



John Jay McNulty

May 23, 1939 - March 18, 2015

"Jay" McNulty died peacefully on March 18, 2015 at Joanne's Hospice in Bonita Springs, Florida.

Born on May 23, 1939, Jay spent most of his life on Long Island. He earned his associate degree in Construction Technology from the State University of New York at Farmingdale in 1959. Shortly after graduation, he started his own construction firm, Clarendon Homes Inc. The start of his business was interrupted by a tour of duty in the United States Marine Corps Reserve. Upon his discharge, he returned to his hometown area and opened his office in Port Jefferson, New York. For the next 45 years, his firm went on to build over 750 high-end custom homes, as well as apartments, condominiums and professional offices. In the early 1980's, his firm was selected to build a major solar energy research project for the Electric Power Research Institute of Cambridge, Massachusetts. Clarendon Homes built five specially designed homes in Wading River, New York, while five homes were built in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The data collected proved very useful and is still used by utility companies today in the incentive programs they offer for the use of individual solar systems. Jay also built many extraordinary homes in the Hamptons, on the eastern end of Long Island, several of which were featured in national magazines.

Jay married his loving wife, Sheri, on April 13, 1968 and was the proud father

of their three children Tracey Alta, of Seattle, WA, Gary McNulty, of Smithtown, NY and Heather Haynie (Harris), of Charlottesville, VA and grandfather of Wesley Jay Haynie.

Jay was not only a talented and successful builder but also an engaged member of his community and an enthusiastic parent. He was very involved in his village government for over 20 years, serving on various boards. He was a member of numerous builders associations as well. If he was not the coach himself to his children's sport teams, he could be spotted on the sideline cheering on the teams with pride. Jay enjoyed playing tennis with friends, downhill skiing, and could often be found "putzing" in the yard or riding his lawn mower. His energy and enthusiasm for his work and his family were infectious and he was an inspiration to his peers. He retired in 2005 after building his dream home on Long Island. Jay and Sheri bought their second/winter home in Bonita Springs in 2006 and enjoyed many outdoor activities together in the sun. In 2010 they sold their home in St. James, NY and spent their summers at Smith Mountain Lake in Penhook, VA, still wintering in Florida. Most recently, they sold their SML summer home and moved to Charlottesville, VA.

Jay is predeceased by his parents, Marjorie and Lester Francis McNulty (Greenlawn, NY) and his brothers, David and Donald McNulty. Jay lived a full life and will be missed by many.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that memorial contributions be made to Hope Hospice, 9470 HealthPark Circle, Ft. Myers, FL 33908.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall



“ *John Jay McNulty*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *I love you and miss you so much.....you will NEVER EVER be forgotten. Your son, Gary*

Gary McNulty - March 28, 2015 at 07:44 PM

JW

“ I did not know Jay well. However, one experience stands out. My step sons Harry and Jack were playing a tennis match at the Nissequogue Point Beach Club 13 and under Labor Day championship. They were both strong players. The boys, born 15 months apart are quite different in looks and character. To say it was a grudge match is an understatement. Jack was playing John McEnroe to Harry's Bjorn Borg, with all of the bad sportsmanship that we associate with McEnroe, the difference being that it was silent (McEnroe tended to be very vocal, as I recall). The more Harry beat him, the madder and more frustrated Jack got. It is rare to see that kind of display on the court. Jay watched with a mixture of amusement, and sympathy (while my wife and I winced with embarrassment). By the time the game was over, Jack's face was wet with tears, and Jay went up to him. Instead of rebuking him, Jay told Jack what a good game he had played, and that Jack showed great promise. He went on to arrange for Jack to get a tennis lesson with his son, who was a a professional player on the circuit. I will never forget Jay's kindness to my boys, and his lesson in grace to all of us that day. What a great guy! May God bless him and his family.

John White
St. James, NY

John S White - March 26, 2015 at 12:56 PM

JT

“ Sheri and Family,

We were so saddened to hear the news of Jay's passing. Our thoughts are with you all. Although brief, we enjoyed having you both as neighbors. We will always have fond memories of Jay enjoying your beautiful home; tending to your beautiful yard and seeing him canoeing in the Nissequogue River.

With Deepest Sympathy,

June & Doug Taylor

June Taylor - March 25, 2015 at 10:30 PM

KT

“ Jay was a wonderful mentor and support to me at The Knox School early in my career. I have always thought of him fondly and have been thankful over the years for the wealth of knowledge he shared with me.

With Deepest Sympathy,

Kristen B. Tillona

Head of School

The Knox School

Kristen Tillona - March 25, 2015 at 01:55 PM

BA

“ Our condolences on Jay's passing. I will remember the great hikes we took in Virginia. Bob Armstrong.

Bob Armstrong - March 23, 2015 at 09:02 AM

KL

“ I am so greatly bitter sweet at Jay's exit from this world as we know it. His life was well lived and that only inspires those of us left here with time to DO! Profound. I remember meeting him and many of his beautiful family-child and wife first at U of Colorado first days in. 18 young. At an elevator of all places. I paid attention to the family dynamics and felt drawn in. His daughter Tracey became a close person to me in college and I am always in awe at the dynamic people that parents can contribute to-Tracey is one of these in my life. Still. I am thankful to Jay for teaching me many good things through Tracey and I celebrate Him. I also weep at the loss that his loved ones will walk forward with because this is sacred and yet so tough. My love and prayers with all of you for strength that surpasses all human understanding. Kristin Lindell

Kristin Lindell - March 22, 2015 at 04:33 PM

HB

“ My condolences to the entire McNulty family. Jay was a good man who left us way too early. His memory lives on.

Hesso

Hesso Bellem - March 22, 2015 at 04:10 PM

 S.n.
Bellem

“ Our deepest condolences on the loss of your father, husband and grandfather. Mr. McNulty was always a kind man who very much loved his wife and children (and family). You are in our thoughts and prayers... Love Sonja Bellem and Family

S.n. Bellem - March 20, 2015 at 04:10 PM

AM

“ Dear Sheri & Family,
We were really saddened to hear about Jay. You and the family on
in our prayers.
Fondly,
Amy & Charlie Miller

Amy & Charles Miller - March 20, 2015 at 09:56 AM

JZ

“ It was wonderful having Jay as a brother-in-law for 43 years,
particularly because I didn't have a brother. We shared a lot of good
times at family gatherings, vacations and sporting activities. I will
miss him.
John Zambrano

John Zambrano - March 19, 2015 at 07:04 PM