



## Joseph P. McGuinness

July 3, 1928 - June 8, 2005

Joseph P. McGuinness, 76, of West Hartford, the husband of Anne Clark McGuinness, died Wednesday June 8, 2005 at St. Francis Hospital in Hartford. Born in New Haven, the son of the late Samuel and Elizabeth O'Rourke McGuinness, he had made his home in West Hartford the past 38 years. Joe was a graduate of St. Peter's Grammar School, James Hillhouse High School in New Haven, where he excelled on the baseball field, and the University of Connecticut, playing baseball and football. While at UCONN he was president of Beta Sigma Gamma Fraternity. He was a Marine Corps veteran. Mr. McGuinness was in his 45th year of employment with WTIC Radio, working as an advertising account executive. He was active in his community and his church. He was a past state president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, former chairman of the West Hartford 3rd District Republican Party, a longtime member of the West Hartford Board of Assessors, the West Hartford Republican Town Committee, the Ct. Veterans Memorial Committee in West Hartford, and the UCONN Alumni Association. Joe was a Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus, and served as a lector and Eucharistic Minister at St. Thomas the Apostle Church. Along with his wife, he is survived by his three children and their families; Paul McGuinness and his wife Andrea of Holyoke, MA and their children Emily, Megan, and Kara; Theresa McGuinness Hollon, her husband Jack and their children Jane and Bridget, and Peter McGuinness and his wife Joan Levinstein of New York City. Calling hours are Friday from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. at the Molloy Funeral

home 906 Farmington Ave. West Hartford. The funeral will be Saturday June 11th beginning with the celebration of his funeral mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 a.m. in St. Thomas the Apostle Church 872 Farmington Ave. West Hartford, and followed by burial in Fairview Cemetery West Hartford. Donations in his memory may be made to New Hope Manor 48 Hartford Rd. Manchester, CT 06040. Online remembrances and messages of sympathy may be made at [www.molloyfuneralhome.com](http://www.molloyfuneralhome.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ Dear Anne I am so sorry to hear about my good friend Joe's death. I had known Joe for a very long time and he always made a point to come and hear me sing whenever he could. He truly loved listening to my Irish songs. He was a very unique person and I know he is in GOD's hands and is smiling down on all of us. Anne you will be in my prayers and I know the good Lord will support you in your sorrow. Your Friend Tony Hayes.##imported-begin##Tony&Pat Hayes##imported-end##

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June 11, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ To Joe's Family...

*I first met Joe in the late 70's...he was the veteran radio sales rep, and I was a raw rookie working at a competing station...I'll always remember how friendly he was, and how he never seemed to have a bad day. I'm sure Joe could have had a comfortable retirement, but he would have missed working with people way too much for that!*

*We will miss you, Joe...you are a legend!##imported-begin##Jim Coulter##imported-end##*

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June 11, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ With fond memories of St. Peter's and baseball games vs. Sacred Heart, in addition to memories of UCONN - Joe will be in our prayers.

Our sympathies,  
Nikki & Bob Tracey###imported-begin###Mary Ann Tracey###imported-end###

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June 11, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Ann & Family, We had many fun gatherings with the Clarks, Burns, Connells, Horosko's, Murrays , Sholunds, Bischoff's & Smiths in our single and early married years.. God Bless Joe ...he was a gentlemen and a good husband, parent and friend. Our deepest sympathy to the Clarks & Mcguinnes Families. Herb & Lois Smith, Fld. CT###imported-begin###Herb & Lois Smith###imported-end###

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June 10, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Ann and family,  
Must have known Joe for 30 years. Never heard him say an unkind word to anyone. He was always so interested in what I was up to. Will surely miss him on Retreat and seeing him around. No doubt in my mind where he is!!!! God Bless.  
Out of town this weekend but will be thinking of you.  
Frank###imported-begin###Frank and Nancy Hursey###imported-end###

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June 10, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ My deepest, heartfelt sympathy to the McGuinness Family. I have had an opportunity to work with a true sales legend. Wow! 45+ years of experience ! In today?s sales world, holding any job 45 years is a feat that most could not fathom accomplishing today. Joe shared his experiences with me very early on as I joined the WTIC 1080 family in 2003. After being with another media outlet in the market for 10 years, I looked to Joe to share his lifetime sales experience in radio with me and truly appreciated his candor and mentorship. In this job you are only as good as yesterday. Joe was good everyday! Persistence, accountability and excellent recall of day to day experiences. I could not receive back such mentorship from any other colleague or corporate trainer. Joe's ideas and subtleties shared with me day to day are priceless. Joe had little time for nonsense...for example day to day grind of today?s sales environment but his experience always brought focus back to what the issue is and should be and that is our family, religion and our love for our work. His memory will be carried forward with those who have had the opportunity to work with him. I am glad to be one of those people and will be sure to keep his memory alive for those to come after us.

*My love and prayers are with you,*

*Gary Meade###imported-begin##Gary Meade###imported-end##*

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June 10, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ To the McGuinness Family,

*Please accept my condolences on Joe's passing. While this is a sad occasion, it's a time for me to remember some of the wonderful things that made Joe, Joe. Certainly, his work ethic was second to none. Then, there were those classic Joe one-liners. We used to call them "McGuinnessism's"? "Keep your ducks in a row?", "You can't saw sawdust?", "Don't blue sky me?" and of course, "Here's your hat, what's your hurry?". I'll miss hearing Joe say them, but I'll remember him with a smile.##imported-begin##Kevin Bauer##imported-end##*

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June 09, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Aunt Anne, Paul, Terry and Peter,

*I will miss my Uncle Joe very much. I just gave him a big hug on Easter, never thinking it would be the last. You are all in my thoughts & prayers. George & I plan to caome up Friday and also for the funeral.*

*Love,*

*Nancy##imported-begin##Nancy Zychek##imported-end##*

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June 09, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ "Go with Joe on WWCO"! It was my pleasure to work with Joe at TIC for 6 years. I often share some of his "sales stories and techniques" with my sales team today. He is PRICELESS and his skills are TIMELESS! I will miss him! My condolences to the family.##imported-begin##Jim Simonetti##imported-end##

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June 09, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ To the McGuinness family,  
My sincere sympathy on Joe's death. My love and prayers are with you.  
Sincerely,  
Janet Dunn##imported-begin##Janet Dunn##imported-end##

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June 09, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Ann,  
I had the pleasure of working with Joe for 3 years at the radio station. I have never met someone who was so passionate, loyal and caring about his work and everything he did in life. He was a great man.  
Joe will truly be missed!!!!##imported-begin##Heather Elek##imported-end##

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June 09, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ To Joe's family,  
  
I've never met or had the pleasure of working with anybody that could equal Joe's tenaciousness, will, and commitment to winning. Three cheers to a guy who was tough as nails on the outside with a heart of gold on the inside. He was an absolute legend. He will be missed by all.##imported-begin##Dan Endom##imported-end##

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June 09, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Anne, Paul, Theresa, Peter, and families: I had the great fortune of working with Joe for several years at the radio stations. I always enjoyed our conversations and discussions about sports, politics, food, the weather, and of course...radio. Joe, to me, represents a "one of a kind" professional: Involved, committed, caring, and loyal. Joe loved his job and his passion was always evident to his co-workers and clients alike. He will be missed.##imported-begin##Chet Osadchey##imported-end##

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June 09, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Memories of WTIC will always include a large space for Joe. There was not much that could dampen his enthusiasm or drive to do the best for his client, the station, or his colleagues.##imported-begin##David Wilkinson##imported-end##

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June 09, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Ann,  
I was very sad to hear the news on my way into work this morning. I worked with Joe for 4 years over at the radio station. Such a sweet man and it was always so nice to see you two together and holding hands. I would also always smile whenever I saw him in attendance at the Uconn games! What a man. You're in my prayers.  
Stacey Vendetta-Costa##imported-begin##Stacey Vendetta-Costa##imported-end##

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“ Anne, many of us share the sorrow of your loss. I worked with Joe for 40 of his 45 years at WTIC and never ceased to be amazed at his vitality, energy, and dedication to his clients. We pray for the repose of his soul and God's strength on you and your family at this difficult time.##imported-begin##Arnold Dean##imported-end##

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June 09, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Ann, Paul, Terry, Peter - I was devastated to hear of your loss. The world has lost a great man and my prayers are with you all. I have such fond memories of times spent at your house when we were all kids, and your Dad was such a big part of those memories ... hours spent playing in the attic after you moved to W. Hartford, riding bikes around your 'new' neighborhood, and oh so many sleepovers. I always thought your home was the fun home and your Dad was such a major presence. I had seen him several times over the past few years and SO enjoyed the conversations we had - he could carry on a conversation about ANY subject and always had strong opinions that he loved to share! I admired him very much. Pat and I extend our very deepest sympathies to all of you.  
With love, Maureen Kelly Reeves##imported-begin##Maureen Reeves##imported-end##

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