

OBITUARY



John Stanley McConnell, 69, of Stockholm, N.J., died peacefully on Friday, May 29, 2015, at his home after an extended illness. Family and friends are invited to visit on Saturday, June 6, from 1 to 4 p.m. at F. John Ramsey Funeral Home, 1 Main St., Franklin, N.J. 07416. A funeral service will follow immediately at 4 p.m. Born in Bellingham, Wash., John moved with his family to the East Coast and ultimately settled in Sussex County in 1976. He attended Paul Smith's College and enlisted in the United States Navy in 1967, where he served his country for four years, achieving the rank of machinery repairman second class. After an honorable discharge, he graduated from Montclair State University and began a career teaching industrial arts. He later returned to Montclair State and earned a master's degree in technology education. John taught at Butler High School and

Wallkill Valley Regional High School for 33 years, retiring in June 2007. The son of the late Robert Claude McConnell and the late Margaret (Edwards) McConnell, John is survived by his wife, Sandra Beth (MacElhinney) McConnell, to whom he was married for 44 years. He is also survived by his three sons, James of Hackettstown, N.J.; Andrew and wife, Kally, of Naperville, Ill.; Peter and wife, Jane, of Suzhou, China; his beloved grandchildren, Colin and Mackenzie; his sister, Mary Ann (McConnell) Rupert and husband, Doug, of Wilton, N.H.; and brother, William McConnell and wife, Karen, of Bloomington, Ill. In lieu of flowers, please make memorial donations to John S. McConnell Memorial Foundation, P.O. Box 758, Stockholm, N.J. 07460. Proceeds will be used to fund a scholarship in his name.

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