



John McFarland

February 27, 1937 - October 4, 2019

John H. McFarland, 82, Topeka, Kansas went to be with the Lord on Friday, October 4, 2019, after succumbing to a battle with Merkel cell carcinoma.

John was born February 27, 1937, in Sterling, Kansas. Upon graduating from Fort Hays State University, he taught industrial arts and coached sports in Luray, Hoxie and Hugoton. He then became a high school principal in Sedgwick and Hoyt. Later, he became a special education director and worked for Jefferson County Co-op. After serving as superintendent for Solomon schools for nine years, he retired to Topeka to be near his children and grandchildren. He also enjoyed senior tennis groups, K-State football and his church.

John was preceded in death by a son Monte, his mother, Marie McFarland and his father, Wendell McFarland. He is survived by his wife of 60 years Bernice; daughter Karen; son Kevin; daughter Brenda and her husband Bob Gladfelter; two grandsons, Matthew and Nathan Gladfelter; and his sister, Ruth Konken.

Family will greet friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday at Reformed Presbyterian Church, 8345 SW 33rd Street, Topeka. John's funeral will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Church. Burial will follow in Mount Hope Cemetery.

Memorial contributions are suggested to Reformed Presbyterian Church.

Cemetery Details

Mount Hope Cemetery

4700 SW 17th Street
Topeka, KS 66604

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 7. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Reformed Presbyterian Church
8345 SW 33rd St
Topeka, KS

Funeral Service

OCT 8. 10:00 AM (CT)

Reformed Presbyterian Church
8345 SW 33rd St
Topeka, KS

Tribute Wall



“ *Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of John McFarland*



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - October 07, 2019 at 12:44 PM



“ *John McFarland*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *I count it a personal blessing that I got to know John from our brief time together in recent years on the tennis courts at Genesis Health Club. It was obvious from the beginning that he was a man of character who I came to admire a great deal. For just one simple example, whenever he made a "line call" during a tennis game that was close, he would ALWAYS make the call to his opponents advantage and not to his own. It became clear to me that from both his words and actions that he had a faith in God. John had a positive affect on my life as I am confident that anyone that ever shared a tennis court with him feels the same. May God comfort those that mourn his loss.*

Mark Owens

Mark Owens - October 07, 2019 at 09:39 AM



“ *I am sorry to hear of Johns passing. Kevin we haven't talked for years, but would love to hear from you. Chuck Lentz*

Chuck Lentz - October 06, 2019 at 03:21 PM