



## John Edward McCleary

September 23, 1928 - March 29, 2013

John, Edward McCleary, born September 23, 1928 in Farmington, MA to Elmer & Edith (Olsen) McCleary, John is preceded in death by his older sister Janet (McCleary) Brightman and is survived by his younger brother David McCleary. John leaves behind his wife Joyce Stevens (Greenway) McCleary, their three sons, Mark (Robin) of Jupiter FL, Alan (Maureen) of St. Augustine FL, and Michael of Wake Forest NC, eight grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

After graduating from high school in 1947 from Palmer, MA and upon his 18th birthday, John enlisted in the Air Force. While stationed at McDill AFB, Tampa, FL, he served with the Military Police Corp, Strategic Air Command (SAC). Pursuing his love for electronics, he subsequently trained as a radio repair specialist and transferred to a Strategic Air Command, rapid deployment base in North Africa. Discharged from military service in 1954, he returned home to Monson, MA where he completed his education at Western New England College in 1963.

While working for Pratt & Whitney in Hartford CT, John was transferred to Palm Beach Gardens, FL in 1981 and lived in PBG for several years before moving to Jupiter. John belonged to the Masonic Lodge, "Day Spring Lodge" in Monson, MA, then after relocating to Florida, he joined the Masonic Lodge in Florida as well as becoming a member of the Shriners (Flying Fez's) in

PBG.

John retired from Pratt & Whitney in 1992. He occupied his time with his passion for flying. He was an accomplished pilot, earning his Instrument Flight and High Performance (retractable) ratings.

John passed away peacefully on March 29th, 2013 at 2:32pm with his wife by his side. All are going to miss him, his laughter and wit. There will be a visitation for family and friends the evening of Monday April 01, 2013 from 6 – 7 PM with a funeral service at 7:00 PM. A graveside service will take place on Tuesday April 02, 2013 at the South Florida National Cemetery in Lake Worth at 11:00 AM.

# Tribute Wall



“ *John Edward McCleary*

October 22, 2023 at 10:17 AM



“ *Just learning about John ... sorry for your loss he was a wonderful guy Martha and I always felt that he was a special one with his endearing smile and friendly character he was our realtor and always a friend to help you both were our prized next- door neighbor for so many years I am thinking of you at this time and I know Martha is also looking down on you with love. Fred*

**Fred Valego Jr - Monson, MA - former neighbor** - April 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *So very very sorry for your loss Stevie. John was a very good friend as well as my brother. It was John that told me on Christmas break partway through my first semester of college "not to worry, Buddy, we'll go up to the Palmer Bank and I will co-sign a note for you to complete your first year of college" He then got the bank Vice President to authorize college scholarship loans for me to complete my education. We had some good times flying which I shall never forget.*

**David & Linda McCleary - Billerica, MA - Brother** - April 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Ken and Betty*

**Ken and Betty Raymond - Monson, MA** - April 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Stevie,

*I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time.*

*Donna Haver*

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**Donna Haver - Greenacres, FL - Friend** - April 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dearest Stevie,

*We've been thinking about all of you during this difficult time. Did not see the newspaper about the service until just now and so sorry we were not able to be with you for the service.*

*Please know of our love and prayers for John's journey through all the worlds of God.*

*All our love*

*Ray and Carla*

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**Carla & Ray Jeffords - Jupiter, FL - Friends** - April 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ *John was a very dear person with such an infectious smile and loving presence whenever we would stop by on our southern trips to say hello to he and Stevie. What the McCleary family now has to hang onto are all your wonderful memories, those can never be taken away.*

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**Pearl and Susan Blumenschein - Marysville, OH - Friends** - April 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Uncle John was always good for making you laugh. I have good memories of Uncle John and that's the best.* ”

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**Treasure (Brightman) Wollin - Bowling Green, KY - Niece - March 31, 2013 at 12:00 AM**