



Martin S. Quigley

November 24, 1917 - February 5, 2011

Martin S. Quigley: Writer, Educator, Mayor, Spy, Dies at 93

Martin S. Quigley, writer, editor, publisher, educator, mayor, sailor and spy, died of natural causes at home in West Hartford, CT., February 5, 2011. Born in Chicago on November 24, 1917, he is survived by his wife of sixty-five years, Katherine Dunphy Quigley, his sister Mary Q. Eller, nine children and their spouses, twenty seven grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Dr. Quigley graduated from Loyola High School in New York City and was first in his class at Georgetown University in 1939, where he founded the Georgetown Sailing Club. He received his M.A. and a Doctorate in Education, from Columbia University almost forty years after his undergraduate degree. During World War II, Martin Quigley was a spy for the United States attached to the Special Intelligence Division of the Office of Strategic Services OSS engaged in undercover work in Ireland and Italy. While some material concerning his work is still classified nearly 70 years later, he wrote two books about his clandestine activities: *A U.S. Spy in Ireland* and *Peace Without Hiroshima*.

Quigley spent most of his career leading the motion picture trade publishing company, Quigley Publishing Company, founded by his father in 1915. He started as a reporter for the *Motion Picture Daily*, became editor of the *Motion Picture Herald* in 1949, editorial director of all the publications in 1956 and was president from 1964 to 2001. Quigley was chairman of the health education committee of the Will Rogers Institute from 1980 to 1997. As one of

the most important figures in motion picture trade journalism, he was the editor or author of five books about movies, including the classic work, *Magic Shadows – The History of the Origin of Motion Pictures*.

From 1977 to 1990, Quigley was an adjunct professor at Baruch College of the City University of New York and Teachers College, Columbia University, where he authored a book on the role played by community colleges in expanding access to higher education.

A devout Roman Catholic, Dr. Quigley was very involved in religious and ecumenical matters. He was a member of the Board of Trustees of the American Bible Society since 1964, and was a former chairman of both the Religious Education Association and the Laymen's National Bible Association. A sixty plus year resident of Larchmont, N.Y, following service as a village trustee in 1980, he was the first Democrat elected mayor since the Great Depression. An avid lifelong sailor, he was a member of the Larchmont Yacht Club and enjoyed sailing with the LYC Cruising Club, even skippering a 42-foot Beneteau at the start of a race four years ago. A long time Rotary Club member, he was given the Paul Harris Distinguished Rotarian Award both in Larchmont and West Hartford.

In addition to his wife and sister, he is survived by his children: Dr. Martin Quigley of St. Petersburg, FL, Elin Quigley of Garrett Park, MD, William Quigley of Groton, MA, Kevin Quigley of Arlington, VA, Karen Quigley of Portland, OR, Patricia Quigley of Concord, NH, John Quigley of Cumming GA, Kate Quigley Lynch of West Hartford, CT and Peter Quigley of Duxbury, MA. The family wishes to extend their deepest thanks and appreciation for the tremendous care and support given by VNA Hospice.

Family will receive friends on Thursday from 4-7 p.m. at the Molloy Funeral Home, 906 Farmington Ave., West Hartford, CT. A funeral mass will be celebrated on Friday at 10:00 a.m. at St. Peter Claver Church, 47 Pleasant St., West Hartford. Online expressions of sympathy may be made at www.molloyfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall



“ Bill and Dee, I would like to express my sympathy in the loss of your Dad and Father in Law...My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time...
love, Kellie Porter###imported-begin###Kellie Porter###imported-end##

February 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Kay, Karen, and All,

Martin and Kay welcomed Dave and Rosemary Bowen into CFM when we moved from Sts. John and Paul to St. Augustine's in 1961. Our children, Mary Beth, Peachy, Dave, and Margie were in class with Kevin, Karen, and Johnny over the years. Karen and Peachy were close friends. I particularly remember Katy's walking her brother, Peter, past our home at 6 Thompson Place. What a joy the Quigleys were to Larchmont. Much love from all the BOWENS.'###imported-begin###Rosemary Bowen###imported-end##

February 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Mr. and Mrs. Lynch, Tom, John, Colleen, Kathleen and Family, I was sorry to hear about the loss of your grandfather and father. I am sorry I can not see you all as I am in Italy.###imported-begin###Danielle Shimkus###imported-end##

February 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ I want to send my condolences to the Quigley family, with a special hello to Kevin, a fellow Swarthmore graduate. I was an employee of Quigley Publishing in the 1970s. Mr Quigley was a thoughtful employer and a wonderful person -- and what a life and family he had.
Susan Gutterman###imported-begin###Susan Gutterman###imported-end##

February 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ I wish to express my sympathies to the family of Martin Quigley, a truly remarkable man. I read of his long career and accomplishments in the NY Times. His sailing skills prompted me to write as my grandfather, Manfred Goldschmidt was a 70 year resident of Larchmont 1900-1970 and a member of the LYC. He and his daughter June worked at Merritt Associates for years. I loved visiting them in Larchmont and meeting the wonderful residents of the town. I know Larchmont will greatly miss Mr. Quigley but his legacy will live on for many years.
My condolences, Steve Gordon###imported-begin###Stephen Gordon###imported-end##

February 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ To the Quigley Family,

I was very saddened to read of Dr. Quigley's death. I have many fond memories of the 1960's at St. Augustine's in Larchmont. I commuted to high school in NYC with Bill for 4 years. I was privileged to be at Loyola School 7 years ago when Dr. Quigley received the Gannon Award, and I don't think I would have attended Loyola had it not been for Dr. Quigley's influence. My prayers are with the entire family during this difficult time.

Sincerely yours,

Raymond Fastiggi###imported-begin##Raymond Fastiggi###imported-end##

February 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ To Kevin and all the Quigleys, Rosa and I extend our deepest sympathies. Martin lived a very full and fascinating life; we all should be so lucky. I will be forever grateful to him for putting a tennis racquet in Kevin's hands. We were honored to be with many of you, including Martin and Katherine, for an evening several years ago in Arlington, VA. What a riot of love and friendship! Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Joe###imported-begin##Joe Carey###imported-end##

February 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Dearest Kay;

*It has been a pleasure knowing you and Martin. My prayers and thoughts go out to you and your family.
Martin will be missed by a great number of people. He is someone to be looked up to, certainly by me.
May your memories be long and your healing be quick.
Remember GOD needs him now.*

Sincerely

Monica##imported-begin##Monica Mallette##imported-end##

February 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ To Peter and John,

My condolences to you and your family. Although I was not close with your parents, you and your family are synonymous with Larchmont and Flint Park, two treasured places for me. Peter, I hope we can connect in Boston some time.

Regards, Peter Feuerbach##imported-begin##Peter Feuerbach##imported-end##

February 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Kay...recalling your Farewell to Larchmont party at LYC...how Martin glowed when he introduced his bride...thank you for sharing all the joyous occasions with us...may all the love he showered on you, the family, and friends raise you up in the days ahead...I send you hugs and promise to re-schedule our last dinner date in the spring...love, Maureen##imported-begin##maureen liptack##imported-end##

February 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Kay, We are saddened to hear of Martin's death. He will be missed by untold numbers of people in untold numbers of places. Our love and sympathy to you and your wonderful family.##imported-begin##Libby and Saul Moroff##imported-end##

February 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Hi Kay, Kev, Karen and all Qigleys,
So sorry to hear of Martin's death. Though I know that he had a wonderful, fulfilling and well-loved life. I have never read his books, but I hope to. I send you all my prayers and thoughts as you grieve him, and I hope all your memories will keep him close. Death seems to remind us once again how deeply precious life and love are. coincidentally my 27 year old daughter Becky is looking for a house in the West Hartford area her husband is in the National Guard based in Springfield Ma.. Kate, I 'd love your contact info and could stop and visit you and Kay and any other Quigleys in the next month or so if that's good for you.
sending you all almost 50 years of longtime friendship and prayers and love, Karen K.Davis##imported-begin##Karen Kohlberg Davis##imported-end##

February 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Bill and Family,

I am very sorry for your loss. For so many years, I have been hearing stories of your Dad and read his obituary with great interest and admiration.

My sincerest condolences...love to you and Dee...Linda Ditrinco##imported-begin##Linda Ditrinco##imported-end##

February 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Mrs. Quigley, Kate, Chris, Tom, John, Colleen, Kathleen and Family,

We are so sorry about the passing of your husband, father and grandfather. What a beautiful tribute in the paper this morning. He certainly lived a full life. We know from the time we spent in his presence, and through your stories, that he was an amazing, gracious and kind man. Our thoughts are with you.

Dana Shimkus and Family##imported-begin##Dana Shimkus##imported-end##

February 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ I remember the family well from Locust Avenue, and offer my condolences.

Steve##imported-begin##Steven Jacobson##imported-end##

February 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Katherine,
I am sorry to hear about Martin. We wish to extend our condolences with you and I am sure Martin will be in good hands up there God Bless and we'll see you soon. We have always admired Martin in the short time that we have known him.
Carrie and Jerry Perloff###imported-begin###Carrie and Jerry Perloff###imported-end##

February 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Katherine, John and family,
I am so sorry to hear of Martin's passing. You are all in all of our hearts and prayers. My father Tom Ross, used to always point out the picture of 2 dinghies sailing under Key Bridge, in and around 1938. My dad used to always say that he was leading in that photo, but he told me that Martin would say that he was actually ahead. This history was a true inspiration to me in my GU sailing days. May their sailing spirits continue to inspire Georgetown sailors for many generations to come!

Again, my condolences,

Andrew S. Ross
GU Class of 1981###imported-begin###Andrew S. Ross###imported-end##

February 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Liza and I join in sending our condolences to Katherine and all the kids. Listening to Liza talk of how touched she was by the Quigley spirit in this mornings' meeting reminded us of how much richer a place the world is from their love and passion for life. I told my kids this morning that a great man had passed.

Love

Ted##imported-begin##Ted Eller##imported-end##

February 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ I am deeply saddened to hear of Martin's passing. He was a pillar of competence, integrity and good will when I knew him, as our Mayor, in my Larchmont days. Although I moved from Larchmont to Philadelphia some 15 years ago, my fond memories of Martin are undiminished. My sympathy goes out to his entire family.

WILLIAM N. BINDERMAN##imported-begin##William N. Binderman##imported-end##

February 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Katherine and Family,
We were so honored to get to know you and Martin through our work with the Friends of Georgetown Sailing. You were a great help when we founded the group 8 years ago, and we enjoyed escorting you to the various Sailing Team parties here in Larchmont and in Washington. You have been such positive influences on so many young people, including my son who attended Georgetown. Our condolences to all the family, many of whom we look forward to seeing on the water or when they visit Larchmont,

Rich and Ann du Moulin##imported-begin##Richard and Ann du Moulin##imported-end##

February 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ My husband, Fred, and I had the privilege and delight to spend some time with Martin and Kay over the past 15 years. My fondest memories included lunch or dinner in Puerto Rico accompanied by my parents-in-law, Fred and Mary Jane.

Mary Jane was especially fond of remembering the dynamic duo on the campaign trail as Martin became the first Democratic elected mayor in many years and Mary Jane was elected trustee.

I am also reminded of several conversations I had with Martin regarding the dissertation in nursing I was trying to finish at NYU. He gave me much needed encouragement and support, infused with his very special and unique sense of humor.

Although he appeared to prefer somewhat of an understated style regarding his life accomplishments and interests; he shared with me one of his books which I found quite interesting and see it daily sitting on my shelf.

He was, very simply, a very special human being.##imported-begin##Renee Daiuta Feuerbach##imported-end##

February 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM