never forget Hank and the opportunity he gave me in law enforcement. I remember starting my career in law enforcement in Davidson, and the knowledge and experience he passed on to me. While we took our responsibilities serious, he allowed us to have fun as well. He told some of the funniest stories from his military and police days. I can still see him laughing and smiling. He also gave us young police officers the room to make mistakes, and grow in the job.

When I approached retirement age myself in 2015 I gave Hank a call. It was great to talk with him again. Since that time I've called Hank periodically over the years. It was always great to talk with him and I was enriched by our conversations.

I will miss you Chief. Thanks for everything. I'm sad you're no longer here but take solace in knowing you're with Christ.

Mike Webb

Mike Webb - August 25, 2021 at 01:42 PM

JE

“ Dear Hank, little brother. Always bright and moving and full of mischief. I will love you and miss you always.

Judith Entwife - March 31, 2021 at 02:32 PM

Jim Mashburn

“ Jim Mashburn lit a candle in memory of Henry McKiernan



Jim Mashburn - March 30, 2021 at 07:52 AM

JH

“ *Jeff Hinson lit a candle in memory of Henry McKiernan*



Jeff Hinson - March 30, 2021 at 06:59 AM

LS

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Hank was truly one of a kind, and so much fun to work with at the Mint. His mischievous manner was balanced by his truly kind and giving nature. There are lots of stories, and they all make me smile. Sending love to the family.*
Leslie Strauss

Leslie Strauss - March 29, 2021 at 05:34 PM