



John A. "Jack" McCullen

February 6, 1931 - September 15, 2021

Altamont-John "Jack" Anthony McCullen of Altamont joined his devoted wife Edna in everlasting peace and love on Wednesday, September 15, 2021.

So much made Jack special: his love of family; faith in God—taking over Edna's prayer chair once she passed; mastery of archery; technical and engineering abilities—he could imagine, build and fix anything.

Jack was the only child of Joseph Anthony and Alice McEneny McCullen and grew up in Albany on Partridge Street. He attended VI Glass School where he first met his future wife in kindergarten, and graduated from Vincentian Institute HS.

Jack's studies at Siena College were put on hold when he joined the Navy for 4 years of service, where he gained his electronic background as Intercommunication Technician, First Class. He also worked the movie projector for the crew and then again for the kitchen staff, for which he was rewarded with good food. Mocked for his excellent vocabulary and intelligence, he learned to swear and helped a few fellow sailors write letters home and sign their checks. Once discharged, he returned to Siena and secured his job at AT&T.

On June 16, 1956, he married the love of his life, Edna Murtaugh, and spent the rest of his life devoted to her. Together they raised their seven children with lots of love and laughter.

Jack will be welcomed to heaven by his parents, his wife and his daughter Helen. He is proud of his surviving children, MaryAlice (Jeff), Ann, Cathy (Doug), John, Joe (Lori) and Ed. Twelve grandchildren were deeply loved by Pop-Pop: Katie (David) and Jacqui; AnnMarie (Dan) and Ryan; Jackson; Sean and Stefanie (Chris); Brooke (Jean), Kyle and Jared, Ryan and Courtney; and Joshua (Gil) and Gabby. Jack's eight great-grandchildren will get to know Pops by the many lovely stories told and retold.

Jack was a highly regarded archer. He remains in the New York State Senior Games record books in the Top Ten in Men's Recurve for three different age categories. And though he was inducted into the NYS Archery Hall of Fame in 1986, his proudest archery

moments were winning a double American shoot in 1946, the 1947 NYS Outdoor Championship as an Intermediate Boy, Atlantic City Classic, and the 1985 Empire State Games. In addition to being the Empire State Games Coordinator for 16 years, Jack also passed on his passion for archery by coaching and teaching in several organizations. He won more awards than can be mentioned, but he would be the last one to tell you about them.

Jack retired from AT&T in 1989 after 35 years of loyal service, with the highlight of his career being responsible for international communications for the Lake Placid 1980 Olympics. His retirement allowed him to become a master chef, more involved in his beloved archery, a competitor in Empire State Games (as both Open and Senior), an avid Gunsmoke and Oak Island watcher, and sage advice-giver to those who asked. Fiercely independent and stubborn, Jack suffered from cancer silently until his body betrayed him. He was well-cared for by the staff at St. Peter's Hospital and his children.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Jack's family Monday, September 20, 2021 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany, NY 12206. Please only enter the funeral home from the rear parking lot doorway; unvaccinated individuals must wear a mask and practice social distancing.

Funeral services Tuesday, September 21, 2021 at 10:00 am at St. Lucy/St. Bernadette Church, Altamont, NY where his Funeral Mass will be celebrated.

The Rite of Committal will be held at St. Agnes Cemetery, Menands, NY immediately following the Funeral Mass.

To leave a special message for the family please visit www.McveighFuneralHome.com

Donations made be made in Jack's name to Albany Hospice (communityhospice.org) or Shriners' Hospital for Children

Cemetery

St. Agnes Cemetery

48 Cemetery Ave
Menands, NY,

Events

SEP **Visitation** 04:00PM - 07:00PM

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McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.
208 N Allen St, Albany, NY, US, 12206

SEP **Service** 10:00AM

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St. Lucy/St. Bernadette Church
113 Grand Street, Altamont, NY, US

Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - September 20, 2021 at 11:24 AM



“ Dear McCullen Family,
My sincere condolences for your loss of a very fine man. I had the privilege of spending time at the archery tournaments, archery fields with your Dad & my Dad, Charles 'Chuck' Groveston. They were great friends as were my Mom, Annette and your Mom, Edna. So, I knew Dad a long time and he was such a pleasure to have known.
My prayers go out to all of you whom he often talked about and loved so much.
Patricia Groveston Ullrich-Shutter

Patricia Ullrich - September 22, 2021 at 02:17 PM



“ Mr. McCullen (as a 21 year old, that is what I called him!) was, as we Irish say, "the salt of the earth." I remember he always welcomed me into his home, and treated me as a young person with respect and kindness. Over the years, I enjoyed talking with him when I got the chance. Very smart, full of good humor, a great archer (how many people can say that!), communications whiz, and all around good person. The world is a lesser place without him in it, that is for sure.

Our best to the entire McCullen family during this difficult time. The video on his life was wonderful to watch, and we wish everyone well moving forward with his loving memory always in your hearts.

Best, The Hoff Family (Tim, Sharon, and Kieran).



The Hoff Family (Tim, Sharon, and Kieran - September 20, 2021 at 12:52 PM



“ The Hoff Family (Tim, Sharon, And Kieran lit a candle in memory of John A. "Jack" McCullen



The Hoff Family (Tim, Sharon, and Kieran - September 20, 2021 at 12:44 PM



“ 50 files added to the album LifeTributes



McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - September 20, 2021 at 11:05 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of John A. "Jack" McCullen.



September 20, 2021 at 09:03 AM



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September 19, 2021 at 01:56 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John A. "Jack" McCullen.



September 19, 2021 at 01:35 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John A. "Jack" McCullen.



September 18, 2021 at 10:38 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of John A. "Jack" McCullen.



September 18, 2021 at 10:34 PM



“ "Mr. Jack" was my family's name for a wonderful man, He instilled the love of archery to Mike, Lauren, and Alison. They learned the sport from the master. He and Mike traveled many miles together to archery tournaments seeking 10's. They won many, many medals and shared many, many memories. Now they are together again. We loved "Mr. Jack" and doubt we'll ever meet another as kind and gentlemanly as he. We are blessed to have been able to call him friend. My sympathy to all.
-Paula Leonard



Paula Leonard - September 18, 2021 at 08:20 PM



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September 17, 2021 at 11:44 PM



“ I never met your Dad and reading this makes me realize I missed the chance to meet a wonderful man. I share his love of Oak Island and now he knows the answer. My deepest sympathy to all of you. I hope off of his love will bring you comfort in the days to come.

Cathy Newell - September 17, 2021 at 06:34 PM



“ I love you dad. Your love will always be carried in my heart.



MaryAlice McCullen-Senecal - September 17, 2021 at 02:30 PM