



John M. McCammond M.D.

June 3, 1935 - January 25, 2025

John M. McCammond, M.D., 89, of Kearney, passed away January 25, 2025, at C.H.I. Health Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney. Memorial Services will be 11:00 am, February 1, 2025, at the First Presbyterian Church in Kearney with Pastor Clint Cozier officiating. A private family burial will take place at Kearney Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4:00 to 6:00 pm, January 31, 2025, at Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the family to establish the John M. McCammond, M.D. scholarship for Medical Students.

John Marshall McCammond, MD was born in Marshalltown, Iowa to Faye McCammond and Margaret Marshall McCammond. He grew up in Des Moines, Iowa. John's father passed away when John was 9 and from that day forward he worked hard to help his Mom. His early years were spent as a paper boy for the Des Moines Register and Tribune. John attended Theodore Roosevelt High School where he met his future wife, Shirley Pease. During his high school years he was a cheerleader, involved in choirs at school and church and loved to golf (sneaking into Waveland Golf Course to avoid the green fees). His love of singing and golf continued through his entire life. He had a motorcycle accident that laid him up for almost a year and that is when he decided to pursue medicine as a career. John was known for his great sense of humor and loved to tell a joke, a trait he shares with his brother Frank.

John and Shirley married in 1953 and moved to Iowa City, Iowa where he attended undergraduate and medical school. He was elected to Phi Beta Kappa and Alpha Omega Alpha, excelling in all his academic endeavors. After completing a year of internship in Detroit, Michigan the family moved to Kearney in 1961 where he began practicing medicine with Dr. Sanford Staley.

The following November John was drafted into the Air Force, moving the family (4 children) to Del Rio, Texas during the Cuban missile crisis. He was a Captain and served as a physician at Laughlin AFB.

In 1963 the family returned to Kearney, where he resumed his practice with Dr. Staley. He continued practicing Family Medicine as a member of The American and Nebraska Academies of Family Physicians. He was named Nebraska Family Physician of the Year in 1997. John retired from full time practice in 1997 and left his treasured patients to the excellent care of his fellow doctors at Family Practice Associates, which he founded. Gilbert Rude was the first doctor to join this group and it has continued to grow and provide family care to the people of central Nebraska.

After retirement, John and Shirley shared so many travel adventures, family visits, and outreach work through their church, the Red Cross, and mentoring Doctors in a residency training program in Ravenna, Nebraska. Life changing trips included 6 months in the state of South Australia working as a family physician at rural clinics. Both John and Shirley made many lifelong friends on that trip and returned to that beautiful country 3 more times. John was so privileged to accompany his best friend, Dr. David Wiebe, to India to serve the clinic patients in the community where David grew up. All of these experiences affirmed John's desire and need to help and serve others.

John is survived by his wife Shirley and his brother Frank (Lonna). Daughter

Jean McCammond Walker (Kim), children John Walker (Abbey) and their children Callum, Llewelyn and Vaughn, Katherine Walker Brown (David), their children Marshall and Miles, Michael Walker and his children Ramona and Helen. Daughter Janet Jennings (Bob), their children Tom Jennings (Kaci), their children Emerson and Hensley, Dan Jennings (Courtney), their children Brooklyn and Rowe. Daughter Joan Tritsch (Tom), their children Megan Tritsch, Matt Tritsch (Jeanette), their children Olsen and Colette, Michael Tritsch (Tiffani) their daughter Townes. Daughter-in-law Kate Thayer McCammond, and son John.

John was preceded in death by son James A. McCammond, sister Margaret Miller and great grandson Cy Walker.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 31. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl
2421 Avenue A
Kearney, NE 68847
(308) 237-2259
<https://www.hlmkfuneral.com>

Memorial Service

FEB 1. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church
4511 6th Avenue
Kearney, NE 68845

Tribute Wall

GW

“ *What a very special man, so kind & considerate. God Blessed us with his love & kindness. Gary & Connie Welty*



Gary & Connie Welty - January 31, 2025 at 12:19 PM



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

January 30, 2025 at 07:04 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John M. McCammond M.D..*



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“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John M. McCammond M.D..*



January 29, 2025 at 11:08 PM

SY

“ Susan Y. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John M. McCammond M.D..

Susan Y. - January 29, 2025 at 08:44 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John M. McCammond M.D..



January 28, 2025 at 08:30 PM

CL

“ So sorry to hear of the loss but what wonderful memories come flooding back to me this afternoon as I read his obituary. I'm sure I was a nuisance coming into the office so much as a youngster but he was always very kind to me even when he should have kicked me out the door. His concern for my mom, Elsa Staley, the last few years has been very much appreciated. What a life well lived!!

Chris Lahm - January 28, 2025 at 06:07 PM

MK

“ Shirley and family, We were sad to hear about John. Every time we saw him, we were impressed with his kindness and warm smile. He even went to Iowa City where I also got my master's! When we moved back to Kearney in 1991, we chose Family Practice with Gil Rude (my classmate from KHS), so we were there when John was still practicing. My dad (Wayne McKinney) always spoke so highly of John. I hope you are comforted by the wonderful testimony of his patients and colleagues, which show what a wonderful life he lived with such a lasting impact on his community.

Mary Kommers - January 28, 2025 at 12:00 PM

MR

“ So sorry to hear,he was the best doctor ever. He was my mom's doctor, as well as mine n my siblings. He delivered all three of my children. A very caring, compassionate person. Our family will always be grateful for his kindness and care.I In thoughts and prayers. The children of Catherine and Harold Frink. ❤️🙏

Mary Beth Frink Reehl - January 27, 2025 at 10:55 PM

MK

“ Mary Kulhavy lit a candle in memory of John McCammond



Mary Kulhavy - January 27, 2025 at 07:30 PM

RS

“ Our family doctor from the late 60's until his retirement. He always took his time to answer any questions and on one visit he took me into his office and he looked up in one of his medical books to find an answer to a question we both had. He was a kind man and our thoughts and prayers are with his family.

Renee Swearingen - January 27, 2025 at 07:18 PM

CB

“ What great memories I will always cherish. Staying at your house while my parents were away, golfing with you, being your patient. You have meant a lot to me and my family! RIP.

Chris Bancroft - January 27, 2025 at 05:55 PM

MB

“ Shirley, Jean, Janet and Joan Mike and Jo send sincere condolences to you all at the loss of your husband and father. We were blessed to be family friends, patients and golf friends at KCC. Anyone who knew John knew his little laugh, smile and the twinkle in his eye. John was such a gentle, kind individual. He will be missed and we extended a hug to your families.

Mike and Jo Baldwin - January 27, 2025 at 02:57 PM

TO

“ Our original family doctor till his retirement. Delivered our children. A wonderful and humble man. Their clinic started doctoring the Boys Training school youth in 1950's and continue today. May his memory be eternal.

Timothy O'Dea - January 27, 2025 at 02:57 PM

DB

“ I have many stories of the wonderful collaboration between John and Dr Staley and my beginning foot clinic when I arrived to Kearney in 1978. I always found John to be a “gentle scholar “ who cared deeply for his patients and his love of medicine. We bonded, in later years, through John’s activities with Buffalo County community Partners, which I had the honor of being the Chairman. He was kind, smart, talented and so interesting to have conversations with. His long marriage and partnership with Shirley only added to his wonderful life. He will be missed.

Dr Steve Bennett - January 27, 2025 at 01:02 PM

CP

“ Dr. McCammond was our family physician almost from the day we moved to Kearney and for the twenty years after until he retired. He saw us through a lot and was a wise and caring physician. His life and work gave so much to so many. Chuck and Nancy Peek

Charles and Nancy Peek - January 27, 2025 at 12:53 PM

CT

“ To the family of John McCammond M.D.,
My deepest sympathy for you all as you grieve his passing. He was my Dr. from 1973 until his retirement. Such a kind and caring man and Dr. May your memories and kind words get you through this hard time. RIP

Sincerely,
Coleen Wise Towery

Coleen S Towery - January 26, 2025 at 10:41 PM

MR

“ Sympathy and Prayers to the family. Fond memories of visiting John and Shirley at their home especially when my parents Don and Donna Reid visited from Australia. Enjoyed listening to John's experiences while in Australia serving as a medical doctor to communities who needed someone with his experience and knowledge. He will be missed. Mark, Beth, Sydney and Holly Reid and Donna Reid.

Mark Reid - January 26, 2025 at 07:47 PM

DC

*Dr Mccammond became our family doctor in 1968 until he retired was the Best and most caring doctor I've had . Helped me through some very trying times . He always remembered me, that in itself made me feel special. A very wonderful person! Thanks for sharing him!
Sincerely Diana Clausen a grateful patient*

Diana Clausen - January 28, 2025 at 04:58 PM

JL

Kevin and I moved to the Gibbon area in 1977 and I came to know Dr. McCammond through my work at Good Samaritan Hospital. After a year we selected him to be our family doctor and continued with him until his retirement. He was so genuinely kind, not only to his patients but in welcoming other practitioners to the community and surrounding areas. At a time when there were no OB-GYN doctors in Kearney, he and Dr. Bancroft delivered our children (2 of the 3) by C-section. Dr. Rude followed in his footsteps and he and Dr. Bancroft delivered our third. He was there for us through our happy and more difficult times as we raised our family. Shirley, our condolences to you and family.

Joan and Kevin Lindenstein

Joan and Kevin Lindenstein - January 30, 2025 at 10:02 AM