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## John McCUISTION



McCUISTION, John Henry, passed peacefully into the Lords care Tuesday, June 21, 2011. He was born in Jackson, Miss., March 30, 1933, and grew up in Memphis, Tenn. After serving his country in the U.S. Air Force, John was hired by the Tampa Fire Department in 1958. After 22 years of service to the community, he retired with the rank of captain. Capt. McCuistion was chosen to command Tampa's first woman firefighter. John attended Hillsborough Community College, St. Petersburg Junior College and University of South Florida, and received degrees in fire science and fire administration. He worked 10 years as a realtor for Century 21, deputy sheriff at the Davis Island voting precinct and was an active member of the South Tampa fellowship church. He is survived by his loving wife, Marlene; son, John H. McCuistion III and his wife, Brenda, of Atlanta, Ga.; daughters, Vicki Clairmonte of Tampa and Diane Sue Lewis and husband, Joe, of Gatewood, Mo.; two grand-children, Ashley Clairmonte and Justin Lewis; and numerous nieces and nephews. A family service will take place at National Cemetery, Bushnell, Fla. In lieu of flowers, the family request that donations be made to [American Cancer Society](#) .

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