



## Thomas Edward McGowan

April 16, 2017

Thomas Edward McGowan, age 59, was brought Home to Paradise on Easter morning, April 16, 2017. Tom's greatest joy was his 5 children: Eily, Nora, Rose, Gavin and Max. Besides his children he leaves his beloved wife Mary (Haggerty), brothers Robert, Stephen and Brian and their families, along with a large extended family who adored him. He was welcomed to eternal life by his father Francis and mother Shirley, along with his father-in-law Francis and brother-in-law Paul.

In the chapters of Tom's life, he was blessed to assemble a tremendous group of friends, including those from Hall High, Trinity College, work colleagues in NYC and worldwide and friends from West Hartford, Pelham, NY and Weekapaug, RI. Tom was a loyal friend who worked hard to nourish and cherish those he loved.

Of all of his many achievements in life, he would say that the role of father was his greatest. Protector, confidant, advisor, biggest sports fan and doting Dad, he described being father to Eily, Nora, Rosie, Gavin and Max as "pure joy".

Tom committed his life to doing acts of kindness, easing economic burden, promoting education and making the world a better place for his family, friends and the causes he held dear. He tried his best in everything he did and he

never, ever, gave up.

Tom McGowan was a great man.

Visiting hours and Mass will be at Holy Family Monastery, 303 Tunxis Road, West Hartford, Connecticut. Visiting hours were held Thursday, April 20, 4:00-8:00 pm (Use Main Entrance). A memorial service was held Friday at 11 at Holy Family. In Lieu of flowers donations in his name may be made to a fund established at

Fidelity Charitable

P.O. Box 770001

Cincinnati, OH

45277-0053

Checks made payable to: Fidelity Charitable.

Please reference in memo field of check: Thomas E. McGowan Giving Fund,  
Account # 1114357

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

APR **20**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Holy Family Monastery  
303 Tunxis Ave.  
West Hartford, CT

## Memorial Service

APR **21**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Holy Family Monastery Chapel  
303 Tunxis  
West Hartford, CT

# Tribute Wall



“ *Fruit Abounds was purchased for the family of Thomas Edward McGowan.*



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April 30, 2017 at 07:19 PM



“ *I was a friend and frat brother with Tom at Trinity college. Tom was always fun to be around and very helpful. My deepest condolences and I know he will be missed by all ,but ever forgotten.*

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**barry shendell** - April 27, 2017 at 02:42 PM



“ *Mary and kids,  
Our deepest condolences for your loss. Please find comfort in all the wonderful memories you have in your heart. Our prayers are with you.*

*Sincerely,  
Nancy, Steve and Samantha Tsang (Pelham)*

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**nancy tsang** - April 25, 2017 at 08:56 PM

SL

“ We will miss Tom, I still can't believe the sad news. A person that departs from this earth never truly leaves, for they are still alive in our hearts and minds, through us, they live on. Please accept our condolences, Tom will not be forgotten.

*He will be the angel in heaven that watches over Eily, Nora, Rose, Gavin, Max, Mary and family. May you take comfort in knowing that you have an angel to watch over you now. We extend our most sincere condolences to you.*

*Please let us know if you need anything and consider it done.*

*Always,*

*Zef, Sher, Adam and Zain*

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**sher lokhandwalla** - April 24, 2017 at 10:03 AM

MR

“ When I received an email from a Trinity football teammate about Tom, I just sat back in chair and began to feel sad for his family and loved ones. All I could think of - what a good guy, what a good guy, what a good guy . My prayers and deepest sympathies are with the family.

*Macey Russell*

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**Macey Russell** - April 21, 2017 at 03:09 PM

AE

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you Mary, Eily, Nora, Rosie, Max and Gavin. Sending you strength and peace. May Tom's spirit and memory be a comfort to you.

*Much love, The Eisler Family*

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**Amy Eisler** - April 20, 2017 at 03:33 PM

CM

“ From Bobby and I we send our deepest sympathy to Mary his loving wife, and to the McGowan family during this very sad and difficult time. The last time we saw Tom was when he had a 25 wedding anniversary party for his brother Bob and Judy several years ago, and it was absolutely beautiful, along with a beautiful day. He was very handsome and a very nice guy who loved his family dearly and always helped them to be the best that they could be. He will be deeply missed by many.



*Carol and Bob Maikowski --- New Britain*

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**Carol Maikowski** - April 20, 2017 at 12:21 PM

PH

“ Having played football and lacrosse with you I know you as a great guy. You will be missed. My condolences to your family and our mutual friends. Peter Hughes

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**Peter Hughes** - April 19, 2017 at 08:30 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas Edward McGowan.



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April 19, 2017 at 08:19 PM

GR

“ *Mary and the entire McGowan Family,*

*We are so sorry to hear of Tom's passing. We had the pleasure of meeting Tom at a seminar at Holy Family. His story of your engagement will forever be sketched in our hearts. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you during this time.*

*Gloria and Mike Reddy*

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**Gloria Reddy** - April 19, 2017 at 07:45 PM

AD

“ *It was with great sadness that I learned of Tom's passing. My most sincere condolences to Mary, the children and the McGowan and Haggerty families.*

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**Andrea DeSimone-Rafferty** - April 19, 2017 at 07:40 PM

PF

“ *Saddened to learn of Tom's passing. I grew up playing with and against Tom in West Hartford sports programs. He was a loyal teammate and an admirable competitor. A class act scholar athlete, a man of words and action.*

*Paul Faulkner*

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**Paul Faulkner** - April 19, 2017 at 06:57 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas Edward McGowan.*



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April 19, 2017 at 01:28 PM

TJ

“ *The Tiernans, Chuck, Remy and Jack purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Thomas Edward McGowan.*



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**The Tiernans, Chuck, Remy and Jack** - April 19, 2017 at 11:38 AM

SI

“ *In memory of Tom McGowan for his leadership and support of Safe Harbors of the Hudson, Newburgh, New York. His legacy of kindness, generosity and civic mindedness lives on in the organization he helped create and the people it continues to serve.*

*In lieu of flowers, we would like to make a donation to the Charitable Foundation being setup in Tom's name. Please keep us apprised of where to send that contribution.*

*With deepest sympathy, the Board and Staff of Safe Harbors of the Hudson, Inc.*

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**Safe Harbors of the Hudson, Inc.** - April 19, 2017 at 07:08 AM

PB

“ I knew Tom from back in the Hall High School days. I also had some great visits with him when he was in Seattle on business. He was a solid guy who never changed through the years.

Though incredibly accomplished in many areas, Tom always downplayed his accomplishments and was always more interested in me - my thoughts on things, my work, my family- than anything that was going on with himself.

Tom was truly one of the last of the Good Guys. You don't meet many people like him, and you won't. He was a unique guy who I felt lucky to know.

Our thoughts and prayers are with all the McGowans. Tom will never be forgotten. In his short time here he gave meaning to the expression " a life well lived."

*Peter Blue and family*

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**Peter Blue** - April 18, 2017 at 11:40 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas Edward McGowan.



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April 18, 2017 at 09:51 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas Edward McGowan.



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April 18, 2017 at 09:18 PM

JB

“ There are very few people like Tom in this world. Passionate, kind, funny, knowledgeable, empathetic and unassuming. A wonderful friend, role model, father and true professional in every respect. It is a privilege to have known him over the last 25 years and to have spent more significant time with him here in West Htfd., more recently. He will be greatly missed and forever with us in 'The Rink'. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Mary, The Haggerty and McGowan families.

Jeff Blanchard - April 18, 2017 at 08:51 PM



“ Gift of Grace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas Edward McGowan.



April 18, 2017 at 08:03 PM

BV

“ Bhavika Vyas purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Thomas Edward McGowan.



Bhavika Vyas - April 18, 2017 at 07:13 PM

KM

“ Mary and children Our thoughts and prayers are with you it was always a pleasure talking with your Tom at Weekapaug it was our privilege to know him. He was a beautiful person inside and out.

Kay and Norm Montminy - April 18, 2017 at 06:12 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas Edward McGowan.



April 18, 2017 at 06:02 PM



“ William T. purchased the Tranquil Seas for the family of Thomas Edward McGowan.



William T. - April 18, 2017 at 05:30 PM



“ I hadn't seen Tom in years but spent some time talking to him this past fall at the Hall High School Reunion. He was as nice and kind as I remember him from Smith School where we grew up together one street apart. He spoke so lovingly about Mary and his children. He seemed truly happy and so proud of his family. . I am so very sorry to hear about his passing.. My thoughts are prayers are with the entire McGowan family during this difficult time.  
Karen (Chaponis) Nappo



Karen Nappo - April 18, 2017 at 03:57 PM



“ Tom was a wonderful friend. He will be missed.  
Ed Staiano

Ed Staiano - April 18, 2017 at 02:37 PM

SM

“ As future Weekapaug neighbors to the McGowan family, we share our sympathy and sorry with Tom’s family and friends, and genuinely feel the loss of an especially caring person.

*Steve & Pam Madigan*

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**Steve/Pam Madigan** - April 18, 2017 at 01:48 PM

DP

“ Very sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.

*Love,*

*The Phalon Family*

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**Dianne Phalon** - April 18, 2017 at 12:49 PM

DH

“ Deepest sympathies to Tommy's family and friends. We were Crow brothers at Trinity, and his passing is felt across the miles and years. I don't have any good pictures of him from those days handy, but here is a picture of the one of his favorite places. Rest in Peace, Tommy.

*Danny Howe*  
*AXP*



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**Danlias Howe** - April 18, 2017 at 10:08 AM

KR

“ 1 file added to the album *Tom and Mary*



Kendra Rizkalla - April 18, 2017 at 09:01 AM

EM

“ *Tom came to Wall Street as a rookie and left as an all star. More important, he was a friend to all. A truly magnificent man.*

Eldon Mayer - April 18, 2017 at 07:55 AM



“ *Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas Edward McGowan.*



April 17, 2017 at 10:33 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas Edward McGowan.*



April 17, 2017 at 06:38 PM

CT

“*Mary and the kids my thoughts and prayers are with you. Tom was a special person and I am so fortunate to have been able to know him. You all were most important to him and he was very proud of all of your accomplishments. The Best!*

*Chuck Tiernan*

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**Chuck Tiernan** - April 17, 2017 at 03:12 PM