



## John Dehl McCombs

May 3, 1946 - February 4, 2023

John Dehl McCombs, 76, of Petersburg, IL passed away at St. John's Hospital in Springfield on Saturday, February 4, 2023 with his wife by his side. He was born in Toowoomba, Queensland, Australia on May 3, 1946 to Harry and Enid (Evans) McCombs. He married Linda Kording on December 19, 1965 in Petersburg, IL.

John is survived by his wife, Linda McCombs; children, Mike (Michelle) McCombs of Chatham, Shawn (Amy) McCombs of Jacksonville, Heather (Jeff) Reeves of Chatham; grandchildren, Andrea (Dillon) Hallemann, Brandon (Morgan) McCombs, Maggie McCombs (fiancé Will Dapron), Nathan McCombs (fiancée Taryn Ford), Gracie McCombs, Ryan McCombs, Addie McCombs, Isaac McCombs; one great grandchild, Elsie Lynn Hallemann; and three brothers, Chris (Heather) McCombs, Kerry (Annamaria) McCombs, and Craig McCombs, all of Australia. John was preceded in death by his parents, and one infant brother.

John had served in the Navy during Vietnam and was a member of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Petersburg. John had worked as a railroad machinist, then as a mechanic for Allis-Chalmers in Greenview, and later as a clerk for the Secretary of State's office for 32 years before retiring. He enjoyed tinkering in his garage and with his clocks, racing, and collecting model trains. He enjoyed seeing his grandchildren in their sports and activities.

A memorial visitation will be held for John on Saturday, February 11, 2023 at Hurley Funeral Home in Petersburg, IL from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm with Military

Honors to follow at 4:00 pm at Hurley. Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital or to Shriner's Children's Hospital in St. Louis, MO. Online condolences may be left for the family at [www.hurleyfh.com](http://www.hurleyfh.com) Hurley Funeral Home in Petersburg, IL is assisting the family with arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 11. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Hurley Funeral Home - Petersburg  
122 West Douglas Avenue  
Petersburg, IL 62675  
(217) 632-2500  
<https://www.hurleyfh.com/>

# Tribute Wall

SM

“ Dear Aunt Linda and family, so sorry to hear of your loss. Although we’re so far away, our thoughts are with you. Uncle John figured largely in so many stories Dad would tell. Him and his big brother being little ratbags during their adventurous childhood. On the occasions we’re we could catch up you could always feel the McCombs connection.

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**Scott McCombs** - February 12, 2023 at 12:32 AM

SP

“ Stacey Powell lit a candle in memory of John McCombs



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**Stacey Powell** - February 11, 2023 at 04:44 PM

JM

“ Part 2..sorry, I fat fingered a key on my keyboard and got kicked of the out the memory section and lost my first meeting of John that I had started. ...so I was probably rambling on to much anyway. The shortened version is John and his family departed from the airplane at the Peoria airport, arriving from Australia in the wintertime with snow everywhere. The boys were really excited, because they had never been in snow before, and as soon as they touched the ground they were rolling around in the snow and having a great time. When Dad and Uncle Harry left to get the luggage, John, his brothers, and my Sis and I went inside the airport terminal and John spotted some gum ball machines. He was disappointed because their Australian penny would not fit in the gumball slot. I saw how big the Australian penny was, and showed them how much smaller the US penny was. We traded pennies, got some gumballs, and played in the snow, until our parents tracked us down.

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**Jerry Mccombs** - February 10, 2023 at 02:19 PM



“ I remember as a little girl growing up in this large McCombs family that John always seemed larger than life to me. So did Jerry but I'd never tell him that! Our visits "down home" were always more fun and complete when all of us cousins got together. Later in life I came to appreciate how much John cared for the treasures of his elderly aunts. I know John and yourself were always a blessing to my Mom during her lifetime and after we lost my Dad. His kindness knew no limits. John will be dearly missed but looking forward to seeing him again over yonder. Take heart dear Linda and treasure everything until you see him again. Love, Peggy and Frank.

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**Peggy Morris** - February 08, 2023 at 02:22 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Dehl McCombs.



February 07, 2023 at 08:45 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John Dehl McCombs.



February 06, 2023 at 06:06 PM



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February 06, 2023 at 05:34 PM



“ Beth Tigges purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of John Dehl McCombs.



**Beth Tigges** - February 06, 2023 at 12:09 PM

PB

“ Linda and Family, I am so sorry for your loss of John. My prayers and heart felt sympathy is with you. I am so disappointed that I will be out of town Saturday but my heart will be with you. XO PAM

pam Bultmann - February 05, 2023 at 11:53 PM

SN

“ Linda we are so very sorry. Mom and I was just thinking about him the other day. Mom and I will try to make it for his visitation. He was a good cousin and a good nephew to grandma. Will miss him.

Shaunea Nichols - February 05, 2023 at 04:55 PM

RH

“ I'm so sorry Linda and family. Prayers of peace and comfort for you all during this tragic time. Love and hugs! ❤️  
-Rene' Hardee and family

Rene' Hardee - February 05, 2023 at 01:38 PM

LH

“ Larry And Mary Hundt sent a virtual gift in memory of John Dehl McCombs



Larry and Mary Hundt - February 05, 2023 at 09:20 AM

MJ

“ Doug & I send our condolences for the loss of your much loved family member. Linda we have Hurley's send this daily since Mom(Mary Ann Koch) passed away as I knew I would never know when anyone passed. I'm so sorry for your loss & I will pray that God will give you the strength you'll need. I will always remember you from working at Grandmas restaurant in Tallula. I know we have always been friends since then. You are a special person take care of yourself. Praying for you all 🙏

Mindy (Koch) Juergens - February 05, 2023 at 02:06 AM

JD

“ Sympathy to Shawn's family and his dad's friends

Joe and Becky Dewees - February 04, 2023 at 07:26 PM

DI

“ Sorry for your loss. Hang onto the memories. Me and my husband worked with John at Secretary of State. I always admired him for saying what he thought and meant. Always enjoyed talking to him and sometimes you wasn't for sure if he was joking or not but you just couldn't help but like him.

Debbie and Rodney Ingram - February 04, 2023 at 06:59 PM

PS

“ Linda I am so sorry to read that John passed today. Know that you're in my thoughts & prayers. 🙏❤️ Penny Snyder

Penny Snyder - February 04, 2023 at 06:30 PM