



## John A. "Jack" McKinney

July 4, 1950 - February 4, 2026

John A. "Jack" McKinney, 75, died on February 4, 2026 at St. George Regional Hospital in St. George, Utah.

John A. "Jack" McKinney, born July 4, 1950, to L. Ardyce and Vernon D. "Beanie" McKinney, lived a life marked by faith, dedication, and a deep commitment to family, community, and service. On August 21, 1971, he married Ella M. Schmidt, beginning a lifelong partnership grounded in love and mutual support.

Jack earned his Bachelor of Science in Accounting from the University of Nebraska–Lincoln in 1972. He began his career as a CPA with Peat Marwick Mitchell, where he worked until 1975. He then joined ND Judds Company, serving from August 1975 to February 1984 in roles that grew from Controller to Vice President, Treasurer, Chief Financial Officer, and Chief Operating Officer.

In February 1984, Jack founded McKinney Enterprises, a general contracting company he led as President and CEO until his retirement in December 2010. His entrepreneurial spirit continued with the creation of Surety Services Inc. in 2001, where he served as President and CEO until 2024. His work was defined by integrity, vision, and a steadfast commitment to those he served. Jack believed deeply in contributing to the organizations and communities that shaped his life. He served on the Concordia University Foundation Board of Directors for 12 years, as well as the boards of Valley View Country Club, Seward Country Club, the Metal Building Dealers Association, and the Turtle

Beach Lake Association. He was a member of Valley View, Hillcrest, and Seward Country Clubs, and maintained professional affiliations with the Nebraska Society of CPAs and the American Institute of CPAs.

He was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Central City, Nebraska. Outside of his professional and community commitments, Jack enjoyed sports, horse racing, golf, and gambling. He especially loved hosting and planning golf events, creating memorable days on the course with friends and family. His grandchildren were the pride of his life, and he cherished every moment spent with them.

Jack is survived by his wife, Ella; sons Brett (Sheri) and Rick McKinney; grandchildren Taryn and Owen McKinney; sister Cheri Biltoft; brother Jim McKinney (Connie) and nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother in law, Ray Biltoft.

Memorial services will be held on Friday, February 20, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. at Zion Lutheran Church 1511 N Y Rd. Hampton, NE 68843 with Pastor Tim Wells officiating. Burial of ashes will be held at a later date. There will be a celebration of life gathering at The Independent Club in Central City, on Friday, February 20th at 3:30 p.m.

Memorials are suggested to the family, to be designated to Hamilton County Foundation in honor of Jack. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.soltwagnerfuneral.com](http://www.soltwagnerfuneral.com).

# Cemetery Details

**At a Later Date**

## Previous Events

### Memorial Service

FEB 20. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Zion Lutheran Church  
1511 N Y Rd  
Hampton, NE 68843

### Gathering of Family and Friends

FEB 20. 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM (CT)

The Independent Club  
Central City, NE

# Tribute Wall

BG

“ *Billie, Kim and Curt Gerlach purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of John A. "Jack" McKinney.*



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**Billie, Kim and Curt Gerlach** - February 19 at 07:17 PM

BG

“ *Billie, Kim and Curt Gerlach planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John A. "Jack" McKinney.*

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**Billie, Kim and Curt Gerlach** - February 19 at 07:17 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of John A. "Jack" McKinney.*



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February 18 at 01:07 PM

RN

“ *Rylee and Noah purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of John A. "Jack" McKinney.*



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**Rylee and Noah** - February 18 at 11:58 AM

RN

“ Rylee and Noah planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John A. "Jack" McKinney.

Rylee and Noah - February 18 at 11:58 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John A. "Jack" McKinney.



February 18 at 10:51 AM

BH

“ Brad, Peg, Josh, Preston & Heidi purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of John A. "Jack" McKinney.



Brad, Peg, Josh, Preston & Heidi - February 16 at 08:09 PM

SS

“ I will always remember Jack for his love for golf and his shock when I took the window washer to his shirt while he was getting gas. He never let me forget that ! We will miss him.

sandi and steve - February 16 at 07:01 PM

BF

“ Bob, Tammy, Quinn, Sam and their familie purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of John A. "Jack" McKinney.



**Bob, Tammy, Quinn, Sam and their familie** - February 14 at 07:14 PM

FF

“ From the Beach Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of John A. "Jack" McKinney.



**From the Beach Family** - February 14 at 05:43 PM

TF

“ The Gestring and Keetle Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of John A. "Jack" McKinney.



**The Gestring and Keetle Family** - February 14 at 05:20 PM

MA

“ Mike, Dori & Zarian Arends purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of John A. "Jack" McKinney.



**Mike, Dori & Zarian Arends** - February 14 at 04:07 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of John A. "Jack" McKinney.



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February 14 at 03:37 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John A. "Jack" McKinney.

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February 14 at 03:37 PM



“ *Enduring Grace* was purchased for the family of John A. "Jack" McKinney.



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February 14 at 12:32 PM