



JOHN F. McPEAK

November 23, 1940 - April 23, 2024

John F. McPeak, a lifelong resident of Solvay, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, April 23rd. He was 83 years old.

He is survived by his loving wife of 53 years, Beverly Jean (Jensen) McPeak, of Solvay; son, Patrick McPeak and wife Melissa McPeak, of Camillus; grandsons, Colin and Seamus McPeak, of Camillus; brother, David McPeak and wife Barbara McPeak, of Syracuse; and a substantial number of extended family members who loved and respected him for his kindness, selflessness, and generosity. John was predeceased by his parents, Leo and Margaret (McKeon) McPeak; and his beloved son, Sean McPeak. In his final days, he expressed to his family that he was excited to be reunited with his parents and his son; and while his loved ones left behind are deeply saddened by this loss, they are comforted to know that John is in a special place with special people where illnesses and suffering do not exist.

John lived a long life of honor and service. He graduated from Solvay High School and went on to earn a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree in Accounting from Le Moyne College and a Master of Science Degree in Business Education from Syracuse University. He served our nation in the United States Army from 1963 to 1966 while stationed at Fort Eisenhower (f/k/a Fort Gordon) near Augusta, GA, and then as an Active-Duty Reservist in Syracuse. Professionally, John worked as an accountant at KPMG Peat Marwick before serving the Village of Solvay as its Comptroller for approximately 17 years. He then joined Geddes Federal Savings and Loan

Association as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, a position he proudly and skillfully held for over 20 years until his well-deserved retirement in 2015.

As a man who not only believed in giving back to his community but did so with passion, John again showed dedication to the Village of Solvay as Trustee and Deputy Mayor for 8 years. Beyond this, he was President of the Municipal Electric Utilities Association of New York State, Chairman of the Board for the Solvay/Geddes Community Youth Center, and Liaison to the Solvay Public Library Board of Trustees. For many decades, John also spent a few months out of the year preparing tax returns for friends, family, and local businesses. If a client had fallen on hard times and was unable to pay full rate, it was not uncommon for John to do the work for free. This is the kind of man he was.

John was brilliant, but not cocky. He never complained - ever. He took life's struggles and handled them with grace, dignity, and calm. He was passionate about politics, often alternating between MSNBC and Fox News to ensure he was getting the whole story from both sides. He was a rabid fan of the New York Yankees and, by his own admission, a fair-weather fan of Syracuse University athletics. He loved history, traveling the world, candy, beer, puzzles, European soccer and his chair at home. But most of all, he had an unwavering and passionate love for his family. His family meant everything to him, and he leaves behind a blueprint for future generations to learn how to be a great man, son, husband, father, and grandfather. His was indeed a life well-lived.

Family and friends may call from 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM Wednesday May 1, 2024 at BAGOZZI TWINS FUNERAL HOME, 2601 Milton Avenue. John will privately be put to rest with Military Honors in Greenlawn Memorial Park, Warners.

Flowers are welcomed and his family asks that if considering contributions, they be made to the National Alliance on Mental Illness Syracuse in the name of Sean P. McPeak at NAMI Syracuse, 917 Avery Avenue, Syracuse, NY

13204 or online at namisyracuse.org/donate/.

BAGOZZI TWINS FUNERAL HOME, Solvay, NY, has care of arrangements.

Please share online tributes at www.bagozzitwins.com.

Cemetery Details

GREENLAWN MEMORIAL PARK - PRIVATE ENTOMBMENT

2932 Warners Rd.
Warners, NY 13164

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 1. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

BAGOZZI TWINS FUNERAL HOME
2601 Milton Avenue
Solvay, NY 13209
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<http://www.bagozzitwins.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *Bagozzi Twins Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of JOHN F. McPEAK*



BAGOZZI TWINS FUNERAL HOME, INC. - April 30, 2024 at 02:47 PM

JA

“ *My sympathy to the whole family.*

Jane - May 10, 2024 at 08:31 AM

SC

“ *Steve Corrieri planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of JOHN F. McPEAK.*

Steve Corrieri - April 30, 2024 at 06:24 PM

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“ *Steve Corrieri purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of JOHN F. McPEAK.*



Steve Corrieri - April 30, 2024 at 06:24 PM

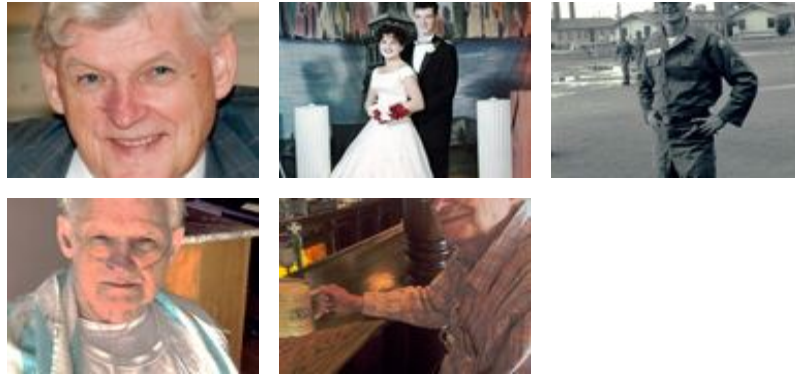
LJ

“ *Deepest condolences and prayers to the McPeak family for the loss of your beloved John. May you find comfort in cherishing treasured memories of your life together.* ”

Linda Jackson - April 30, 2024 at 03:25 PM



“ 46 files added to the album *Life Tributes* ”



BAGOZZI TWINS FUNERAL HOME, INC. - April 30, 2024 at 02:37 PM

KR

“ *May the wonderful memories you have of John bring you through this difficult time.* ”



Kimberly Richardson - April 29, 2024 at 02:28 PM

TR

“ *Dear Jean and Patrick,
Please accept our sincere condolences on the passing of John. May he rest in peace.
Blessings, Tricia and Ed Nunez* ”

Trish - April 29, 2024 at 12:45 PM

BJ

“ *Bob Lalor & Mary John purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of JOHN F. McPEAK.*



Bob Lalor & Mary John - April 29, 2024 at 11:44 AM

TF

“ *The Fougner's purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of JOHN F. McPEAK.*



The Fougner's - April 28, 2024 at 09:29 PM



“ *Jean and Patrick, so sorry to hear of John's passing. Although it's hard to understand, he is at peace, with no more pain or suffering. Blessings,
Chuck and Robin Pease*

Chuck Pease - April 28, 2024 at 04:26 PM

CR

“ *I am so sorry to hear of John's passing. We were members of the Solvay gang at Le Moyne and had many Friday nights relaxing at Twin Trees after a tough week at school. He worked hard at college, and turned out to be a model citizen and family man. I'm proud to have known him.*

Carol A Rightnour - April 28, 2024 at 11:42 AM



“ I have known John since grade-school at Boyd School. We went from Solvay through LeMoyne College together. John will be greatly missed. Art Santos

Art Santos - April 27, 2024 at 07:29 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of JOHN F. McPEAK.



April 27, 2024 at 03:27 PM



“ I spent my younger years knowing John and Jean. Sean and Jamie playmates and John and Jean supportive friends of this single mom. A good dad and husband from start to finish. Condolences from a remembering heart.

Linda Bailey - April 27, 2024 at 01:21 PM



“ The Geiger Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of JOHN F. McPEAK.

The Geiger Family - April 25, 2024 at 04:52 PM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of JOHN F. McPEAK.*



April 25, 2024 at 04:52 PM