



John C. McDarment

April 3, 1941 - October 31, 2021

Longtime Wenatchee, WA, resident and businessman, John C. McDarment, 80, passed on to life eternal on Sunday, October 31, 2021, at Harborview Medical Center, in Seattle, WA. John moved to Washington after meeting the love of his life, Betsy, in college and they were married on Mercer Island, WA. While working for Seafirst bank as a trust officer, John was transferred to the Wenatchee Valley, in 1971. He thought it would be a perfect place to raise their family. He left the banking industry to partner with friends to buy Johnson's Inc. After they sold Johnson's, he opened McDee's Art Center and added the Wenatchee Plan Center. After renovating and moving into the old bus depot, he expanded his graphics design business and evolved his businesses into Ridgeline Graphics.

John was an active volunteer in the Boy Scouts, Rotary, and St. Paul's Lutheran Church. He enjoyed mentoring many in Scouting and was proud of his three sons and two grandsons all earning the Eagle Scout rank. He was a longtime member of the downtown Wenatchee Rotary Club, serving as President, as well as in other leadership roles. He recently transferred to the Sunrise Rotary Club, so he could serve with his son, Chris. While with the Sunrise Club, he served on the board and was an active member. He was the President of his church congregation, at the time of his passing.

John enjoyed welcoming new people to our community. He always found time

for everyone, offering an encouraging word, or just lending an ear. He was also eager to help with projects and never hesitated to lead the way. His actions mentored and inspired many.

John is survived by his wife of 56 years, Betsy; sons: John W. (Lisa), Chris (Holly), and Logan; and grandsons: Braden and Brian.

A Worship Service will be held Saturday, November 13, 2021, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 312 Palouse St., Wenatchee, WA. An open reception will be held at Ridgeline Graphics Saturday, November 13, 2021, at 3:00 p.m. You are invited to view John's online tribute at www.jonesjonesbetts.com where you can share a memory.

Donations in memory of John may be made in his name to St. Paul's Lutheran Church Building Fund at 312 Palouse St., Wenatchee or to Sunrise Rotary Club through the Community Foundation, 9 S. Wenatchee Ave., Wenatchee, WA, 98801, or online using the "Give Now" link at www.cfncw.org.

Previous Events

Reception

NOV 13. 3:00 PM (PT)

Ridgeline Graphics
30 N Chelan Ave
Wenatchee, WA 98801

Tribute Wall

AC

“ *Such a dedicated Scouter. We will certainly miss his commitment to the youth, not only in the Wenatchee area, but also in the state of Washington. May God grant you comfort and grace and darn good memories!*

-Anne Kenny Chapman

Anne Kenny Chapman - November 13, 2021 at 06:53 PM

GL

“ *Our deepest sympathy and condolences go out to the McDarment family. Susie and I moved here from Seattle because of John and Betsy. In 1978 John and I were both trust officers with Seafirst Bank. John had decided to make a career move and suggested I take his position as trust officer in the Wenatchee branch. On Apple Blossom weekend, John drove us around the area. It was a beautiful day, the trees were in bloom and Susie and I fell in love with Wenatchee immediately. John and Betsy could not have been kinder and more helpful to us and our young family. We had just moved into our new home when John showed up with a hammer and a bucket of spare nails to help me put up a fence around the yard. John sponsored me into Wenatchee Rotary and he and Betsy helped us feel welcome by introducing us to many of their wonderful friends. We know he will be missed by so many.*

Greg and Susie Lair

Greg and Susie Lair - November 13, 2021 at 05:26 PM

OM

“ John was my Scoutmaster and treated me with dignity and respect through my teenage years when I didn't always deserve it. He chose to see the best in me and was a transformative part of my life. My best memories of him are not only of what he said or some of the Scouting adventures we went on, but how he made me feel and believe more in myself. I am so thankful for the time that he part of my life. I grieve with his family for their loss but I also celebrate a life well lived.

Orin Melvin - November 13, 2021 at 01:45 AM

TO

“ Betsy and family,

I'm stunned to hear the news of John. John was a great man and an important part of this community. Atticus and I offer our condolences. I was given the opportunity to work for Ridgeline for 5 years. I learned so much from John, and the others, and gained many friends in the community through the network that John provided. I worked up until the day before I had Atticus and John made any accommodation that I had requested! I'm so thankful for everything that Ridgeline had done for me and am proud to attach that history to my resume. You couldn't get John to stay home for anything because he constantly kept busy. Rest easy John it's time to take a break. (Below is a picture of my surprise baby shower at work. John of course hid from the photo but here's the rest of the crew!)



Tia Schmotzer OBrien - November 12, 2021 at 07:02 PM

MO

“ Our family grieves with you, Betsy, Johnny, Chris & Logan, but what a privilege and many blessings it was to have y'all as neighbors when we moved to Wenatchee in '82, sharing the boys' growth, sports, scouting and best friendships. Our comfort is knowing we'll see each other again with our Lord Jesus in Heaven (already celebrating w/Dr. Jim there). Marion (Holcomb) Osborn

Marion (Holcomb) Osborn - November 12, 2021 at 05:54 PM

AW

“ My husband Keith Wilson has good memories of friendship with John at the Hospitality House as a volunteer and also for the brief time John employed Keith part time at McDee's. They both passed at age 80 and I know are rejoicing in heaven. God bless your family. Ann Wilson

Ann Wilson - November 12, 2021 at 11:21 AM

LB

“ I appreciated John so very much. I shopped often at McDees. John was always cheerful and helpful. I was so sorry to hear of his death. Condolences to Betsy and the family. May God wrap you in love and comfort. Lynn brown



Lynn Brown - November 11, 2021 at 08:36 PM

RS

“ I will miss my closest friend from St. Paul's Lutheran Church, and the best landlord anyone could have, and the best congregational president! Beth and I will keep you Betsy and your family in our daily thoughts and prayers. May God continue His grace and peace with you always. Pastor Gary and Beth Siefert



Rev. Gary L. Siefert - November 10, 2021 at 10:10 AM

RU

“ John was funny, kind, humble, generous with his time and money. A great example of a Christian man. He will be sorely missed.

Ruth - November 09, 2021 at 01:18 PM

TV

“ Betsy & Family,
I am filled with sadness at learning of John's passing. John and his father Fred were true mentors and supporters of Art Education for both young people and adults over many years for our valley. I am so thankful that they have been key parts of my own art development.

Blessings,
Terry V.

Terry Valdez - November 04, 2021 at 09:01 PM

ET

“ *Dear Betsy and Family,*

It was only a few days ago that I had lunch with you and John and then later in the day Barbara met John at his office to pick up our Holiday letter that John had so beautifully helped create and print.

John and you have given so much to our community! His leadership has been exemplary in so many organizations and he will be very much missed.

Sincerely,

Barbara and Earl

Earl Tilly - November 04, 2021 at 12:26 PM

MW

What a lovely, kind, gentle man. He and Betsy were always one of my favorite customers at the Kitchen Sync and I always appreciated John's business acumen. My heart goes out to you and your family Betsy.

Mary Woods - November 11, 2021 at 02:18 PM

PW

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Peter Van Well - November 03, 2021 at 05:23 PM

MH

Missing you friend!

Milt Herman - November 04, 2021 at 07:22 AM

MR

Mansour and I will treasure our recent evening spent together! So thankful to have met such a lovely family.

Mansour Ravassipour - November 10, 2021 at 09:58 AM