



## John McCowan

September 23, 1943 - March 17, 2011

### Obituary of John McCowan

McCOWAN, JOHN THOMAS, born September 23, 1943 in Lansing, Michigan to the late Frank A. and the late Madeline McCowan, died in Mt. Dora, Florida on March 17, 2011.

Beloved husband to Barbara (nee: Laxton); Loving father to Kristina (Peter) Castelli, the late Kaaren Schroeder, Patrick (Marla) McCowan, and the late Robert McCowan; grandfather to Logan Williams, Nicholas Castelli, Ross Schroeder, and Morgan and Brandon McCowan. John is also survived by his sister Jean (Louis) Hekhuis, of Lansing, Michigan, and brother William McCowan, of Washington, D.C.

John McCowan attended Lansing Eastern High School and Michigan State University and was a resident of Mason, Michigan, before moving to Mt. Dora, Florida in 1980. Soon after moving to Mt. Dora, John worked for a time at the Mount Dora Topic weekly newspaper, and dedicated the better part of the last 30 years of his life to a variety of events in Mount Dora, a city he treasured. Some of the many projects he contributed to over the years include the annual Bike Festival, the Antique Boat Festival, the Royellou Museum (where he once served as Director), and the Mount Dora Center for the Arts. John was honored as Mount Dora's Volunteer of the year in the 1980's, and most

recently was an active member of the Mount Dora Lions Club.

Friends are welcome to join the family for a luncheon and open house honoring John at the McCowan home, 908 N. Clayton Street (at 9th Avenue), on Wednesday April 6, 2011 from noon until 4 p.m.

Memorials to the Mount Dora Lions Club, or to the American Diabetes Association are appreciated.

#### Services

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#### Memorial Donations

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# Tribute Wall

BJ

“ You have lost a Husband, Father & Grandfather which is the toughest of losses...but...I have lost a friend, comrade-in-arms, coffee buddy & just an all around good guy. Our recent times together @ LaCremerie & the many days I was privileged to transport him to 9th & Clayton will always remain special to me. Wherever you are, John, get the place ready, the coffee hot & the conversation lively because we will all be joining you someday.... Shalom, Bob Jackson

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**Bob Jackson** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ Barb and family: Mount Dora and the Topic in particular certainly benefited from John's presence among us. His organizational abilities were a boon to many organizations. At the newspaper, his tireless efforts brought the weekly to a new level, and I'll forever be grateful for that. You can be proud of John.

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**Al Liveright** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ My condolences to the family, I am sorry for your loss. Revelation 21:3,4 holds out a comforting hope for all of us who have lost loved ones in death.

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