



John Basil McKnight

April 12, 1932 - April 27, 2022

John Basil McKnight, age 90, entered into rest April 27, 2022. Basil was born in Carrabelle but lived most of his life in Tallahassee. His parents were Basil and Margaret McKnight who preceded him in death, He was raised by his maternal grandparents, John and Maude Bloomquist.

Basil was a three-sport athlete in high school, later having a short stint as a semi-pro baseball player before joining the Navy. He served in the Korean Conflict during his time in the Navy. After returning home he met and married Julie G. McClellan (with three small children) and later had two more children of their own. Basil loved all five children equally and unconditionally.

In Tallahassee, Basil worked for and later retired from the Department of Transportation where he was a safety engineer. He was very active in his community as he was a member of John Wesley United Methodist Church, Tallahassee Heights United Methodist Church, the Odd Fellows, Springtime Tallahassee, coached Pee Wee football and Scout Master of Troop 110.

Basil is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Julie McKnight; children Danny McClellan (Deborah), Cindy Marsh (Jim), Jeff McClellan (Amy), John McKnight (Christi), Tommy McKnight (Amy), grandchildren Ray McClellan, Chad McClellan (Kerri), Katelyn McClellan, Nina McClellan, Brent Marsh (Ashleigh), Brandon Marsh, Ashley Newton (Cody), Josh McClellan (Kayla); Shea McKnight, Dalton McKnight, Andy Hubbard (Erica); great-grandchildren Grayden McClellan, Connor Newton, Noah Gustat, Lucas Hubbard; brother Ed McKnight and nephew David McKnight (Janet)

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday May 10th, at Tallahassee Heights United Methodist Church. Private burial will take place at Tallahassee National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Big Bend Hospice.

Susie Mozolic of Bevis Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. (www.bevisfh.com) 850-385-2193

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY 10. 11:00 AM (ET)

Tallahassee Heights United Methodist Church
3004 Mahan Drive
Tallahassee, FL 32308

Tribute Wall

WG

“ Basil McKnight was a good man. He cared about others and helped many family members and friends in the most difficult area of need in which to find a friend...money. On the board of the Fla DOT Credit Union In the early 1970's, I remember Basil regularly working with us to settle issues with the accounts of many DOT employees in the Carrabelle area. Oftentimes co-signing on loans for them. We all know the risks of that practice, but to Basil that's what friends are for. I wish I had known Basil better, and I will never forget what he did for others. May he Rest In Peace.

wallace Giddens - May 09, 2022 at 12:03 PM

PR

“ Julie and family, was saddened to hear of Basil's passing. Y'all were such good neighbors and Basil helped Dad out in his later years as he did other neighbors. We will always appreciate his help and kindness. Your big beautiful family is in my thoughts and prayers.

Pam Kester Rocco - May 07, 2022 at 01:16 PM

SO

“ Basil's love for children, his church, and doing things the right way were instrumental in helping me when I was director of Little Lambs Preschool. Basil had a great sense of humor and I was blessed to know him.

Hugs to you sweet Julie 😊

Sonnie - May 05, 2022 at 08:18 AM

JM

“ Basil was one of my mentors with John Wesley United Methodist Church and Springtime Tallahassee. He and Julie both taught me gracious southern hospitality. May the Lord bless and comfort yall at this time.



John Menge - May 03, 2022 at 10:36 PM



“ I send my heartfelt sympathy to Julie and the McKnight family. Basil was always a very kind gentleman that loved his family. I remember Julie telling me he married her because he wanted the children. Not so Julie, but he did love all the children the same. May God bless you and comfort you at this time.

Martha Harsey Capelouto - May 03, 2022 at 08:49 PM

RM

“ I miss Basil. He and Julie had the gift of hospitality, and he was as generous as they come.

Ron McCreary - May 03, 2022 at 06:09 PM

GH

“ We are sadden by the loss of Basil. He will always be remembered as a true southern gentleman, kind, gracious, caring and always helpful. He was one of my biggest supporter in Springtime Tallahassee.
Love to Julie and the family.

Ginger and Barry Hoffman - May 01, 2022 at 06:12 PM