



## Mark James McKean

December 21, 1948 - August 9, 2021

Mark James McKean, 72, of Tavares Florida passed away on August 9th, 2021, during the recovery period of quadruple bypass surgery. Mark was born to Dick and Dorothy McKean on Dec 21st, 1948, in Hot Springs, SD.

Mark joined the United States Navy right after high school, then he went on to Chadron State College and graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Education in 1973. He met his wife Debbie and they had two boys they raised in Ft. Collins, CO. Throughout his life he worked as an accountant, even auditing for the IRS before he retired in 2010.

He loved doing home repairs and remodeled the houses he was living in, so they always looked nice. Mark loved being involved with the democratic party and he loved to talk about politics with family and friends. He was very interested in doing genealogical research, one year he took a trip up the east coast to study genealogy and family history. Mark also loved talking to people, even complete strangers as he was always trying to make people laugh.

Mark found the time when he was retired to volunteer at a non-profit organization to help families with their taxes and he was very proud to be able to help others in that way. Any way he knew how, Mark was willing to help other people.

Mark leaves behind his two sons he loved Jason and Jared McKean, and his grandchildren Caiden, Lawson, and Bella. Mark is also survived by his brothers Kerry and Richie, and his sisters Becky and Kathy.

Mark was always there for his family, kids, and grandkids; he found happiness when he would share a piece of history about himself, and he was always trying to tell the grandchildren about something that was completely made-up, just to make them think a little bit, and then they would all laugh as they realized he was just teasing them.

Mark's services will be held at the Black Hills National Cemetery.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Mark was a very intelligent man - although he did very well in formal education he did the best with the all the things he taught himself to get through life - as mentioned he was always doing renovations and repairs to what ever dwelling he found himself in - when he was running the Oaks Motel in Chadron and then When he took over the New Leaf flower shop (which he named) he did all the carpentry work - like putting on the second floors and all the interior and exterior construction work - with some help - but the point is - while Mark might have moved on the things he made and built and put into place are still there - he was not a big hugger but he had a very loving soul - and he was a giver not a taker - which in today's world is very rare. Pretty sure the soul of the man is doing just fine wherever it is now.

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**A Hamilton** - - October 19, 2024 at 11:01 PM

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*I knew Mark when we were mere kids. Always wondered what he was up to all these years later. He was such a good friend all those years ago.*

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