

John D. McKeown

July 20, 2021

John D. McKeown (Sailor John), 61 of Tampa Florida, passed peacefully in his sleep on July 20, 2021.

He was born in New Haven to the late Nancy (Downing) and James E. McKeown.

John grew up in Northford CT with a very active youth, playing little league baseball, midget football and he also played the fife in the Minute Men fife and drum corp. He attended Xavier High School with a focus on Track and Football. College life was spent at Maine Maritime Academy in Castine Maine, he enjoyed another 4 years of playing football and graduated with a bachelors degree in Marine Engineering.

He had a number of exciting jobs that took him all over the world, as would say, he has sailed every sea. He was the marine engineer aboard the Saga 9, Charles Payson's yacht - owner of the Mets MLB and Louisiana Tug Boat Co. He served as a reserve officer Lieutenant (JG) United States Navy and shipped with O.R.I and TECO Ocean Shipping Inc.

John loved all sports and attended as many Tampa Buccaneers, Rays and Lightening games as possible. He had many interests and his most favorites were The Patriots, Boston Red Socks and Cooking. If you were friends with John on Facebook, you were entertained with photos of his many creative culinary dishes, coming up with new ways to use bacon was a favorite. His

friends raved about Sailor John's famous mushrooms and stuffed clams, also the two dishes he always made for the family when home in CT.

John was the beloved brother of James (Anne) McKeown, Milford CT, Maura Erin McKeown, Hamden CT and Nadeen McKeown, West Haven CT. He leaves behind two nieces who were the light of his life, Brennan McKeown (GodDaughter) NYC, New York and Tiernan McKeown, Cincinnati Ohio. He will be missed dearly by his Aunt Joan Connor, West Haven CT. He had many beloved cousins and a wonderful community of friends from CT and Tampa FL.

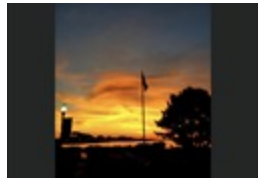
The family has heartfelt thanks to Johns Tampa family, with extra special thanks to Bill Poole, Amber and Derek Vacura, Lisa Pack and Chris Haney, your kindness and generosity will always be remembered. There are countless family and friends who have reached out and we are truly appreciative.

Celebration of life mass September 11, 2021 at 10:55 am, Our Lady of Victory Parish, 300 Capt. Thomas Blvd., West Haven, CT 06516 (203) 934-6357. In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to The J.E. McKeown Family Scholarship, Notre Dame High School, 1 Notre Dame Way, West Haven, CT 06516. Please wear masks for the safety of all in attendance. Burial will be private. A Celebration of John's life will take place at a later date when it is safe to congregate and celebrate together.www.siskbrothers.com

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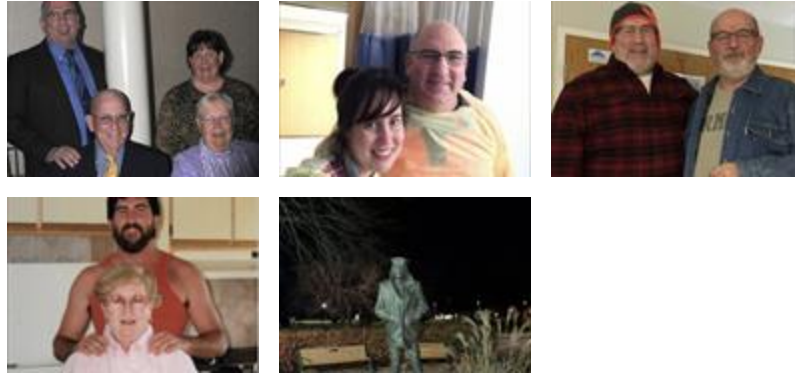
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“ Nadeen and Family you are all in my thoughts and prayers

WHEN TOMORROW STARTS WITHOUT ME

*When tomorrow starts without me
And I'm not here to see
If the sun should rise and find your eyes
All filled with tears for me*

*I wish you wouldn't cry
The Way you did today
While thinking of the many things
We did not get to say*

*I know how much you love me
As much as I love you
Each time that you think of me
I know you will miss me too*

*When tomorrow starts with out me
Please try to understand
That an angel came and called my name
And took me by the hand*

*The angel said my place was ready
In heaven far above
And That I would have to leave behind
All those I Dearly Love*

*But When I walked through Heaven's Gates
I felt so much at home
When GOD looked down and smiled at me
From his golden throne*

He said This Is Eternity

*And All I promised you
Today for life on earth is done
But Here it starts a new*

*I promise no tomorrow
For today will always last
And Since each day's the exact same way
There is no longing for the past*

*So When Tomorrow starts without me
Do not think we're apart
For every time you think of me
Remember I'm right here in your heart*

Author: David M Romano

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“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of John D. McKeown.*



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