



Mr. John Ronald "Ron" McCardle

August 4, 1942 - January 11, 2022

Steadiness. Dedication. Commitment. Fairness. Admirable. Purposeful.
Insightful (with a twist, with a smile). Mentor. Resourceful. Authentic. Reliable.
Responsibility. Impactful.

The above are words that describe the character and integrity of John Ronald McCardle.

“Ronnie,” as he was known by family and friends, was born in West Grove, Pennsylvania, on August 4, 1942, to the late John Jacob McCardle and Dorothy Gheen McCardle.

He was trained in technology and became an impassioned student of animals. He initiated his career in specialized electronics and US Government defense contracts and served as a volunteer fireman. He then became a Fire/Arson Investigator in the local field office. Subsequently he was repositioned into Fire Science, Special Operations and became an Explosives Expert with the Florida Bureau of Fire, Arson and Explosives Investigations, where he later retired as Chief.

A passionate career man, he was a patriotic American, who loved his State of Florida. He was a Godly man and dedicated family man.

He was the devoted husband to his wife, Mae Lynn; loving father to his children, Ken McCardle (wife, Anne Gilley), Kim Carpenter (loving companion, Mike Bertzel), Karen Lynn Gardner (husband, Doug) and Tod Madderra (wife, Lynn); and doting grandfather to Sean Madderra, Lane Madderra and Lauren Gardner Steele (husband, Matt).

A graveside service is 10:30 AM, Friday, January 14, 2022, at Tallahassee Memory Gardens, Garden of Peace. Online condolences may be expressed to the family at www.abbeyfh.com.

Cemetery Details

Tallahassee Memory Gardens

4037 North Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32303
(850) 562-1518
<https://www.abbeyfh.com/>

Previous Events

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Tribute Wall

BB

“ *Barbara Ratliff Bennett purchased the Angel of Remembrance for the family of Mr. John Ronald "Ron" McCardle.*



Barbara Ratliff Bennett - February 20, 2022 at 03:01 PM

BB

“ *Mae Lynn & Ron had visited us in Oklahoma many times. The Last time here in Claremore, OK. We went to the Will Rogers Museum. I turned to Ron & said, you know who Will Rogers reminds me of? He said No, my answer was YOU, Ron! He just smiled that big smile of his, I think he liked that!!!! I know Ron will be missed, Hoping & praying for Mae Lynn & All the family, Please give, her & the Family my condolences. Mae Lynn & I go a long way back to our school days, & we have remained Friends all these years. Please let her know how much my Heart Breaks for Her! Barbara Bennett*

Barbara Ratliff Bennett - February 20, 2022 at 02:37 PM

CB

“ *I worked with Ron at the State Fire Marshal's Office in the Arson Division. He was passionate about his job and also dedicated to getting the job done.*

Ron was also a kind and loyal friend and a dedicated family man.

Praying for the family for during the difficult time.

Cindy Barineau - January 14, 2022 at 10:53 AM

VO

“ *My sincerest condolences to your family on this loss. I worked briefly with Ron in the State Fire Marshal's Office years ago. He was a wonderful person, well-respected by everyone who knew him. My thoughts and prayers are with your family.*

Vicki O'Neil

Vicki O'Neil - January 14, 2022 at 08:15 AM

LF

“ *Love your FDLRS Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. John Ronald "Ron" McCardle.*



Love your FDLRS Family - January 13, 2022 at 03:01 PM

KM

“ Hello,

I am so sorry for your loss...J Ron, Major McCardle made a huge difference on my life. I met him in December of 1997 when I joined BFAI. From that moment on, he gave me more than I ever could have imagine in knowledge and understanding of the career path I chose. Ron was patient with me, all of us, in becoming a fire and explosives investigator. He loved being around all of us...telling stories, reminding us of what we should know, and pushing us to the future.

I always knew Ron had my back and always made me feel important. He was a great leader, teacher, but most of all he was a great friend.

One of the last times I talked to him, I told him I knew how he felt after teaching a class to people eager to learn fire science. I told him he was the one who got me to where I am know. He humbly told me thanks, gave his little laugh and told me...in his way...how proud he was of me.

I talked to him just before Christmas...I am thankful for that last time...

Ron was a great man and I am so thankful for my time with him.

Peace and blessings to you all!

Karl Morgan

Karl Morgan - January 13, 2022 at 01:57 PM