



## John J. McPhillips

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John J. McPhillips, beloved son, brother, husband, father, grandfather, uncle and friend, passed away quietly on a Thursday morning in the comfort of his own home after a valiant fight with Leukemia.

Born to John and Pat McPhillips, John grew up and began his education in Los Angeles. Prior to completing his undergraduate studies, John enlisted in the United States Army and continued his service to his beloved country in the Marine Corps Reserve.

Following his return from service overseas, John graduated with a business degree from Loyola University and began his career in Industrial and Commercial Real Estate as a broker. After meeting on a blind date, he fell in love with and married Patti. They were married for 56 years and together they were blessed with three daughters, two sons-in-law, and five grandchildren.

John had a passion for life itself. He was a devout Catholic with an unbreakable faith, a steadfast family man, a proud veteran, a loyal friend, and known by all as a good and respectable man. John was an avid golfer, a Friendly Son of St. Patrick, and served as a Knight of Columbus.

After raising a family of his own and retiring from a rewarding and successful career, John enjoyed attending his grandchildren's activities with pride. He was always up for a celebration and often took joy in getting the party started. John was also a guiding force and positive role model to those around him, and nothing gave him greater joy than spending time with his family and friends.

John will be deeply missed by those who knew and loved him, but we are comforted by God's grace, knowing that he is resting peacefully with the Lord.

Service information

Funeral Mass

July 16, 2021 at 11:00 a.m.

St. Therese of Carmel Catholic Church

4355 Del Mar Trails Road

San Diego, CA 92130

In Lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to:

The Elizabeth Hospice

mail check to 500 La Terraza Blvd. Suite 130

Escondido, CA 92025.

760-796-3737

The American Cancer Society <https://donate3.cancer.org/>

Wounded Warriors <https://support.woundedwarriorproject.org/>

# Cemetery

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## Miramar National Cemetery

5795 Nobel Drive  
San Diego, CA, 92121

# Events

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**JUL 16 Memorial Service with Military Honors** 11:00AM - 01:00PM

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St. Therese of Carmel Catholic Church  
4355 Del Mar Trails Road, San Diego, CA, US, 92130

# Comments

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“ My husband and I feel John was one of the most wonderful human beings we have ever met. We moved across the country from New Jersey to California and luckily moved into a house on the cul de sac where John and his family lived. He was the first one to ring our doorbell and welcome us. We will never forget his kindness. He was such a special person and his family was wonderful. Rest In Peace dear John... you deserve it!

**Trish Stuparich** - July 17 at 11:51 PM

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“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of John J. McPhillips.



July 12 at 03:18 PM

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“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of John J. McPhillips.



July 12 at 12:35 PM

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“ I have so many wonderful memories of my Uncle John. Two of my all time favorites happened on my favorite holidays! When I was young we always lived within a few blocks of the McPhillips. When we lived in Huntington Beach, we went tick-or-treating at their house and were surprised when A wicked old witch parted the creepy curtains at the door. She was hunched over and had a horrible warted nose and talked in a scary voice. She looked straight out of Snow White! Of course it was really Uncle John!!

My 2nd favorite memory was when we lived in Westminster and Santa came to the house with a bag of gifts! The little kids were fooled but I knew right away it was my Uncle John!

I will always remember his big smile and his twinkling eyes and how much fun he was!

**Susan Morgan** - July 12 at 02:57 AM