



John J. McCarthy

December 23, 1920 - December 20, 2012

John J. McCarthy, 91, of Tinton Falls, NJ passed on Thursday 12/20/2012. John Justin McCarthy was born December 23, 1920 in Newark New Jersey. His parents were Joseph A. and Eva Slowey McCarthy. He attended St. Benedict's Prep in Newark. After high school, he worked for Lockjoint Pipe Company and attended Rutgers night school in Newark, NJ. He joined the US army and was part of the 12th Air Force Division. John spent much of his time in N. Africa and Italy and received the rank of Sergeant.

Upon discharge from the army, he entered Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana. He graduated in 1948 with a BA in Business, and later an MBA from Rutgers University. He married Eileen Loretta Higgins in November of 1949 and had three children. John worked at Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company in Newark NJ for 40 years. He retired as a vice president in 1982. He was a member of the Bloomfield First Aid Squad for 40 years from 1961 till 2001. He also was a member of the Tinton Falls First Aid Squad for 48 years from 1964 till present. Serving Six years as a captain and was also their accountant. He was a paramedic for Monmouth County as well from 1966-1971 and worked closely with Monmouth Medical Center, Long Branch. He loved to help people.

Family, friends and first aid were John's true loves. He loved to learn new things, and had a great sense of humor. He enjoyed spending summers at Ocean Beach NJ with the Mitchell's, and at Lake Keuka with the Wolf family. He was a man for all seasons and a man for everyone. We love you Jack!

God Bless You!

He was predeceased by his son, Brian McCarthy. John is survived by his wife of 63 years: Eileen Higgins McCarthy, his son and daughter-in-law John D. & Kathleen McCarthy, daughter and son-in-law Eileen M & Chet Wozniak, daughter in law Clara McCarthy Finney, sister Joan Clay, sister-in-law Rita Wolf, a Grandchildren, Anthony McCarthy, Jessica McCarthy Finley, Allison McCarthy, David Wozniak, Brian Wozniak, Great Grandchildren: Sydney Anne McCarthy and Anthony Brian McCarthy, Neices and Nephew: Sue Clay Fitzgerald, Jill Clay Halloran, Mary Clay, Ann Marie and Rudy Schatz, Terry and Dave Browning, Christine and Mark Quandt, Patty and Neil Sealander, Joseph and Gwen Wolf, Maureen and Don Wright, Cousins: Alice, Roger and John Mitchell, Michele and Tad Davis; Sandy, Clinton, Matthew, Chris, and Michael Plietz, Muriel McQuade & family and John Barker, the family nurse. Visitation will be on Sunday December 23, 2012 from 1:00 to 4:00 PM at Bongarzone Funeral Home, 2400 Shafto Road, Tinton Falls. A Funeral Mass will be held on Monday, Dec 24, 2012 at Church of Saint Anselm, 1028 Wayside Road, Tinton Falls at 10:00AM. Interment to follow at Holy Sepulchre, East Orange. Flowers will be accepted or donations can be made in his memory to the Tinton Falls EMS, 46 Old Mill Road, Tinton Falls, NJ 07724.

Cemetery Details

Holy Sepulchre Cemetery

125 Central Avenue
East Orange, NJ 07018

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **23**. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Bongarzone Funeral Home
2400 Shafto Road
Tinton Falls, NJ

Service

DEC **24**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Church of Saint Anselm
1028 Wayside Road
Tinton Falls, NJ

Tribute Wall

EL

“ I’m convinced Mr. McCarthy ran in a totally different time zone – a parallel universe perhaps? -- one that afforded him extra hours each day; moreso than us mere mortals? What else could explain his ability to be everywhere with everyone, at any given time of day (or night?) ? He was an inexhaustible example of everything fine and honorable.

I knew him to be a gentle man of great distinction. He had an immeasurable capacity to share all that he was in selfless loving, caring, devotion, loyalty and friendship ... his was a complete engagement of a quality life. His contagious gregariousness, wit, boundless enthusiasm, availability, helpfulness, encouragement, empathy and camaraderie were legend.

Because he was all those things, and so much more to us throughout the many years we were graced to have him in our lives, he was much loved; much respected, and will be much missed. I hope the cherished memories he’s left behind in our hearts, from the many lives he impacted so positively, will be a comfort to his family who so generously shared him with us, and the community at large.

*With love and condolence,
Ellen Fitzpatrick, one of his “bevy”*

Ellen - January 14, 2013 at 12:53 PM

AC

“ John McCarthy was a remarkable man. He quiet and strong. He gave his time, his knowledge and his compassion to all around him; friends, family and strangers. He inspired many others and led by the example of his life. He was a good tempered, active, and moral man. He had great dignity and was never bitter or angry when faced with great losses. He acted with steady pressure as a positive force for good in this world for decades. He will be remembered and loved by many. I will remember him as one of the good ones, one of the finest men I have ever met. Adios. Love to the family.

Al Crowley

Albert Crowley - January 01, 2013 at 11:41 AM

JW

“ Joe Wozniak lit a candle in memory of John J. McCarthy



Joe Wozniak - December 25, 2012 at 07:09 PM

LC

“ To Eileen and all of Johns' family, we offer our sincere sympathy. We also say thank you for sharing such a remarkable and wonderful man as John with all of us who were blessed by his friendship and his inexhaustible energy in serving others. He will be missed but, more so, he will be remembered as the incredible and kind man who touched many lives in many ways. LuAnn Catlin & Michael Martin

LuAnn Catlin - December 24, 2012 at 03:17 PM

FT

“ *Rest in peace and my condolences to his family.*

Faye Tyerech

Faye Tyerech - December 23, 2012 at 03:01 PM

MB

“ *My deepest condolences to his wife and family. This is a man who remembered me when he attended my Uncle Charles Scott's funeral from all the way back to my Jackson First Aid & ambulance accident days. A kind, thoughtful man. Rest in peace*

Melissa (Cesareo) Baer - December 23, 2012 at 11:05 AM

SM

“ *The finest man I've had the honor to work alongside over the past 25 years. Yours was truly a wonderful life, one that saved so many others. I will miss you. -Sgt. Doug McEntegart, Tinton Falls PD.*

Sgt. Doug McEntegart - December 23, 2012 at 10:20 AM

SP

“ *There was no greater husband, father, uncle, or friend than Uncle Jack. He lived his life to help others. He was an inspiration to us all and will be greatly missed.*

Sandy Plietz - December 23, 2012 at 08:21 AM

EW

“ *There is no finer father than you dad. You will forever live in my heart and soul. I love you forever. May you fly free with Brian and all our family in heaven. Please look after all of us. You are now with God and the angels. Love Eileen
ps. You are right, FKB!*

Eileen Wozniak - December 22, 2012 at 08:55 PM

BS

“ *I have many wonderful memories piled into five short years - wish I had known you longer. Archie and I will absolutely miss you, Jack. Fondly, Barbara Scott*

Barbara Scott - December 22, 2012 at 05:23 PM

RM

“ *1 file added to the album New Album Name*



Robbie MacPherson - December 22, 2012 at 12:47 PM

DM

“ *John truly was an inspiration to so many people, his character, honesty, and selflessness may never be matched. He will be missed ! Dave and Judy Matthew.*

David Matthew - December 22, 2012 at 11:45 AM

MS

“ *Mr. Mccarthy was a wonderful man and neighbor. I enjoyed hanging out with him when I was little doing yard work. He loved children and was always patient. He will be missed.*

Maria Belmont Sporn - December 22, 2012 at 11:14 AM

 Jeff
King

“ *I am a better person for having known you, John. You are a hero to me. Rest in Peace.*

Jeff King - December 22, 2012 at 11:02 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John J. McCarthy.*



December 22, 2012 at 08:05 AM



“ *Mow Chu lit a candle in memory of John J. McCarthy*



Mow Chu - December 22, 2012 at 07:59 AM



“ *Mr. McCarthy was truly the nicest man you could ever meet. I am honored to have known him. May he rest in peace.*

Diane McKerry - December 22, 2012 at 07:49 AM



“ *A man of finer character couldn't be found anywhere. I will miss you, Uncle Jack.*

Sue Clay Fitzgerald - December 22, 2012 at 07:42 AM



“ *God Bless Mr. McCarthy. He was a true gentleman with a laugh and smile that was infectious.*

Robbie MacPherson

Robert J. MacPherson - December 22, 2012 at 07:01 AM

MF

“ Our love and prayers go to the McCarthy family during this difficult time. John was an amazing man who was always willing to answer the call of those in need. He has touched numerous lives and he will be missed by many.

Mayer Family - December 21, 2012 at 09:03 PM

JW

“ Joe Wozniak lit a candle in memory of John J. McCarthy



Joe Wozniak - December 21, 2012 at 06:08 PM