



## John McNaughton

July 23, 1929 - August 8, 2020

John McNaughton passed away peacefully on Saturday, August 8, 2020, after a brief battle with cancer.

John was born in Green Bay, Wisconsin on July 23, 1929. He is an alumnus of Carleton College in Northfield, Minnesota where he met his loving wife Sara and received a BA degree. At Carleton he was part of an expedition to the artic to study weather. John went on to earn a Master's of Business Administration from Wayne State University. John served in the army during the Korean War and married Sara Sprague in 1952.

The family moved to Royal Oak in 1959 and he began his career as a salesman for the International Milling company. He worked into his 70's in sales in the auto manufacturing supply industry.

John was a long time member of the 1st Congregational Church of Royal Oak. He served as a youth group leader, on the music committee and as a member of the board of trustees.

He had many talents and interests. He loved the piano which he played daily, he was an avid skier and he passed that passion on to his children. John enjoyed sailing all through his life. He earned a private pilot's license and owned his own plane. John was very proud of the additions and improvements he made to his cottage in Canada, where many delightful times were spent with family and friends.

In addition to Sara, his wife of 68 years, John is survived by his 4 children: Karen McNaughton, William Kirk (Connie) McNaughton, Mary (Mike) Huff and

John Scott (Beverly) McNaughton. John will be lovingly remembered by his 6 grandchildren: Janis Johnson, Dr. David McNaughton, Daniel McNaughton, Ian McNaughton, Jillian Bizzi and Amanda Herndon. John has 4 great grandchildren.

We were all very blessed to know him and loved him dearly.

A memorial service will be held at some time the future. Please share your memories at [www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com](http://www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com)

# Tribute Wall

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“ So long, Dear Old Friend - - - May you have nothing but Smooth Sailing from here on. We will miss our Saturday morning trips "Up the Road," but, most of all we treasure all our years together with Sara and you.

Much Love,  
Muriel and Bill

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**William Newman** - September 07, 2020 at 01:47 PM

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“ I have fond memories of John and Sara as Youth Sponsors while I was serving as Youth Director in the early 70's. It was nice to see them again 5 years ago. Thanks John for your mentoring and faithful service to Jesus Christ and the 1st Congregational Church of Royal Oak. May your reward be great! Thank you also Sara for your faithful service to the King and for the testimony of 68 years of marriage. May the Lord provide you comfort in your loss. I am praying for you and your family. Dan Trathen

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**Dan Trathen** - August 28, 2020 at 03:53 PM

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**Scott McNaughton** - August 17, 2020 at 08:56 AM

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**Scott McNaughton** - August 16, 2020 at 08:45 AM