



MAJ (Ret) John Thomas McKendrick

October 20, 1946 - October 20, 2014

MAJ (Ret) John Thomas McKendrick, son of the late Edwin David and Ruth Ivadell (Chapman) McKendrick, was born October 20, 1946 in San Francisco, California.

John's entire childhood was spent as a military child due to his father being a 30 year veteran. The family came to Fort Leonard Wood and John graduated from Waynesville High School in 1965. He was an amazing athlete setting records and lettering in football, baseball, basketball, and track.

John attended college in Oklahoma. He earned his Bachelor of Science Degree from Oklahoma State @ Panhandle and his Master's from Webster University of St. Louis in Management.

While living in Oklahoma, John entered the United States Army and served his country faithfully until his retirement after 20 years of service. He earned several awards and commendations; some of which include: Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal w/ Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Commendation Medal w/3rd Oak Leaf Cluster, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Meritorious Unit Commendation, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon w/Numeral Three and Parachutist Badge. He had attained the rank of Major.

In his spare time, John loved to cook, especially Cajun food, and was known as an amazing host. He was a very giving person and was a great friend to everyone.

John passed away Monday, October 20, 2014 in his home having attained the age of 68 years.

John is survived by one daughter: Amanda Lacewell of Bentonville, AR; one son: Charles McKendrick of Savannah, GA; one sister: Sue Melton of Rolla, MO; one brother: Edwin McKendrick of Waynesville, MO; three grandchildren: Matthew McKendrick, Baylor Lacewell and Finley Lacewell.

John will be missed by all those that knew him, his family, including his lifelong military family, and his many friends. Known for his ability to love and care deeply for those in his life, his memory will be carried on through stories and laughter, to not easily be forgotten.

Graveside services with military honors were held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, October 23, 2014 in the Ozark Memorial VFW #3176 Cemetery of St. Robert, Missouri the Chaplain Rod Jackson officiating. Military honors were provided by the United States Army of Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. Services were under the direction of Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of John McKendrick and may be left at the funeral home.

Cemetery Details

Ozark Memorial VFW Cemetery

St. Robert, MO 65584

Previous Events

Graveside Service

OCT **23**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Ozark Memorial VFW Post 3176 Cemetery
St. Robert, MO

Tribute Wall

SJ

“ *Sara Jones sent a virtual gift in memory of MAJ (Ret) John Thomas McKendrick*



Sara Jones - October 29, 2014 at 02:13 AM

CH

“ *Well John was a brother to me always at our house. A kind gentle soul and so loving. He is and was loved by many- there are some who come into your life for a reason and John was one of those. We will always love and remember you our kind and gentleman- God bless you. To Sue and family our hearts go out to you. You are in our prayers and thoughts. Carol Brady Hoyer*

carol hoyer - October 22, 2014 at 08:57 PM

CH

“ *Gosh John- we grew up together even though you were older- you were friends with my brother but part of our family. I am going to miss you so much. There aren't too many men like you- you will always be part of my heart. Hugs and prayers to out to his family and especially Sue. We will always love you. Carol Brady Hoyer*

Carol Brady Hoyer - October 22, 2014 at 08:47 PM

MS

“ *IN HONOR AND MEMORY OF HIS SERVICE
TO OUR COUNTRY, MY DEEREST
CONDOLENCE TO HIS FAMILY AND LOVED
ONES..
MARLIN STEVENS*



MARLIN STEVENS - October 22, 2014 at 12:14 PM

DL

“ *I respected John, sorry to hear that he is gone. He made our lives
better to be a part of them. Rest in peace, John. You have earned it.*

David Linton - October 22, 2014 at 11:36 AM