



Mr. John Bennett McGuirk, Jr.

January 9, 1937 - December 24, 2019

John Bennett McGuirk, Jr., 82, of Tallahassee, passed away on December 24, 2019, while surrounded by his loving family.

He was born in Live Oak, Florida on January 9, 1937, to the late John Bennett and Evelyn Blackstone McGuirk. Also preceding him in death is a sister, Mary Robinson. A proud veteran of the US Air Force, he was also very active at Lakeview Baptist Church, where he served as Deacon and Sunday School Teacher. He was very civic minded and was also a passionate and dedicated member of the World War II Club. He spent his career as a sportscaster for both television and radio.

Survivors include his wife of 57 years, Linda Jenkins McGuirk; children, Deborah Hill (fiancé, Greg VanLandingham), Catherine Soletti (Tony) and Lucinda Harris (Tim); grandchildren, Perron Hill (Carrie), Ashlyn Hodges (Chad), Cailyn Wescoat, Lauren Wescoat, Shane Soletti and Brock Soletti; great-grandchildren, Jaidyn Hodges, Harper Hodges and Madison Hill. He is also survived by a sister, Dottie Herring; and a brother-in-law, Vinton Robinson.

The funeral is 11:00 AM, Saturday, December 28, 2019, at Lakeview Baptist Church, with visitation immediately following the service. Interment at a later date will be at Tallahassee National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial

donations may be made to Big Bend Hospice. Online condolences may be expressed at www.abbeyfh.com.

Cemetery Details

Tallahassee National Cemetery

5015 Apalachee Parkway
Tallahassee, FL 32311
(850) 402-8941

Previous Events

Service

DEC **28**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Lakeview Baptist Church
222 West 7th Avenue
Tallahassee, FL 32303

Tribute Wall

MB

“ Linda, i am so sorry to hear of John's passing. John was really good people. We worked together back in the 80s and he was always super to work with. I haven't been to church since Janie passed away, but hope to get back soon. If there is anything I can do just let me know. I pray for God to comfort you in this time of need. We all know that John is in a much better place now.

Meredith Braswell.

Meredith Braswell - January 10, 2020 at 03:21 PM

CK

“ Linda,

Even though we haven't seen each other much since high school graduation, I extend my deepest sympathy in your loss. May God bless you in the days ahead.

*Sincerely,
Connie Hogan Knotts*

Connie Knotts - January 01, 2020 at 09:11 PM



“ I sat next to John on his last day at church which was a Wednesday night. I finally told everyone how a guy had manipulated me and treated me with such cruelty, I was having a hard time; I'd shown him kindness and compassion. John got really angry at this story. He ended up getting sick and leaving for a bit but after the Bible study he said to me, "You are God's child, Don't lift a hand, God will have his vengeance". I was struggling with such anger and other emotions, I felt comforted by his words: God loves you, you don't have to do anything, put it in God hands. See you later John, with the Lord of Lords the Almighty.



Christiana Fletcher - January 01, 2020 at 07:27 AM



Thank you so much for sharing this memory of my G-Father! ❤️❤️

Ashlyn Hodges - January 10, 2020 at 09:15 PM



“ Irma&Farmon Childress lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Bennett McGuirk, Jr.



Irma&Farmon Childress - December 30, 2019 at 04:08 AM



“ I enjoyed sitting next to John in William's Sunday School class at Lakeview Baptist, listening to John's comments about the Bible and the lessons. John also talked to me about his love for Big Band music. We will meet again someday in God's presence... Phyllis Fletcher

Phyllis Fletcher - December 28, 2019 at 02:23 PM

KM

“ *Our deepest condolences and prayers are in order for Mrs. Linda and family. Mr. John will be greatly missed. We love you Mrs. Linda!*
The Browns and Mullins Family

Kabria Mullins - December 28, 2019 at 09:09 AM

 Amy
Roach

“ *Sending thoughts and prayers to Debbie and Ashlyn and the family during this very sad time. I'm so very sorry for the passing of your loved one.* 💙🌹💙

Amy R

Amy Roach - December 27, 2019 at 09:38 PM



JN

“ *So sad to hear of John's passing. We were great friends many years ago. My condolences to Linda and the family.*

Jim Newsome

Jim Newsome - December 27, 2019 at 07:58 PM

GW

“ *Linda, you have my thoughts and sympathies on the passing of John. Sincerely, Genanme Wilson*

Genanne Wilson - December 27, 2019 at 06:34 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. John Bennett McGuirk, Jr..



December 27, 2019 at 12:38 PM



“ Linda, not sure after all these years that you remember me. We were at NFCC at the same time. I have thought of you often over the years but wasn't sure where you were living. You let me wear your wedding dress when I got married Dec 20, 1963. I am so sorry for your loss. My husband died suddenly Dec 7, 2015. I understand the grief that you are feeling. Praying for you and your family.
Doris Bass Bishop

Doris B Bishop - December 26, 2019 at 08:10 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. John Bennett McGuirk, Jr..



December 26, 2019 at 06:46 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. John Bennett McGuirk, Jr..



December 26, 2019 at 06:36 PM

SH

“ *Sending my most sincere condolences. Thank you for being the only one to ever want to talk military with me. You have left your imprint on our hearts forever. You will be missed but not forgotten. God bless you and keep you. Go rest high on that mountain.*



shannon - December 26, 2019 at 05:41 PM

 Sherry Alligood

“ *Sherry Alligood purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mr. John Bennett McGuirk, Jr..*



Sherry Alligood - December 26, 2019 at 04:37 PM

 Sherry Alligood

“ *Debbie and Family,
You are in our thoughts and prayers. May you be covered by the grace and mercy that only God gives as you navigate the coming days of inevitable grief. Take comfort and joy in love your daddy always lavished on y'all! He was special and precious and I know you'll miss him greatly!
Love,
Sherry and Tracy Alligood*

Sherry Alligood - December 26, 2019 at 04:14 PM

SH

“ *Sending my sincere condolences. I will never forget you. You are the only person who wanted to sit and chat about the military. You will be missed but never forgotten. You have left your imprint on our hearts forever. God Bless you and keep you. Rest high on that Mountain.*



shannon - December 26, 2019 at 03:54 PM