



Mr. John Allen McPhaul

October 25, 1947 - March 5, 2022

Mr. John Allen McPhaul, 74, of Poulan, died on Saturday, March 5, 2022 at Tift Regional Medical Center.

The funeral service will be held at 1:00 PM on Friday, March 11, 2022 at Banks Funeral Home Chapel. A private family interment will follow in the Poulan Cemetery. Mr. Bill Boone will officiate.

Mr. McPhaul was born on October 25, 1947 in Pensacola, FL., to the late John Gilchrist and Ruby Mae Petry McPhaul. He had lived in Worth County since 2007 and was a graduate of the University of Florida, class of 1971. Mr. McPhaul was a retired Cost Construction Engineer with CB&I. He enjoyed creative writing and was also very active in many Non-Profit Organizations. Mr. McPhaul was the current President and was also a founding member of the Best Friends Humane Society. He could be found playing Santa Claus at Family Connection, Worth County Elementary School, Chamber of Commerce, the local Christmas Parades and many other functions. Mr. McPhaul was the President of the Kiwanis Club, Chamber board member, Vice Chairman of the Board for the Housing Authority, and Star Reporter for the Sylvester Local and also served in many capacities with various other organizations. He was the Bingo Leader at Ed's Truck Stop, and was a positive light in the community. He loved spending time with people and ensured he gave a hundred percent with everything he did for the community; John always had a smile on his face and everyone that knew him, loved him. He will be sorely missed.

Survivors include his wife, Michelle "Shelly" McPhaul of Poulan; step-children, Stephanie Kennedy and Missy Latona; grandchildren, Kaylie Jager, Hannah Jager, Isabelle Jager and Jennie Latona; great granddaughter, Chloe Fletcher; brother, Henry McPhaul; cousins, Bill Boone, Lynn Jones, Dan Stewart, Jim Stewart, Nancy Holmes, Rebecca Forbeck, Garrett Boone, Lora Beth Short, Zach Boone and our adopted Georgia Daughters.

The family will receive friends on Thursday from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM at Banks Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Best Friends Humane Society: P.O. Box 5894 Sylvester, GA. 31791.

Please sign our online guest registry at www.banksfh.com.

Banks Funeral Home in Sylvester is in charge of arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 10. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Banks Funeral Home
PO Box 550
210 N. Main Street
Sylvester, GA 31791
(229) 776-2055
banksfh@yahoo.com
<http://banks.funeralplan2.com/>

Funeral Service

MAR 11. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. John Allen McPhaul*

January 28, 2023 at 12:53 PM



“ *Mr John truly had the biggest heart I know. He cared so much for everyone he knew. It saddens me to say goodbye to such a sweet soul. Ms Shelly my heart and prayers are with you during this time . The truckstop will definitely miss our sweet jolly friend. I love you Mr John Fly High til we meet up again*



Angie Kennedy - March 11, 2022 at 10:32 AM

JA

“ Some of the greatest good fortune life has to offer is a good friend. John and I were classmates at Paxon and members of the Key Club. That opened the door to a friendship I grew to treasure. However, the door came wide open beginning on a September day in 1966 as I lugged several suitcases up the stairwell of Sledd G, a dormitory at the University of Florida. At the designated room I saw a note on the door. It was alleged to be from a couple of guys from India and it went on and on about how excited they were to have an American roommate and how they would try and keep the windows open when they cooked their animal sacrifices to their gods. Disappointedly I knocked on the door. As it slowly opened, two rather large heads appeared, John McPhaul and Lamar Whitehead! Blue & Gold we love thee, Amen! It seems inadequate to say John was a GREAT friend. The handball courts were right outside our dorm. Being somewhat ambidextrous, I become addicted to the sport BUT thankfully, John brought some attention to studying. I remember him "talking" to Lamar and me about how hard our families worked and sacrificed for us to attend UF and how we owed it to them and ourselves to get a good education. I could never have made it through the engineering school like John did, but with John's help, he and I were the doubles handball intermural champs and we both got some parchment from UF. John always had my back when my big mouth sometimes almost got me in trouble! His kindness will always be with me. May that same kindness be visited upon all of you, his dear friends & family!!! Blue & Gold, Blue & Orange, and True Blue!!! Big John

John Alderson - March 09, 2022 at 07:20 PM

CM

“ I was saddened to hear the news of John passing. We worked many years on the CBI MOX Project. He was a wonderful person with a keen sense of humor. I recall hearing his phone barking and often wondered who would be calling. Then there was the precious Christmas picture memories of kids with sparkles in their eyes from seeing Santa. John was a very special friend. Shellie, praying for you and the family during this time.

connie mitchell - March 08, 2022 at 09:58 PM

SL

“ Condolences to Shelly and the many Family and Friends who loves John.

Sharon Lyles - March 08, 2022 at 08:35 PM



“ *Kristi Hartsfield - Whittington lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Allen McPhaul*



Kristi Hartsfield - Whittington - March 08, 2022 at 12:18 PM

SJ

“ John was my uncle thru marriage. My mother (Lizzie Stephenson) was his SIL. We all enjoyed Johns company for many years. He was always giving me advice on life choices, which I needed at the time. We shared a love of good food and a lot of cream cheese on our bagels. I hadn't seen John in many years but we continued to communicate via social media. I loved Uncle John and will miss our brief, but comforting conversations. ❤️

Sherri Johnston - March 08, 2022 at 09:27 AM

BP

“ *Bonnie Potts lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Allen McPhaul*



Bonnie Potts - March 07, 2022 at 09:38 PM

Frank Davis

“ *Frank Davis lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Allen McPhaul*



Frank Davis - March 07, 2022 at 08:31 PM

DK

“ *John McPhaul was such a special person who was loved by this community ! We are saddened to learn of his sudden death. To you, Shelly, and all of your family accept our sincere condolences in the loss of John ! He and I were often in Jessie's at the same time! Prayers for each of you as you morn the loss of John! May God hold you close and bring comfort and peace in the coming days! Cherish your precious memories 🙏*

Sincerely,

Davis and Donna King

Donna King - March 06, 2022 at 11:15 PM

JS

John was a special friend, we worked together for many years, from Blount thru CBI. I will always cherish the time & memories.

John W Smith

John W Smith - March 07, 2022 at 09:14 PM

LD

“ *I have know John since Normandy Elementary. He was always a sweet person and a friend to all. He will be greatly missed. Linda Noble Dickie*

Linda Noble Dickie - March 06, 2022 at 05:22 PM

JG

“ *I went to junior and senior high school with John in Jacksonville, Florida. He was always a happy guy with a big smile and a hearty laugh.*

He was, a bit of a jokester with many friends.

Prayers lifted for his family. He will be missed by many people.

John Guthrie - March 06, 2022 at 05:09 PM

DC

“ *I've known John since Junior High School as a classmate and good friend. We graduated from Paxon Sr. High School in Jacksonville Fla. and was a friend to everyone he met. I know that many of our classmates will reach out to his family. "Let light perpetual shine upon him". Don & Lyn Corry - Bostic, NC*

Don Corry - March 06, 2022 at 03:01 PM

EC

“ Evelyn Fletcher Castleberry sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. John Allen McPhaul



Evelyn Fletcher Castleberry - March 06, 2022 at 12:13 PM

Brenda
Hicks

“ Ms. McPhaul, I'm so sorry about Mr. McPhaul. I'm sending my deepest condolences to you and your family. Praying for comfort and sending hugs to you. If there's anything you need please reach out to me.

Brenda Hicks - March 06, 2022 at 10:47 AM

RS

“ So very sorry for the loss! He will truly be missed by everyone ! Sending prayers to the family and al of his friends ! With love



Rhonda Saylor - March 06, 2022 at 10:42 AM

MH

“ Mr. John was a friend to all who knew him. He had a heart for this community, and always had a smile and encouraging words to say. Our community has lost a good man!



Marilyn Herring - March 06, 2022 at 09:19 AM

AS

“ A huge hole has been left in the heart of Sylvester/Worth County. John was an amazing person. Rick and I send our deepest condolences to Shelly and the family.



Arlene Schippang - March 06, 2022 at 09:08 AM



“ We're so sorry for your loss Shelly and family. Prayers during this sad time dor strength and comfort.



Tammy Lawhorn - March 06, 2022 at 05:59 AM

SH

“ Me. John was such a sweet man! We're gonna miss him at Bingo and letting my little Jack call out some of the numbers. Prayers for family and friends as I know he made an impact on many!



Summer Hitt - March 05, 2022 at 04:48 PM

DJ

“ Debra Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Allen McPhaul



Debra Jones - March 05, 2022 at 02:34 PM

SJ

“ *Sandra Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Allen McPhaul*



Sandra Jones - March 05, 2022 at 02:24 PM

SR

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with Shelly and the family. Our hearts are breaking at the loss of this dear sweet man. He will be missed by so many, and will always be remembered as our community's jolly Santa. Rest in peace Mr. John.*

Sharon Rhoads - March 05, 2022 at 01:25 PM

CH

“ *Charlotte Souter Hall lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Allen McPhaul*



Charlotte Souter Hall - March 05, 2022 at 12:03 PM

DW

Lit a candle in memory of Mr. John A McPaul

DONALD WHITTINGTON - March 05, 2022 at 06:28 PM

PP

I first met John at Thomas Jefferson in the 4th grade. We went through school together and played football in high school. I have known him longer than any of my other high school classmates. Tried many times to have him come to our reunions but work, health and other issues always prevented him from coming. He had such a unique laugh and was always upbeat and positive. He could be serious and had wisdom beyond his years. Always hope we could meet again before our time came. I will just have to wait a little longer to see him again. My condolences to his family for their loss. He was loved and will be missed by so many. God bless you John.

Pat Patterson - March 06, 2022 at 06:06 PM

LP

I've also know John for most of my life, we went to grammar school and later Paxon Jr and Sr Hight. We grew up in the Normandy area where we attended school and afternoon activities through out our lives. We all cared for each other as children but as we grew older, we learned to appreciate one another. John was so much a part of our youth and I'm grateful that I was a part of his childhood. Rest in peace my dear friend, we love you and will miss you.

La Rue Phillips - March 07, 2022 at 06:21 AM

PF

Deepest sympathy.

*Pat Cole Goddard
Classmate Paxon 1966*

Pat Foddard - March 08, 2022 at 02:12 PM



*I met John at Paxon Jr. High School after that we continued to Paxon Sr. High. I will always remember our days at Paxon!!
Prayers for the family. 🙏🙏🙏*

Linda Dykes Overstreet - Paxon Classmate 1966

Linda Overstreet - March 08, 2022 at 10:20 PM

EJ

Like a number of others, I met John in 8th grade in Latin, Math, English & about every other class except band & P.E. I'd like to say we were special buddies from then until the weekend he died, but perhaps he made everyone feel like that. I have everything he ever gave me, plus some more. We went to Orlando for Latin Forum when there was only 1 two story motel/hotel there. We went on our first trip to NYC & he never left my side--except for room checks. He said he was honored to walk with me at our high school graduation, but I was the honored one. He always escorted me to attend mid-night Christmas Eve services. At UF, he lived on campus & my mother would drive me down to see him & now, living here, I kept telling him about all the changes to Gainesville. When I lived in New Zealand, we wrote many, many letters to each other & he kept in touch with my mother, while I was abroad. I have not seen him since 1979 when I was very pregnant with my only child.& we were at his father's funeral where I met his first wife Ann, who has passed away. AND thankfully, he met Shelly & her family. My heart is broken, but my sympathies go out to Shelly & Henry most of all! Reading everything anyone has said about John, lets me know the world will not be the same without him There will never come a day when we stop thinking of him & his absence, because NOBODY can fill the void that John once filled with all of his kindness, humor, love of life & generous spirit.

Rest in Peace dear friend. You deserve it John-John!!!!.

With all my love & respect to the "BEST of the BEST FRIENDS" EVER & FOREVER,

LIZ (Elizabeth McClain Jenkins)

Paxon High Class of 1966

Elizabeth McClain Jenkins - March 09, 2022 at 02:43 PM