



John C. McKeon

March 30, 2025 - August 21, 2025

Hampton – John C. McKeon, 76, of Hampton, passed away at home surrounded by family on Thursday, August 21, 2025.

Born in Exeter, NH on March 30, 1949, he was the son of the late John C. and Eloise (Ledoux) McKeon. Raised in North Hampton, he graduated from St. Thomas Aquinas High School in 1967 and Providence College in 1971.

An entrepreneur at heart, John owned and operated the Surf Sweet Shop and the Surf Hotel in Hampton Beach for nearly 50 years while later also owning and operating the Majestic Regency in Wells, ME before retiring in 2020. To keep himself busy after retiring, John started options trading for fun.

John was a long-time member of the Hampton River Boat Club and Abeniqui Country Club. He enjoyed sailing, surfing, lobstering, fishing and simply spending time on the ocean. He was a devoted family man whose boundless curiosity about life inspired those around him. Known for his quick wit and infectious sense of humor, John was also a passionate New England Patriots fan who never missed a game.

Surviving family members include his wife of 53 years, Ann Marie (Keefe) McKeon of Hampton; daughters, Melissa McKeon of No. Hampton and Meghan Brower and her husband Brian of Stratham; sisters, Mary Connelly of

West Yarmouth, MA, Carol McKeon and her husband Richard Bower of East Falmouth, MA and Joan McKeon of Hampton as well as several nieces, nephews and grandnieces and grandnephews.

A celebration of life will be held at Abeniqui Country Club at 12:30 PM on Friday, August 29, 2025. Burial services will be private. In lieu of flowers and in honor of John's favorite sport, surfing, donations may be made to Surfing with Smiles.

Previous Events


Celebration of Life

AUG **29**. 12:30 PM (ET)

Abenaqui Country Club
731 Central Road
Rye Beach, NH 03871

Tribute Wall

TA

“ From the Surfing with Smiles community, we are so sorry to hear about John's passing. We are so honored that John's family chose Surfing with Smiles to honor his memory. Your generosity helps us keep bringing joy to the Hampton surfing community. John's legacy will live on through SWS 

Taylor - August 30, 2025 at 12:40 PM

MF

“ Dear Ann, Melissa, and Meghan, Know our family is holding yours in our thoughts and prays at this sad time. The last time I saw John was with Melissa when they were out for bagels. His smiles still lights up any room. Sending hugs and lots of love. Love, Greg, Mary, Cate, and Michael Fontaine

Mary Fontaine - August 26, 2025 at 08:28 AM

MC

“ Ann, we are saddened to hear of John's passing. We had some fun times over the years with you two and now they are precious memories. Please extend our heartfelt sympathies to Melissa and Megan as well as all of John's family. Please know I'm here for your if there's anything I can do to support you in this trying time. Love & Hugs, Mary & Dave Conant

Mary Conant - August 25, 2025 at 07:25 PM

DR

“ *Debbie and Walter Rogers purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of John C. McKeon.*



Debbie and Walter Rogers - August 24, 2025 at 10:28 AM

SM

“ *Sharna M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John C. McKeon.*

Sharna M. - August 24, 2025 at 09:57 AM

BS

“ *Some of my fondest memories of John and McKeon family are my summers working at Hampton Beach. Please know I care...*

Bobbie [Henderson] Stevenson - August 24, 2025 at 09:36 AM

RS

“ *Roberta S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John C. McKeon.*

Roberta S. - August 24, 2025 at 09:32 AM

AD

“ Ann, Melissa and Meghan, and family,
I was so saddened to read of John's passing. We have such fond memories of the Surf, and the time we spent with all of you. John never failed to have a quick, funny comment, or a treasured story about Hampton. We were so blessed to know him, and looked forward to sharing mudslides every summer! Sending all of you our condolences and prayers, and hoping the oceans of memories you have will sustain you at this difficult time.

Fondly,
Alyson (Satchell) Dupre

Alyson J Dupre - August 24, 2025 at 08:33 AM

JF

“ John Savastano and Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John C. McKeon.



John Savastano and Family - August 23, 2025 at 11:27 PM

GA

“ Gloria and John Anastas planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John C. McKeon.

Gloria and John Anastas - August 23, 2025 at 07:51 PM

GA

“ Gloria and John Anastas purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of John C. McKeon.



Gloria and John Anastas - August 23, 2025 at 07:51 PM