



John J. McGee

January 20, 1929 - October 6, 2019

John J. McGee

Founder of McGee Tire Stores

John J. McGee, at the age of 90, went home to the Lord on October 6, 2019. In his final days, he was able to enjoy time with his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren; listening to the stories and laughter of a life well lived. John was born on January 20, 1929 in Omaha, Nebraska to Dr. John McGee, MD and Mary McGee. Following graduation from Creighton University, John married his high school sweetheart Geraldine (Jerry) McGee, October 26, 1950 and they began a family that blessed them with six children. Their journey in life together, found them throughout the Midwest finding home in Nebraska, Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin all while working for the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company. Being a devout Catholic, John and Jerry joined the local Catholic church of each town they lived in and made numerous friends. John remained employed within the tire industry throughout his career.

In 1974, John moved his family to Lakeland, where he purchased the locally owned OK Tires; founding McGee Tire Stores. The company John began grew to 30 locations throughout Central Florida before being sold in 2016. Following retirement in 1991, he and Jerry traveled, played golf, bridge, attended daily mass and enjoyed each other's company along with their

children and grandchildren. They spent many summer seasons enjoying the mountains of NC at their home in Franklin. When in Lakeland, John found himself as a great resource in the family business and could be found making tire deliveries and whatever was needed. These were his golden years.

John was past President of the Lakeland North Rotary Club and a Paul Harris Fellow. He was highly involved in the Florida Independent Tire and Retreaders Association, serving on the board of directors for many years. He had a passion for leadership, which was shared in the Watauga Vista Homeowner's Association in Franklin, NC. An active parishioner of Resurrection Catholic Church since 1974, John served the church council, was a Eucharistic minister and involved in the prison ministry.

In 2009, Jerry McGee, his wife of 59 years passed away and John's life changed abruptly as he had difficulty accepting her passing. He is preceded in death by his parents, two brothers and a sister. He is survived by his children, Michael McGee (Kathy), Cathy Kenney (Mike), Terry McGee (Carla), Cindy McGee, Peggy Waters (Allen), and Johnny McGee (Sheila); 11 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren. In addition, John is survived by his sister Pat Duffy (Bob) in Seattle Washington; many nieces and nephews throughout the country.

Visitation will be held from 6 – 8 pm, Thursday, October 10th at Gentry-Morrison Funeral Home at 1727 Bartow Hwy. Lakeland Florida 33801. A Mass of Christian burial will take place at 11 am, Friday, October 11th at the Resurrection Catholic Church; 333 Terrace Way, Lakeland, Florida 33813. A reception lunch will follow the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to Resurrection Catholic Church or Boys Town; P.O. Box 8000, Boys Town NE 68010.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **10.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - Southside Chapel
1727 Bartow Road
Lakeland, FL 33801
(863) 688-7679
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Service

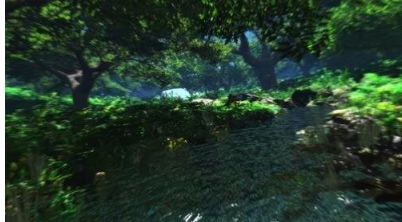
OCT **11.** 11:00 AM (ET)

Resurrection Catholic Church
3720 Old Hwy 37
Lakeland, FL

Tribute Wall



“ *Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of John J. McGee*



Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - October 10, 2019 at 11:55 AM

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Mike - October 21, 2019 at 05:14 PM

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“ *Lakeland North Rotary Club purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of John J. McGee.*



Lakeland North Rotary Club - October 10, 2019 at 09:01 AM



“ 87 files added to the album LifeTributes



Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - October 09, 2019 at 04:38 PM

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Beautiful photos of a wonderful family in whose hearts John McGee will live on.

Susan Depatie - October 10, 2019 at 02:42 PM



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



October 09, 2019 at 12:40 PM

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“ Our condolences to the family of John McGee. He led an amazing life and raised a beautiful family. We are blessed with memories of him while living in Winona and during our visits to Lakeland and the mountain house. John enjoyed sharing his hidden gem restaurants with us including the Wild Thyme Gourmet, Maggie Galley, and Catfish Country. A diverse range from high end to log cabin to gator bites but always the conversations were filled with his humor and enthusiasm. We are sure he is walking up and down the mountain roads with a smile and a renewed energy in his step! We will miss him. Mark & Jamie Jameson

Mark Jameson - October 09, 2019 at 12:01 PM