



## John Edward Secor

June 14, 1940 - September 13, 2015

All across Europe, chaos reigned as the continent marched headlong towards war. In the borough of The Bronx in New York, however, all was peaceful as John Edward and Catherine Frances Tully Secor welcomed their first child into the world. John Edward Secor was born on June 14, 1940. He attended Immaculate Conception Grade School in Queens and then All Hallows High School in Manhattan. He graduated with a B.A. in Animal Husbandry from Cornell University in Ithaca, NY. Immediately following graduation he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the US Army Reserves. He served at various military posts during his career including two tours in Vietnam earning him 3 Bronze Stars. He was also a professor of Military Science at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. After his military career, John went to work for the GBI as the Audit Program Manager for the GCIC Branch and retired after 30 years of service in January of 2003. John was a member of the Master Gardeners Club of Coweta County and also was an usher and Eucharist Minister at St. George Catholic Church. He is survived by his wife of 50 years Joan Secor of Newnan and his younger brother Eugene F. Secor (Martha) of Newnan; sister in law Nancy Frey (Duke) of Bermuda Dunes, CA; brother in law Allen Waidelich of Connecticut. John was blessed with special nieces and nephews: Chris Courter (Violeta) of Santee, CA. and their daughters Juliana & Gabriella, Karen Ulrich (Scott) of Carlsbad, CA and their daughters Alexis and Taylor, Brian Courter of San Diego, CA, Eugene Shannon Secor (fiancé Judy Richardson) of Newnan, John Kevin Secor

(Stephanie) of Newnan and their sons Andrew and Alex, Shane Robert Secor (fiancé Valerie Culkin) of Phoenix, AZ, Katrina Secor Barman (Jerry) of Williamson, GA and their sons Cody Cribbs, Peyton Barman and Ethan Barman. Visitation will be at McKoon Funeral Home at 38 Jackson Street on Tuesday evening between 5:00 PM and 7:00 PM with a Rosary at 7:00 PM. The funeral Mass will be on Wednesday, September 16, 2015 at 11:00 AM at St. George Catholic Church with Father Henry Atem, Celebrant. Inurnment will be at Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church. Online condolences may be expressed at [www.mckoon.com](http://www.mckoon.com). Those who desire may make memorial contributions to St. George Catholic Church 771 Roscoe Road Newnan, GA 30263.

# Cemetery Details

## McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory

38 Jackson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263  
(770) 253-4580  
care@mckoon.com  
<http://www.mckoon.com>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **15**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home  
38 Jackson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263  
(770) 253-4580  
care@mckoon.com

## Service

SEP **16**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. George Catholic Church  
771 Roscoe Rd  
Newnan, GA 30263

# Tribute Wall

BA

“ Joan I'm sorry for your loss. Working with John was interesting and I learned so much from him. He was a blessing to in my career. I think of him often and many times I tell our TAC John would have done it this way. He was one of the best. I am a better person for knowing him as a friend and a mentor. May God comfort you I your loss. I regret I couldn't attend the service due to court.

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**Beverly Aldridge** - September 21, 2015 at 05:18 PM

JK

“ Mrs. Secor, You taught me in 2001 at NHS. I am so sorry to hear of your husband's passing. Please know you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Joshua King** - September 20, 2015 at 06:35 PM

JJ

“ Joan, I am so sorry to hear of your loss.

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**Joan Jachino** - September 20, 2015 at 01:15 PM

LS

“ John was always my favorite auditor. He would laugh when I would tell him that I was afraid of him. We would argue and then agree to disagree. My thoughts and prayers are with the family. Leigh Stallings-Wood from Hall County 911

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**Leigh Stallings-Wood** - September 16, 2015 at 07:29 PM

DS

“ John was great to work with and offered his time to volunteer on so many master gardener projects over the years. As president of the Master Gardeners and on behalf of all the volunteers, we send our condolences to his family.

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**Dale Senko** - September 16, 2015 at 03:48 PM

CP

“ I am so very sorry to learn of John's passing. I was blessed not only to work with him but to learn from him. He is legendary in the GCIC world. May God bless your family and give you peace.

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**Cheryl Payton** - September 16, 2015 at 01:57 PM

NF

“ Dear Joan, Gene and Martha, Our prayers and thoughts are with you at this sad time. Nancy and Duke

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**Nancy Frey** - September 16, 2015 at 11:20 AM

DD

“ Gene and Martha, I am so sorry for the loss of your brother. I remember him well. God Bless you all.

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**Dianne Dutton** - September 16, 2015 at 10:50 AM

LM

“ My dear Joan. I am so saddened to hear of John's passing. He was such a good and friendly man. When I would walk one of the cocker spaniels, I would always stop if he was in the yard and ask him some of my gardening questions. He always gave me accurate advice on what to do. I shall miss saying hello to him on my walks. Joan, you are in my prayers because you are another good and sweet person. Love, Lynne Maddux

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**Lynne and Hugh Maddux** - September 16, 2015 at 10:07 AM

MB

“ John was an important part of my early career in local government and public safety. As an auditor with GBI-GCIC, John was a meticulous, by-the-book practitioner but he was always there for you when you needed him and his goal was to make sure you did things the right way. During my years with the Georgia TAC Association, John was a huge supporter of our organization and his advice and counsel were always in demand. He helped many of us become who we are today and he will certainly be missed. I am honored to have been able to call him a mentor and a friend. Michael Brewer

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**Michael Brewer** - September 16, 2015 at 08:02 AM

VS

“ We will miss Mr. John in the Coweta County Master Gardener Extention Volunteers! He has been a mentor for so many of us! Always helpful and extremely knowledgeable, he encouraged me and so many others. May wonderful memories sustain you. May God bless for sharing such a gentle man with his many gardening friends.

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**Vicki Sewell** - September 16, 2015 at 04:02 AM

KV

“ Joan its been rough go with John. Rest assure he is in a better place. Keep in touch Keith

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**Keith Vansant** - September 15, 2015 at 10:31 PM

JS

“ Neal and I are so sorry to hear about John and want you to know we are thinking about you and the family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

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**Jodie & Neal Shepard** - September 15, 2015 at 04:09 PM

GA

“ Dear Joan, I am so very sorry for your loss. Both you and John were such dear friends to mom. Please let me know if I can do anything for you.

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**Gretchen Fahl Alexander** - September 15, 2015 at 10:42 AM

CD

“ Joan- I am so very sorry! I hope that you will feel God's presence during this time! Please let us know if there is anything we can do for you!

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**Cindy DuBose** - September 15, 2015 at 08:28 AM

PH

“ So sorry to hear about Mr. John. Know that I am thinking of you, Joan.

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**Peggy Hall** - September 15, 2015 at 06:04 AM

KA

“ I had the privilege of knowing, working with, and yes arguing with John during his career with GCIC. My sympathy and prayers for your family.

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**Kay** - September 14, 2015 at 10:57 PM

MY

“ Mrs. Joan we are so sorry to hear of John's passing. We had many conversations during his time with the state. He was a good man and friend. Our prayers to you during this time.

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**Mike & Bev Yeager** - September 14, 2015 at 10:14 PM

ML

“ Joan, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your loved ones.

Missy Lennon - September 14, 2015 at 07:26 PM

LJ

“ Mrs. Joan, Jon and I are sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Mr. John will be missed.

LeAnn & Jon Jones - September 14, 2015 at 05:09 PM

ET

“ We were blessed to have known John and have an opportunity to work with him via GCIC. A wonderful mentor and friend we will miss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Elaine & Trudy - September 14, 2015 at 04:27 PM

LL

“ Joan, our thoughts and prayers are with you. John was a good friend and we will miss him.

Lynn & W. L. - September 14, 2015 at 03:56 PM