

*John Owen McKenzie passed away, surrounded by his immediate family, on October 25, 2023.*

*John was born in Minneapolis, MN to Kenneth E. McKenzie and Ellen (Oakes) McKenzie on March 31, 1939. He graduated from DeLaSalle High School in 1957 and from Dunwoody College of Technology in 1963 with a degree in Heating, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration. He was enlisted in the United States Army from January 1962-December of 1963.*

*John was joined in marriage to Diane Roske on September 25, 1965. They had two children, Leah Marie and Mark Allen. He was a wonderful husband and father, sharing the importance of hard work, family meals, financial independence, and “being a survivor.”*

*John was a loyal man-loyal to his family, friends, and the Pipefitters Union Local 539. He was a member of that union for 58 years. When driving through the Minneapolis area, he would point out each building he had worked on, tell you the people he worked on it with, and share the weather conditions that he endured while working on it.*

*His time with family and friends was enjoyed, primarily, at the lake home on Lake Ida, in Alexandria, MN. He enjoyed fishing in the mornings and evenings and tinkering, in the garage, in between. He also spent time at “The Swamp”, 41 acres of land where he hunted, gardened and worked on his Allis-Chalmers tractors. For the past 20+ years, he and Diane spent time in New Smyrna Beach, FL, in the early Spring, where they met many good friends.*

*John was rough on the outside but soft in the middle. Those who knew his soft side best were his family members-his wife of 58 years, Diane, daughter Leah Heurung (John), and son Mark McKenzie. Not least were his grandchildren, Audra, Aidan, and Blaine, who affectionately called him “Papa.”*

*John was preceded in death by his parents Kenneth and Ellen, sister Audrey, and brother, Kenneth Jr.*

## *Remembering the Life of*



**John O. McKenzie**

**1939 ~ 2023**

IN LOVING  
*Memory*

*John Owen McKenzie*

March 31, 1939 † October 25, 2023

**Memorial Service**

Anderson Funeral Home

Alexandria, Minnesota

Monday, October 30, 2023

1:00 PM

**Officiating**

Deacon Ruth Blom

**Musical Selections By**

Vivian Bentley

**Military Honors By**

American Legion Post #87

VFW Post #936

VVA Post #235 Rifle Squad

Marine Corp League #1409

Minnesota National Guard Funeral Honors

GOD looked around the garden,  
And found an empty space.  
He looked down upon the earth,  
And saw your tired face. He put  
*His arms around you*  
And lifted you to rest.  
God's garden must be beautiful  
For He only takes the **BEST.**  
He knew that you were weary,  
and He knew that you were in pain.  
He knew that you would never  
be well on earth again.  
He saw the roads were getting rough,  
and the hills were hard to climb.  
So He closed your weary eyelids,  
*Peace be Shine.* and whispered

