



## Francis Timothy McNamara

February 19, 1926 - December 10, 2009

Attorney F. Timothy McNamara Tim an old soldier having served in the Second World War and then the Korean War as a member of the 11th Airborne Division, faded away on Thursday, December 10, 2009. Tim graduated from the University of Connecticut with a BA, MA, and a Doctor of Jurisprudence as the Valedictorian of his class. He was the first graduate of the Law School to have served as a Law Clerk to a Federal District Judge, Judge J. Joseph Smith, who appointed him. He was named in the Best Lawyers of America and continued to be so named to the time of his death. Further, he was selected to be a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers. He was also an advocate in the American Board of Trial Advocates. He had been a member of the House of Representatives of the State of Connecticut, for many years the attorney for the Town of East Hartford, further he was the Executive Director of the Judicial Review Council. During the 80's Tim served as a member of the office of the Chief States Attorney for the State of Connecticut. Tim often flew his Twin Aztec N6813Y to Nantucket. He enjoyed the countless hours he spent with friends at the Canoe Club. He is survived by his lovely Colleen and love of his life, wife Veronica, his daughter Elizabeth, his son Tom and daughter Eileen; his grandson Kevin; his brother Donald; and many nieces, nephews and close friends. Calling hours are Monday Dec. 14 from 5:30 to 9:00 pm at the Church of St. Helena, 30 Echo Lane, West Hartford, CT. A Mass of Christian Burial will be Tuesday, Dec. 15 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Helena's. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers,

donations in his memory may be made to The House of Bread, 1453 Main St,  
Hartford, CT 06120.

# Tribute Wall



“ Veronica and family, I was sorry to hear about Tim's passing. I only found out this weekend; we had been away when the obituary ran in the Courant. I have many fond memories of my time working for Tim. He was an outstanding attorney with incredible ethics. He taught me a lot about the practice of law and how to run a business. He had integrity and a wonderful heart. When I left his firm to have my daughter, he threw me a party at the University Club, which was so thoughtful and made me feel so special. He taught me how to make my very first Thanksgiving Turkey butter, butter, and more butter, and was wonderful to my father after his accident and during his litigation. We were suppose to have lunch together earlier this year, but then our date got cancelled and we never rescheduled. I am sorry that we didn't get together and that I missed the oppty to enjoy his company. My thoughts are with you and your family. Fondly, Anna Savic###imported-begin##Anna Savic###imported-end##

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December 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ After knowing Tim for a short time we are deeply saddened by his passing and he will always be remembered.###imported-begin##Gerry & Matt Hyjek###imported-end##

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December 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Many , many years ago when I married one of Tim's nephew's he gave us a lovely rehearsal dinner at the Quinnipiac Club in New Haven. It was a fun evening and I will always remember him and his awesome generosity.###imported-begin##Mary Beth Chirico###imported-end##

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December 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ My very deepest sympathies to Mr. McNamara's beautiful family on his passing. I almost could not believe the sad news when my parents Dick and Mary Mourey called from CT to tell me. Mr. McNamara was kind enough to offer me my first "law job" during law school in 1987. To this day he remains a great influence on my professional development and I can still hear his voice of reason in my ears from time to time. He taught me about the importance of conducting myself as a decent and compassionate human being while being a zealous advocate. He was a Mentor and a dear friend to my family. The world has lost a truly great man.  
##imported-begin##Lynn Mourey##imported-end##

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December 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Veronica, Elizabeth, Tom, Eileen and family: Tim was my first lawyer boss and I couldn't have had a better one. He had incisive intelligence, tremendous trial instincts, great passion for his clients and the law itself, delivered sage advice always with a lot of gusto and was a lot of fun. He was a dynamo. My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time. John D. Moore##imported-begin##john d moore##imported-end##

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December 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ A great loss to the bar, society and friends. We hope he can now fly higher than ever before and teach the angels some tricks.##imported-begin##Joseph F. Trotta, Esq.##imported-end##

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December 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ To Tim's Family,

*Tim was a wonderful man. I know Tim through my father Al Chapman, who I really respected and admired Tim. As a young adult, Tim defended me when I got a traffic ticket he was such a realist, I wanted to fight, he said you were speeding just pay the ticket, I did, he was right!. After my first year in law school 1978, he got me a summer job in the East Hartford City Counsel's office where he was Counsel and where I contributed to a successful legal action for the first time - I did the legal research that helped Tim overturn Judge Sirica the Watergate judge and get \$400,000 for the City from Nixon's inner city revenue sharing program. And when I married my wife Susan, he and his wife gave us a lovely Belleek Irish of course! china milk jug and sugar bowl that we still use to this day. I will never forget Tim's many kindnesses. From Susan and I, our thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Craig Chapman##imported-end##*

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December 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *I was saddened to read of Tim's passing in the Hartford Courant. Tim was an important figure in my mother Phyllis Goldberg's life and I know that she and Veronica were quite close. My deepest condolences. Ed Goldberg##imported-begin##Ed Goldberg##imported-end##*

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December 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ I am struck by the fact that Tim is so obviously and painfully missed by friends and family who have known this gentle caring spirit for a lifetime and those who only met him a short time ago...testament to a humble loving man who made quick friends with those of us lucky enough to have crossed his bright path. From his friends at the Lawyer Pilots Bar Association, we extend to his family our deepest regrets.

A giant among men.##imported-begin##Martin Weiss##imported-end##

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“ I will never forget Mr. McNamara. Every since I was a child Liz, and her family were in my life. Countless sleep-overs all made complete by Mr. McNamara waking us up with a booming "God Bless America" and you could never be upset at the hour he came singing because you would turn your head to see him with a huge grin as he prepared us pancakes. October nights spent with the McNamara family at the HGC are some of my fondest memories as a child, bowling, hay rides and laughter filled the night, always capped off with his stories for the ride home. I will never forget Mr. McNamara and what a kind, generous and strong man he was.##imported-begin##Nicholas McKenna##imported-end##

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December 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Vera and Elizabeth - we were so saddened to learn of Tim's death. What a wonderful man - so thoughtful, kind and loving, with a wonderful sense of humor. May all your wonderful memories bring you comfort.##imported-begin##Beverly & Jim ##imported-end##

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December 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear McNamara Family,

*I came to know Tim just a couple of months ago. In my first meeting with Tim it was obvious he had a true love for his family, law practice and flying his plane. During the brief time I had the opportunity to know Tim he touched the lives of both my sisters and myself, through his true compassion and dedication towards his clients. I was devastated to hear that Tim had become sick and deeply saddened when I heard of his passing. My deepest condolences to the family on your loss.##imported-begin##Michael Hannaford##imported-end##*

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December 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Vera and Elizabeth, Tom, Eileen and McNamara family, I was so saddened to hear of the passing of Uncle Tim. He helped us through a very difficult time. He thought the world of our family and for that I will treasure him in my heart always. You are in my thoughts.  
Love,  
Suzanne##imported-begin##Suzanne Colton##imported-end##

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December 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ My condolence to the Mcnamara family. Tim was the greatest.##imported-begin##Al Chapman##imported-end##

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“ *tim was one of the great ones--a great lawyer, a great personality and a great person. we will miss him. he is in my prayers###imported-begin##willie dow##imported-end##*

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“ *Tim was a very special friend. He could be outwardly tough and crusty when necessary, but he was always kind, compassionate and generous. We will always hold him close in our hearts.###imported-begin##Owen & Sheila McNally##imported-end##*

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“ *I loved listening to Tim talk about the wars, the Germans, Tinkerbell and about Vera and Elizabeth and their close relationship. I will miss his visits to the office. Tim-I hope the candy dish up there has the candy we never had in ours!###imported-begin##Pam Bergeron##imported-end##*

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“ *Tim was a giant of the law. One of the brightest and most capable attorneys, he was also possessed with boundless energy and enthusiasm. His word was his bond. I am so saddened by his passing. My condolences to the family.###imported-begin##Gerry Sack##imported-end##*

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“ Please accept my deepest sympathy.##imported-begin##Lafayette Keeney##imported-end##

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