



John J. McCardle

January 20, 1933 - January 2, 2017

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83, of Indianapolis, passed away January 2, 2017. He was born January 20, 1933 to John W. and Ruth Bills McCardle in Indianapolis. John graduated from Broad Ripple High School in 1950 and from Butler University in 1954. He was a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity. He enlisted in the Air Force after college and retired from military service in 1988 as a Lieutenant Colonel. John worked in Public Relations at Allison Transmission and after retirement from his working life, he volunteered at Methodist Hospital for over 2 decades. He volunteered over 10,000 hours and proudly represented Methodist hospital at the lobby desks and also gave VIP tours of the hospital.

His passion in life was collecting and playing musical instruments. He had affiliations with many local community bands and was proficient on Clarinet, Bass Clarinet, Tuba and Baritone. His collection of instruments and literature was his pride and joy. He was a regular at local auction houses and delighted in acquiring antique instruments and researching their history. Over the years he also owned classic cars including a 1957 Corvette and 1941 Cadillac. He was a member of many organizations and societies associated with instruments and with automobiles.

Visitation will be Sunday, January 8, 2017 from 2:00 p.m. until the time of service at 5:00 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel, 9606 E. Washington St. Indianapolis.

John is survived by his daughter, Lynne McCardle Stern and grandchildren,

Natalie L. Smith and Richard F. Stern. John was preceded in death by his parents, half-brother, Clyde McCardle and son, Matthew J. McCardle.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial contribution to New Horizons Band of Indianapolis, 5282 E. 65TH St., Indianapolis, IN 46220, or to the Capital City Chorus of Sweet Adelines International, P.O. Box 26268, Indianapolis, IN 46226.

To remember John, support local musical organizations, encourage a child to play an instrument or sing in a choir. Volunteer your time to make the world a kinder place. These things were all part of John's passions and would honor his memory in a very meaningful way.

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Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 8. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel
9606 E. Washington Street
Indianapolis, IN 46229
(317) 897-9606
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Funeral Service

JAN 8. 5:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

KC

“ I worked with John at Allison's. He was a pleasure to know and I appreciated his vast interests and his quick wit and sense of humor. I send my sympathy and prayers to his family. Kathy Clem

Kathy Clem - January 13, 2017 at 10:37 PM



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Shirley Brothers Mortuaries & Crematory - January 10, 2017 at 07:34 AM

MB

“ I always enjoyed playing in band with John. He was a good musician and always knew what he was doing. His "show and tell" demonstrations were always interesting. I got a kick out of discovering that we had the same birthday, but not the same year. My and my family's prayers are with you. Martha Benson, another clarinet player.

martha benson - January 08, 2017 at 06:41 AM

AH

“ Lynne & Martha -- I'm so sorry for your loss. I wish there were magic words to make this time easier for you. When Matthew and I were in college together, he often talked about his Dad. My prayers are with you. Amy Gifford Hume.

Amy Gifford Hume - January 05, 2017 at 07:29 PM