



## John Joseph McNamara

January 9, 1938 - May 23, 2020

John Joseph McNamara, 82 of Lady Lake, FL passed away peacefully on May 23, 2020 at The Villages Hospice House, The Villages, FL.

John was born in Superior, Wisconsin on January 9, 1938 to the late John B. and Elizabeth (Betty) McNamara.

He graduated from Superior Cathedral High School in 1955 and went on to graduate from the University of Wisconsin in Eau Claire. He received his Masters at Cal State Fullerton while serving with the United States Marine Corps.

He served 3 tours in Vietnam and received the Bronze Star with a V and a Purple Heart. He retired from the USMC as a Lieutenant Colonel with over 30 years service. He loved being a Marine and was very proud of his service to his country. He was a true patriot.

He is survived by his wife Helen (Costello) McNamara of Lady Lake, FL; a son Craig P. McNamara and wife Carol (Eggbert); a daughter Kelly (McNamara) Holliday and son-in-law Keith and granddaughter Kayla Holliday, all reside in California. He is also survived by a brother Dan C. McNamara and sister-in-law Helen (Haynes) McNamara of Wausau, WI and a sister Margie (McNamara) Doyle of St. Paul Minnesota. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his brother-in-law Dr. Thomas Doyle of Eau Claire, WI.

He was respected and loved by the many friends that he made over his lifetime.

He will be sorely missed, but he will be forever in the hearts of his family and friends.

Arrangements entrusted to Beyers Funeral Home and Crematory, Lady Lake, FL.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Mac and I joined the Marines at the same time, went through OCS in the autumn of 1961, and were initially assigned to 3rd battalion, 7th Marines on January 1, 1963, as rifle platoon commanders. Our battalion became 1/9 when we arrived in Okinawa, where we spent a full year together. Upon returning to the USA we became 3/5 and spent another full year together, this time as staff officers. Our paths diverged after that, but our lifetime friendship continued. Karen and I were fortunate to have had the opportunity to visit with Mac and Helen in May of 2018. Mac was an outstanding Marine and a fine man.

*Rest in peace, my friend. Semper Fi.*

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**Jim Robertson** - June 11, 2020 at 02:31 PM