



Mr. John Hancock McCanless Jr.

June 14, 1946 - November 8, 2022

It is with deep sorrow that Mrs. Cathy Overby McCanless announces the death of her beloved husband, John Hancock McCanless, Jr., 76.

Mr. McCanless entered into rest on Tuesday, November 8, 2022. The Directors of Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home are caring for the family.

A funeral service to celebrate his life will be held at 3 o'clock on Friday, November 18, 2022, at Vass United Methodist Church, 111 Alma Street, Vass, NC 28394. The Rev. Tim Caudle will officiate the service, and the family will receive friends in the church Fellowship Hall. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in his honor to The Fellowship of Worship Artists, P.O. Box 24787 Nashville TN 37202, or on their website: www.thefellowshipowa.org.

John Hancock McCanless, Jr. was born June 14, 1946, in Salisbury, NC. He was the son of the late John Hancock McCanless, Sr., and Dorothy Pinkston McCanless. John graduated from Boyden High School in Salisbury, NC, in 1964, and West Georgia College in 1970. He joined First National Bank in Farmville, VA, in 1970 and Citizens Savings and Loan in 1974. While in Farmville, he was president of the Farmville Jaycees and won several awards from the organization. Active in civic affairs, he was selected an "Outstanding Young Man in America" in 1975. He was also the Chairman of the local American Cancer Society and the director of the Wesley Foundation.

In 1981, he was appointed manager and city executive of the First Colony Savings and Loan Association of Southern Pines, NC. Following several appointments of increasing responsibility in finance, Mr. McCanless followed another passion in healthcare. After receiving his certifications, he entered into nursing home administration at Penick Village in Southern Pines, NC, in 1991. He continued his career in various aspects of nursing home care across southeastern North Carolina until his retirement.

While in North Carolina, Mr. McCanless continued his civic involvement, being named a Paul Harris Fellowship in Rotary International, serving as a leader of the Boy Scouts, and was active with the Moore County Fair Association. The McCanless' raised their family in Southern Pines United Methodist Church, where he worked with the youth, and also attended Vass United Methodist, where he was a Trustee and finance secretary. His greatest loves were his family, listening to beach music, being with friends, and fishing with his son and grandsons. He was affectionately known as "Duck" to his grandchildren, Connor, Aidan, Graeme, Ian, and Owen Clark.

He is survived by his loving wife of 51 years, Cathy Overby McCanless of Southern Pines, NC; son, John Hancock McCanless, III (Hanc) of Wilmington, NC; daughter, Cate McCanless (Tim Clark) of Falls Church, VA; sister, Sarah McCanless Haarlow (Bob) of Hartsville, SC; grandchildren, Connor, Aidan, Graeme, Ian, and Owen Clark; nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Dorothy McCanless Ward.

Cemetery Details

Private

Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall

HK

“ Henry And Donna King lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Hancock McCanless Jr.



Henry and Donna King - November 16, 2022 at 10:04 AM

SH

Thank you, dear friends!

Sarah McCanless Haarlow - December 30, 2022 at 07:56 AM

TM

“ John was a dear friend who will be sorely missed. We shared many great times together, especially breaking in all the cars used in driver's education during the summer of 1962. My sincere and profound condolences to Cathy and all of John's family. He will be missed.

Tim McSwain - Williamsburg, Virginia

Tim McSwain - November 12, 2022 at 07:13 PM

SH

Thank you, Tim! He was a great brother!

Sarah McCanless Haarlow - December 30, 2022 at 07:55 AM

AS

“ *Al & Melinda Sansbury lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Hancock McCanless Jr.*



Al & Melinda Sansbury - November 12, 2022 at 05:25 PM

SH

How thoughtful of you! I had a loving brother!

Sarah McCanless Haarlow - December 30, 2022 at 07:58 AM

KJ

“ *Karen Jeffords lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Hancock McCanless Jr.*



Karen Jeffords - November 12, 2022 at 11:45 AM

SH

Thank you, Karen!

Sarah McCanless Haarlow - December 30, 2022 at 07:59 AM

JW

“ *Sarah, we were so sorry to hear about the loss of your brother. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Rhonda and Jimmy Watkins

Jimmy and Rhonda Watkins - November 11, 2022 at 04:33 PM

SH

Thank you both for your support!

Sarah McCanless Haarlow - December 30, 2022 at 08:00 AM



“ *Crystal Minnehan sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. John Hancock McCanless Jr.*



Crystal Minnehan - November 11, 2022 at 04:24 PM

SH

Thank you Crystal!

Sarah McCanless Haarlow - December 30, 2022 at 08:01 AM

CB

“ *Carol Elmore Bryant lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Hancock McCanless Jr.*



carol elmore bryant - November 11, 2022 at 01:24 PM

CB

Sarah: I am so sorry for the loss of your brother. I am sending hugs filled with love to you. Blessings, Carol

carol elmore bryant - November 11, 2022 at 01:26 PM

SM

“ *Mrs Cathy and family I am truly sorry for your loss! He was a wonderful man and he was one of my favorites.*

Stacy Marcum - November 09, 2022 at 12:17 PM

TW

“ *Travis And Marilyn Walters lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Hancock McCanless Jr.*



Travis and Marilyn Walters - November 09, 2022 at 09:04 AM