



## Martin F. McGrath, Jr.

March 9, 2016

Martin F. McGrath, Jr. of West Hartford, beloved husband of LaRaine McGrath passed away March 9, 2016, after a brief battle with lung cancer. Martin was born on January 7, 1938, in East Windsor Hill, Connecticut, the son of Martin F. and Virginia (Crennan) McGrath. A survivor of the Hartford Circus Fire, Martin graduated from The Kingswood School and St. Lawrence University, where he was a member of Sigma Chi. Martin's grandfather was a founding member of the Elks Lodge in Hartford and Martin continued this tradition as a long-standing member of the Elks Lodge #19. An avid member of the Friendship Force of Connecticut, serving as President for several years, Martin and LaRaine traveled the world. When he wasn't traveling, he loved reading and visiting with his grandchildren. Martin is survived by his wife, LaRaine, of West Hartford; son, Martin F. McGrath, IV and his wife, Jennifer (Tulin), and sons, Martin and Britton, of Trumbull; sister, Jane Packer, of Laguna Woods, CA; brothers-in-law, William (Bil) Thuma of Toronto, Canada and Thomas J. Thuma of Greenville, NC.; dear friends, Rae and Anneke Patria of Hong Kong. He was predeceased by his sister, Ellen McGrath Kovel. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at Monday (March 14th) at 11:00 a.m. in the Church of St. Timothy, 1116 North Main Street, West Hartford, CT. Burial will be private and at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Martin's memory to Make-A-Wish Foundation of Connecticut, 126 Monroe Turnpike, Trumbull CT 06611 or Wounded Warrior Project., 370 7th Ave., Suite 1802, NY, NY 10001.



# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

MAR 14. 11:00 AM (ET)

Church of St. Timothy  
1116 North Main St  
West Hartford, CT 06117  
(860) 233-5131

# Tribute Wall

RM

“ To the family of Martin McGrath,  
Even though I haven't seen Marty in many years, I am saddened to learn of his death. Marty and I knew each other well - especially during the summer of 1956. During that summer, we both worked at the Garnett Inn in Center Harbor, New Hampshire where we lived in a dormitory setting and waited on tables. We jointly owned a 1946 Pontiac which we purchased for \$45.00. Marty and I also worked together in tobacco fields in Buckland, CT - part of the farm of "Red Shepherd". Even in those days, Marty had some connections with West Hartford and some families he knew had summer places on Squam Lake. We both visited these families and thoroughly enjoyed ourselves and the summer.

Reference in the obituary to Rae Patria is also meaningful to me - I suspect this is Renard Patria, who I also knew well in those days.

My condolences to LaRaine, son Martin and all family members.

Bob McClatchey  
Bedford, MA

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Robert A. McClatchey - March 19, 2016 at 02:33 PM

GR

“ Dear LaRaine,

*I'm so very sorry for this great loss to you and your family. Marty always made it a point to keep in close touch with his many friends. We'd chat about our families and, of course, his travels with you. I'll miss him very much.*

*Our sympathy to you and your family,  
Gus, and Barb*

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**Gus Romano** - March 13, 2016 at 07:22 PM

SC

“ Dear LaRaine,

*My condolences and prayers to you in this difficult time. Martin was one of the few spouses at our H&R Block functions to engage with us in friendship. May your memories ease your sadness.*

*Sue Chalmers*

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**Sue Chalmers** - March 12, 2016 at 08:02 PM

JF

“ *My Condolences to LaRaine and family. I got to know Marty primarily through the H&R Block annual luncheons. He was always very sociable and easy to talk with on many topics.*

*John Forand*

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**John Forand** - March 12, 2016 at 02:05 PM

GJ

“ *LaRaine was a friend of Gail's from years when they worked for IBM.*

*We were introduced to the Friendship Force of CT by Marty and LaRaine and travelled with them to Wolfsburg, Berlin and Jena, Germany and to Prague and eastern Ireland. These trips inspired us to live in Katzenthal, Alsace, France for 13 years. Marty and LaRaine visited us in Katzenthal, our small (500) Alsatian village. Marty was a natural leader with a friendly smile. He'll be sorely missed.*

*LaRaine - Bon Courage.*

*Love from Gail Meyers and Ed Jaworski*

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**Gail Meyers & Ed Jaworski** - March 12, 2016 at 12:07 PM

JB

“ *Dear LaRaine ~ I am so sorry to learn that your husband has passed away. Your knowledge, kindness and expertise have been such a great help to me over the years that I have come to think of you as a friend. It is with a heavy heart that I send my condolences to you and your family at this sad time.*

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**Jean Blair** - March 11, 2016 at 08:50 AM