



Paul J. McGuinness

November 19, 2022

Paul Joseph McGuinness, son of Joseph and Anne (Clark) McGuinness, passed away at the age of 65 on Saturday, November 19, 2022, due to injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Paul was born on July 28, 1957 to his beloved late parents in Waterbury, CT. He grew up in first East Hartford and then West Hartford, where he made many childhood memories that he greatly cherished. He is a graduate of Hall High School in West Hartford (Class of 1975).

He received his bachelor's degree in Psychology from Boston University (Class of 1982), and then studied at the UConn Social Work Master's program. Paul was a long-time employee of the Southbury Training School where he worked in direct patient care, and was devoted to the clients that he served and deeply cared for, for the past 24 years.

Paul's primary passion in life was radio, since the time he received a tape recorder as a gift from his father at the age of seven. Paul worked as a music DJ for many years at Hartford-area radio stations WJMJ and WWUH. Paul was also an avid skier and enjoyed many ski vacations all over New England, first with his family when he was young, and then later accompanied by his three children.

He is survived by his sister Terry McGuinness Hollon (Jack Hollon) and their two children, Bridget and Jane, of Baltimore, MD, brother Peter McGuinness (Joan Levinstein) of New York City, as well as his former wife Andrea (Brunault) McGuinness of Holyoke, MA and their three beloved daughters Emily, Megan, and Kara McGuinness who gave him tremendous pride and great companionship. Being a father was his fondest joy in life and he deeply cared for his family and friends (including his listeners on his various platforms). He held many cherished memories of Lordship beach trips, holiday dinners, and reunions with extended family, including the Clark and O'Rourke clans.

Calling hours will be held on Saturday, November 26, from 9:00am to 10:00am at Molloy Funeral Home – 906 Farmington Ave, West Hartford, with a service directly following at Molloy at 10:30 and then a burial at the nearby Fairview Cemetery. Family, friends, and loved ones are welcome to attend.

Directions and expressions of sympathy are available at www.molloyfuneralhome.com. In lieu of flowers, donations in Paul's name may be made to WWUH Radio, 200 Bloomfield Ave, West Hartford, CT 06117 <http://wwuh.org/>, or House of Bread, 27 Chestnut St, Hartford, CT 06120 <https://www.hobread.org/>

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery

200 Whitman Ave.
West Hartford, CT

Previous Events

Calling Hours

NOV 26. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Molloy Funeral Home
906 Farmington Ave
West Hartford, CT 06119
(860) 232-1322

Funeral Service

NOV 26. 10:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

TB

“ Paul was a great friend to my wife and myself, he was a great DJ and was so supportive of our music, we talked weekly about life and music and how things in the world we're changing so fast. He Is Still Missed To This Very Day...

Terry Lee Bolton - March 10, 2025 at 04:32 AM

MM

“ Paul was a friend and a bright light during a very difficult time in my life. He was a good guy, had a great sense of humor and was a wonderful storyteller. I was shocked to hear that Paul had passed, the world has lost a great guy and the world is a darker place without him. My condolences and prayers to his family.

Marty Moak - March 07, 2023 at 04:40 PM

JG

“ Every morning during 9th Grade at Plant Jr. High School (1971-'72) I would walk from my house on Cumberland Rd to Paul's, and we would then walk to school together. Good times each morning, talking about things that 15 year old boys talk about. Sadly, we lost touch when we entered 10th grade at different high schools. I am sorry for your loss. I am sorry that my old friend from long ago is gone.

Jim Goldberg - February 01, 2023 at 07:11 PM

KJ

“ Years back the Begley children grew up with the McGuinness children. Lots of fond memories of ski trips, Penn DR 4th of July picnics and summer days at Lordship beach. We all go through life struggling with challenges. Paul struggles were greater than most. Still he strived to help others. His life had value that will live on through his beautiful daughters. Rest in peace Paul, with your mom and dad who loved you so much! Love, Kerry Begley Johnson

Kerry Begley Johnson - January 22, 2023 at 10:10 AM

SM

“ So very sorry to hear about the loss of Paul. Paul was a very kind and caring man and will be missed at Southbury Training School. I remember Paul getting in trouble for playing our choir's CD on the radio station. Thank you Paul. I also remember his help taking the individuals walking in the community. Always pleasant and helpful.

Sandi Miles - November 27, 2022 at 01:15 AM

DM

Paul I still can't believe you're not with us anymore. I know you were so excited to retire on Dec 3rd. Glad we got to talk prior to your passing. Enjoyed all the fun times with PWP. You're an awesome & kind person, will be missed by many. Rest in Peace, Debbie

Deborah Malaspina - December 11, 2022 at 11:21 PM

HH

“ Peter and Terry, we are so sorry to learn about the loss of your brother, Paul. Please know that our love, warm thoughts and prayers are with you both and with your families. We have wonderful memories of living near you in West Hartford and of the school and musical events that we all shared together. Take care!

*With Love Always,
Helen and Don Hughlett*

Helen and Don Hughlett - November 26, 2022 at 05:44 PM



Thanks to both of you. Miss you. Be well. -Peter

Pete McGuinness - November 29, 2022 at 11:29 AM

PA

“ so sorry for your loss. god has his arm's wrapped around the family to give them the strength they need at this time.



panthiel - November 25, 2022 at 06:46 AM

WB

“ Will be missed. Man of many stories,



wayne Breimann - November 24, 2022 at 02:47 PM

KH

“ *Kerri Haer lit a candle in memory of Paul J. McGuinness*



kerri Haer - November 23, 2022 at 06:20 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Paul J. McGuinness.*



November 23, 2022 at 04:06 PM

WC

“ *Wendy Christian lit a candle in memory of Paul J. McGuinness*



wendy christian - November 23, 2022 at 03:00 PM

WC

“ *My sincere condolences to Paul's daughters, family and friends. I worked with Paul years ago and very recently as well, it was always a joy to work with Paul, he was a great story teller and very knowledgeable man. Paul will surely be missed by many. Sincerely, Wendy Christian*

wendy christian - November 23, 2022 at 02:59 PM

SV


“ I worked many a day with Paul Mcguinnis at Southbury Training School. I had many a fond memory with him joking are long evenings together, passing the time away while caring for the patients there . He will be missed. He was quite a character. I know that he loved his daughters immensely and that they loved him. Also, he tried hard as a father to do the things for them that every child would want. Rest in peace my friend God has taking you away too early.

Steven Viens - November 23, 2022 at 02:30 PM

LC

“ Sincere sympathies to Terry, Peter and everyone that knew and loved Paul. Paul was a very proud and loving father to 3 beautiful and smart daughters. He was so fun to hang with on Facebook when he was inviting friends to go on a walk around the neighborhood with him. He was a passionate radio DJ, and I was always impressed with his knowledge of the music he wanted to share.
I am saddened by this loss and will always have fond memories of Paul McGuinness.
Lisa Coble

Lisa Coble - November 23, 2022 at 12:40 PM


Giovanni
Seccarecc

“ My sincere and heartfelt condolences to Paul's family and friends. He and I were classmates since elementary school and class of 1975 Hall graduates. May he Rest In Peace.

Giovanni Seccareccia - November 23, 2022 at 11:13 AM

MH

“ Peter, I'm so sorry to learn of the loss of your brother. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. After all these years, you remain a fond student, a lively presence. Marie Healey

Marie Healey - November 23, 2022 at 10:47 AM

BH

“ Terry, I knew Paul way back when. He was a good, thoughtful, decent human being. Always had that mischievous smile and never a negative word about anyone. He was a good person. Hopefully whenever you think of him now it makes you smile.
Bill Haylon

Bill Haylon - November 23, 2022 at 09:00 AM

TH

Bill was so correct, Paul never had a negative word about anyone, such a nice thing to say. We just lost Bill Haylon last week as well, rest in peace, and remember the retired nuns! Bill and Paul worked together at Mercyknoll, I think you were allowed to wash dishes there when you were only 15, with a work permit. Biking to work, without your parent's help, oh those were the days.

Terry Hollon - March 12, 2023 at 03:42 PM

NZ

“ Paul and I shared many family holidays throughout our lives. I was hoping to share another one this Thanksgiving. He will be truly missed at the table this year! Terry and Peter, I share your grief and send condolences to the whole family!

Nancy Zychek - November 23, 2022 at 08:38 AM