

John Gerald McCormick

April 16, 1929 - June 17, 2025

John Gerald McCormick was quiet and humble, the type of man that was generous with his given talents and time. He died peacefully on June 17, 2025, in Charlotte, MI at the age of 96. John was born in Maybee, MI on April 16, 1929, the son of Richard Edward and Anastasia (Schmidt) McCormick. John proudly served his country in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1946 - 1949 and remained in the reserves for three years. After working for Kaiser-Frazier and Packard, John spent the next 30 years as a mechanical engineer at Ford Motor Company and retired in 1986. John's job would take the family to Mexico City for four years and Venezuela for four more. With a gift for precision, John used that not only in his job but also as a pilot, he loved flying - from remote control airplanes to powered planes to sailplanes. John started his flying passion at 16 years of age when he purchased a two-seat Taylorcraft and flew out of a converted cornfield at the family farm in Carleton, MI. He was a member of a private air club at Custer Airport in Monroe, Treasurer of the Michigan Air National Guard Flying Club at Detroit Metropolitan Airport, and President of the Marshall Soaring Club. John volunteered his time to introduce children to flying through the Experimental Aircraft Association's (EAA) Young Eagles program, flying several hundred flights, and touring local schools. For his contribution to the Young Eagles program, John's name is displayed at the EAA Museum in Oshkosh, WI. A dearest memory of John's was when he received letters from students who later became military and commercial pilots. Another passion was

woodworking. John crafted a variety of products from shelves to a timberframe home in Olivet, MI. John used black walnut and barn wood sourced from the family farm to make his wood creations for family and friends.

As a devoted catholic, faith and family was of the utmost importance to John. On July 14, 1951, John married Rosemary Patricia "Pat" Miller at St. Patrick's in Carleton, MI, and enjoyed 62 years of adventures with his family. Later as a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church in Bellevue, he enjoyed helping on projects at the parish. Their children shared many wonderful stories about their family adventures and what wonderful parents John and Pat were.

John is survived by his children, Nathan (Heather) McCormick, Mitchell McCormick, Ruth (Charles) Schenk; grandchildren, Ian McCormick, Cullan (Lauren) McCormick, and Elise Schenk; and dear friend, Spring Boehmer. He was predeceased by his wife, Pat; infant daughter, Helen; infant son, Mark; his parents; and siblings, Ruth, Donald, Paul, Edward, and Ethel. John and his family would like to express our gratitude for the care, compassion, and camaraderie that we all received from the staff of ECHRS while he resided there.

Friends are encouraged to support the McCormick family by attending services or sharing memories on John's Tribute Page at www.prayfuneral.com. Visitation and memorial services are Thursday, July 17 at St. Ann Catholic Church in Bellevue, Michigan. Visitation is 9:30-10:30 a.m. with a Rosary at 10:30 a.m. and Mass celebrated at 11:00 a.m. The funeral will be webcast so you may watch it from any computer, smartphone, or mobile device that has internet access. Go to www.prayfuneral.com, click on John's tribute, then click on Photos and Videos from your computer (or Media from your smart phone). If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to St. Ann Catholic Church or the Eaton County Health and Rehabilitation

Services Activity Fund. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home,
Charlotte.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 17. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Ann Catholic Church
312 S. Main St.
Bellevue, MI 49021

Rosary

JUL 17. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Ann Catholic Church
312 S. Main St.
Bellevue, MI 49021

Funeral Mass

JUL 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Ann Catholic Church
312 S. Main St.
Bellevue, MI 49021

Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Webcast in memory of John Gerald McCormick*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - July 16, 2025 at 11:49 AM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Gerald McCormick.*



July 15, 2025 at 08:17 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of John Gerald McCormick.*



July 15, 2025 at 08:16 AM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of John Gerald McCormick.*



July 14, 2025 at 12:22 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John Gerald McCormick.

July 14, 2025 at 12:22 PM



“ Ann, Meg and Teresa McCormick planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Gerald McCormick.

Ann, Meg and Teresa McCormick - July 14, 2025 at 09:03 AM



“ Ann, Meg and Teresa McCormick purchased the *Pretty Please* for the family of John Gerald McCormick.

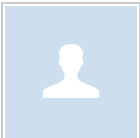


Ann, Meg and Teresa McCormick - July 14, 2025 at 09:03 AM



“ John was my uncle, my mom's brother in law. He was always gentle, always smiling and always a man to look up to. I loved visiting his house in Northville and spending holidays there. He always had some beautiful project to show and always had such exciting stories. His smile and subtle laugh were endearing and warm. He and my aunt Pat always had a twinkle in their eyes when they looked at each other a spoke of each other. He was a great father to Nathan, Mitch and Ruth and a wonderful role model to all of us. There aren't many gentlemen in this world like my uncle John and he will forever hold a special place in my heart and in all of my memories.

Joette Zochowski - July 06, 2025 at 06:47 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John Gerald McCormick.

June 20, 2025 at 04:53 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John Gerald McCormick.



June 20, 2025 at 04:53 PM



“ Sending our condolences from the staff at ECHRS

ECHRS - June 20, 2025 at 10:00 AM

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“ *There are many words and thoughts that come to mind when thinking about John. For us they include faith, fellowship and professionalism, John was always a gentleman and still managed to tell an entertaining story, He was a special man in so many ways. He will be remembered. Dcn. Art and Joanne Williams.*

JOANNE A WILLIAMS - June 18, 2025 at 05:08 PM