John Simpson McKibbin

January 20, 1947 - March 25, 2016

JOHN SIMPSON MCKIBBIN January 20, 1947 ~ March 23, 2016 John McKibbin passed away on March 23, 2016 near Astoria, Oregon due to a fatal plane crash. He was born in San Diego, CA to John and June McKibbin.John was a very active civic and business leader within Vancouver, Clark County and Washington State. He was a former State Representative for the 49th District, Clark County Commissioner, Chief Executive Officer of the Vancouver Chamber of Commerce and most recently President of Identity Clark County. John had a real love for the Clark County area and was highly involved in many community and business projects. His leadership will be missed.John's passions were family and flying. He cherished the time spent with his grandchildren as well as the many multi-family vacations in Sun River, OR and Palm Springs. He was an accomplished pilot for nearly 40 years. In the recent past he fully restored a WWII North American AT-6, which was his pride and joy. He would fly the T-6 to various "fly-ins" around the Northwest and for several years kicked-off Vancouver's 4th of July celebration with a flyover.John is survived by his wife Nancy; daughters Jennifer McKibbin Harris (Lee) of Issaquah; Megan McKibbin Fetters (John) of Seattle; grandsons Grant and Jackson Harris; granddaughter Charlotte McKibbin Fetters; in-laws, and many nieces and nephews.A Celebration of John's Life will be held at Columbia Presbyterian Church, 805 Columbia Ridge Dr., Vancouver, WA 98664, on April 23, 2016 at 2p.m.Please sign John's Guest Book at www.columbian.com/obits.

Tribute Wall

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Evergreen Memorial Gardens - July 03, 2025 at 09:45 PM

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John and I competed in track and field for 2 years at weat seattle high school. He was one of the most dedicated guys I ever met, and a great person. Allen Karlberg

allen karlberg - October 10, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JD

I met John for the first time at a mutual friends house - we all watched a Super Bowl game together (20 or 30 years ago) He was a very friendly positive person who had a way with words and I was glad I met him and his wife. .

JD

Jim Dixon - April 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM