



John Russell McElhany

August 8, 1961 - April 5, 2021

John Russell McElhany, 59, of Mooresville, passed away on Monday, April 5, 2021.

He was born on August 8, 1961 in Lewistown, PA to Nancy Jane Alexander McElhany and the late John Peter McElhany. John was a veteran having served in the U.S. Navy. He enjoyed watching the Atlanta Braves and Penn State Nittany Lions as well as sitting around the fire pit with a cigar. He adored his wife, children and his puppy, Ginger. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by his loving wife, Ann Johnson McElhany; sons, John "Johnny" Taylor McElhany of Coralville, Iowa, James "Jimmy" Russell McElhany of Mooresville; sisters, Teresa Jane Merryman (Lynne) of Port Matilda, PA, Marsha Jane DiFrango (Ron) of Midlothian, VA; nieces and nephews, Michael Merryman, Alicia Wrye (Josh), Cassie DiFrango, Caroline DiFrango; great niece, Taylor Wrye; great nephews, Landon Wrye and Levi Wrye.

A graveside service to celebrate John's life will be held on Sunday, April 11, 2021 at 2:00 pm with full military honors at Glenwood Memorial Park with Rev. Gary Sowell officiating.

The family will greet friends following the service at the cemetery.

For those who are unable to attend the graveside, you may go to the following link for the live stream <https://www.facebook.com/CavinCookFuneralHomeServices/>

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Wounded Warrior Project P.O. Box 758516, Topeka, Kansas 66675-8516.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home, Mooresville, is serving the McElhany family.

Condolences may be made to the family at www.cavin-cook.com.

Cemetery Details

Glenwood Memorial Park

273 Glenwood Drive
Mooresville, NC 28115

Previous Events

Graveside Service

APR 11. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM.

Glenwood Memorial Park

Tribute Wall



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Russell McElhany.*



April 10, 2021 at 04:41 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Russell McElhany.*



April 09, 2021 at 12:07 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Russell McElhany.*



April 09, 2021 at 10:02 AM



“ *Oh no, We are so sorry to hear of John's passing. We did not know. You and your family are in our prayers. God Bless!!*

Cotton Ketchie - April 09, 2021 at 03:56 AM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of John Russell McElhany.*



April 07, 2021 at 04:44 PM



“ *Ann, Johnny and Jimmy I am so sorry for your loss. John was a good friend and I enjoyed the time we spent together. My memory of John is how we would sit and talk, he would always have a project in mind he wanted to do, he would run his ideas by me and ask my advice or how I would go about doing it. My favorite was when he decided he want to fix the door going under the house, he asked if I would help him, of course I said yes, so we discussed how to go about it and told him to just let me know when he was ready. Well to my surprise, one day he sent me a picture of the completed job, I said it looks good but I thought I was going to help you...He responded that he had brought home a tool that belonged to his father and couldn't wait to use it so he went about it himself. I can't remember for the life of me what tool it was, but John was so proud, he invited me over to see the door and fed me a steak dinner for coming. I will miss you John but you will forever have a place in my heart.*

Richard Tucker - April 07, 2021 at 11:19 AM

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“ My memory of John will always be that he was such a good and kind person as well as a great husband and Father. He was just one of those people that everyone liked and always willing to help anyone who needed help. He will be so missed by our family. What a loss for all of us. God bless you John for all the good you did in your life.

Linda Boyd Schmidt - April 07, 2021 at 10:39 AM

JW

“ Johnny and Jimmy,
I am so sorry about your dad. He loved you both very much and was very proud of you. You all are in my prayers and thoughts. Jeff Wright

Jeff Wright - April 07, 2021 at 07:50 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Russell McElhany.



April 06, 2021 at 08:12 PM

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“ John brought a smile to so many people. He will never be forgotten. He's storytelling from old times and the love for he's family and friends will be what I remember the most. I am honored to have worked beside you for the last 6 years. What I would do to hear you say "Pretty good day" one last time.

Heath Culp - April 06, 2021 at 06:10 PM



We are so very sorry for your loss. Jim and Sandy Austin

Sandra W Austin - April 09, 2021 at 08:03 PM