



## Jon Michael Muckleroy

April 14, 1930 - January 26, 2020

Jon Michael Muckleroy of Orlando, FL passed away on January 26th, 2020. He was born on April 14, 1930 in Giddings, Texas to John Campbell "Cotton" and Dorothy Johnson Muckleroy.

Shortly after his birth, they moved back to Goose Creek, Texas just outside of Houston. It is here that he had his first brush with fame when mistaken for the blond, curly-headed son of Charles Lindbergh, whose kidnapping was nationwide news. They had found the famous Lindbergh baby. The mistake was quickly discovered but the story had already been reported by a local radio station causing the Muckleroy's to be the talk of the town. Years later, Muckleroy became friends with Lindbergh's other son, Jon, when they were both stationed at Coronado as young Navy Seals. When Mike's father died in an oil well explosion, his mother moved Mike back to Giddings where they lived with his beloved grandmother, "Momma Jonce".

Mike adored his mother and grandmother and credited his "two angels" with all his future successes. The Muckleroy family history would not be complete without reference to a family friend, his mother's employer and future President of the U.S., Lyndon B. Johnson. Lady bird and "Uncle Lyndon" were lifelong friends and very supportive of the family.

One of Mike's favorite hobbies, swimming, led to a scholarship at Southern

Methodist University in Dallas, TX and later fueled his desire to tackle the rigorous training to become a Navy Seal. Mike won numerous swimming championships - both state and national over the years, which culminated in a trip to the Masters World meet in Brisbane, Australia at the age of 56. He won 3 individual gold, 2 silver medals and another gold for the mixed age relay in which he anchored.

While at SMU majoring in Finance and Marketing, Mike found lifelong friends with his Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity brothers. During Mike's early days in the Navy, he was awarded the Navy/Marine Corp Medal, the highest non-combat award, for attempting to save a Japanese sailor that was swept away in heavy seas. After graduating from Seal training Mike was assigned to Seal team UDT-11 and sent to Japan during the Korean War. His 2nd commendation came after recovering the bodies of fellow service members whose helicopter crashed into Tokyo Bay. One of his many instances with what he called "Muck's Luck", occurred when his military plane crashed into the Arctic Ocean. In 28-degree water and surrounded by icebergs, Mike and his men escaped from the overturned plane and swam to the nearby rocky beach where they were rescued by the Coast Guard. His success in the military transferred to business later in life.

Muckleroy built, owned and operated a chain of 20 service stations/convenience stores in Florida, headed up the Business development Group for Florida Gas Company, was senior vice president of Saxon Oil Company and was an independent consultant to a number of small oil and gas production companies.

Later he served as president of Houston Liquid Fuels and chairman and CEO of Enron Liquid fuels. Muckleroy left Enron in 1993 after a two-year battle with senior management over the questionable business practices of the parent company's upper management. Muckleroy served on several private and

public boards, chaired corporate United Way campaigns, and provided leadership for many philanthropic efforts in each company he served. In 2008, he received an honorary Doctor of letters from Alma College.

He married first wife, Barbara Wrobbel, in 1955 and had three children. He married his second wife, Paula Lane in 1967 and they expanded their family with her 2 children from a previous marriage and later had a son together. He enjoyed his daily card game with Paula where they would talk and laugh about current and past events. Over the years, the family enjoyed many summer trips to the beach, where he enjoyed swimming and water activities with his children. He passed along his voracious love of reading and quick wit.

During his retirement in Orlando, he played golf with the "Friday Boys", traveling the world and enjoyed trips with friends, children and grandchildren on his yacht aptly named "Muck's Luck".

Mike was preceded in death by his parents and stepson Robert Michael Medaris. He is survived by wife, Paula Lane Muckleroy and son, Richard Scott Muckleroy (wife Kellie). Also survived by children with Barbara Muckleroy Trigg, Jon Michael Muckleroy Jr, Laura June Foxx (husband Kevin) and Elizabeth Carol Muckleroy (previously Brown) and their children/his grandchildren, Jason Foxx (wife Lindsay), Madison Foxx Moffitt (husband Patrick); Price, Paxton and Chloe Brown; Jessie and Lizzie Muckleroy and step-daughter Leigh Ann Mcdaniel and daughters Alexandra and Katherine.

Services will be held at All Saints Episcopal Church in Winter Park FL on February 6th at 3:00PM.

In lieu of flowers donations to Advent Health Hospice Care ([www.adventhealth.com/hospice-care](http://www.adventhealth.com/hospice-care)) or Alzheimer's Association ([www.alz.org/](http://www.alz.org/)) would be

appreciated.

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

FEB 6. 3:00 PM (ET)

All Saints Episcopal Church  
338 East Lyman Avenue  
Winter Park, FL 32792

# Tribute Wall

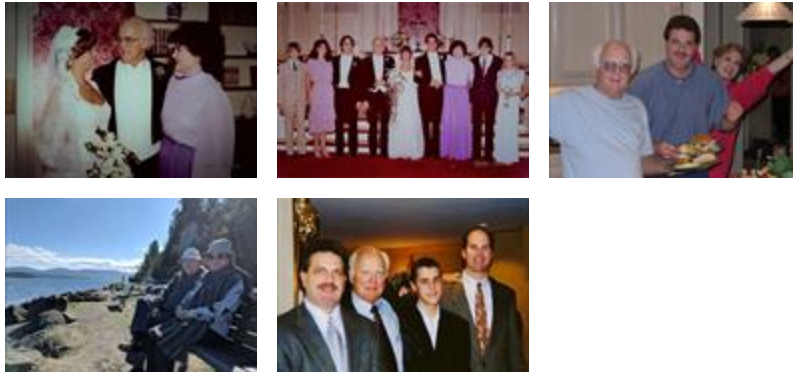
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“ I am so sorry to read of Muck's passing. I worked with him and his sweet Mom for many years through their relationship with PaineWebber. I have the utmost admiration for them both and LOVED working with him and talking to him every single day. He always talked about his sweet wife, Paula, and was as sharp as could be. I will always remember my days talking to him and couldn't wait for his calls. You were one of a kind, Muck. You will be missed but I know you are with your sweet Mom.

Julie Haviland - June 26, 2020 at 03:08 PM

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“ 33 files added to the album FamilyFriends



Scott Muckleroy - February 03, 2020 at 09:59 AM

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Scott,  
Your Dad was a beast . I enjoyed coaching him in his Masters career . We set many world and national records. Our trip to Australia capped off an outstanding swimming career . He was a great role model to me and our National Champion Houstonian Swim Team ! Love ya Muck!  
Coach Sam

Sam Seiple - November 10, 2023 at 07:42 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jon Michael Muckleroy.*



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February 03, 2020 at 09:50 AM



“ *Sending best wishes to you all on Mike's passing. As you know, Mike and I served together in the Navy as officers in an Underwater Demolition Team (now called Navy Seals). I have many fond memories of my adventures with Mike.*

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**Douglas H Harris** - January 31, 2020 at 12:40 PM



*Thank you Mr. Harris. We appreciate your condolences.*

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**Scott Muckleroy** - February 03, 2020 at 08:45 AM



*I met Mike November 21 1954 on my 21st birthday at the Mexican Village in Coronado California. We dated for a while and had a great time. Mike was just going into training for UDT. Sorry we lost touch.*

*Wanda Spade Zimmerman*

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**Wanda Spade Zimmerman** - February 16, 2021 at 04:24 PM