



Mr. David H. McGrath

September 23, 1949 - January 19, 2016

Mr. David Harrington McGrath, 66, of 37 Melrose St. Adams, died Tuesday afternoon, January 19, 2016, at Berkshire Medical Center in Pittsfield.

He was born in Adams on September 23, 1949, a son of the late Harold and Margaret (Harrington) McGrath. He attended Adams schools, graduating from the former Adams Memorial High School with the Class of 1968. He received his Bachelor's Degree in Art History from the University of Massachusetts-Amherst, and earned his Master's Degree in Education from the former North Adams State College.

Mr. McGrath was an Elementary Art Instructor for the Adams Cheshire Regional School District for over 35 years until retiring. He then worked part-time for several years at the Berkshire Athenaeum in Pittsfield, and also gave classes in painting at the Adams Senior Center.

He was a communicant of the Parish of St. John Paul II in Adams. He was a member of the Massachusetts Teacher's Association and the National Education Association, and a former member of the Adams Turners.

He enjoyed art, painting, calligraphy, hiking, camping, and loved his pet dogs. He was a sports fan, and enjoyed watching the Boston Red Sox, Boston Celtics and New England Patriots, and the University of Notre Dame football games. He especially enjoyed playing with his grandchildren and trips to Cape Cod.

He is survived by his wife of 43 years, the former Kyle A. Downey, whom he married on June 3, 1972;

2 sons, Michael McGrath and his wife, Jennifer; and Thomas McGrath, both of Adams;

2 grandchildren, Noah and Claire McGrath;

2 brothers, Neil McGrath of Cobb Island, Maryland, and John McGrath of Pittsfield;

a sister, Maura McGrath Morrison of Claremont, New Hampshire;

his mother-in-law, Eleanor Downey, of Adams; and several nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by a sister-in-law, Jennie McGrath, and his father-in-law, Edward Downey.

Funeral services will be held on Monday, January 25th, at 10:00 AM in the PACIOREK FUNERAL HOME, 13 Hoosac St. Adams.

Rev. Steven Montesanti, Pastor of the Parish of St. John Paul II, Adams, will officiate.

Burial will follow in Bellevue Cemetery, Adams.

Calling hours are Sunday afternoon from 3 to 5 PM at the funeral home.

Memorial donations may be made to the Massachusetts Special Olympics, 512 Forest St. Marlborough, MA 01752; or to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

To leave a message of condolence, please go online to www.paciorekfuneral.com

Tribute Wall

LP

“ Rest easy Mr. McGrath! You were a very patient and kind teacher that I will always remember.

Laura Pratt - June 07, 2018 at 11:41 AM

SS

“ It absolutely breaks my heart to hear this! Mr.McGrath always encouraged me and told me how awesome my art work was even though it was HORRIBLE. He believe all art was great art and I will forever remember liking art class because of HIM!

Samantha Siciliano - June 07, 2018 at 11:41 AM

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Samantha Siciliano - June 07, 2018 at 11:41 AM



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“ I remember Mr McGrath as a very caring teacher. I remember being very frustrated with drawing a hand in my art class. He slowly and patiently showed me how to draw this very difficult angle of the hand. He assured me that the hand and feet are the most difficult to draw. He made me work hard and could see my abilities and talent. He was a very caring and influential mentor to us all. It made a difference.

I can see you standing over me on that day showing me the circles on the paper to draw the hand. It is in my mind as clear as day. I will always remember your caring teaching methods. Thank you. RIP dear friend!

My deepest sympathy to the family.

Laura Piantini (Brown) - June 07, 2018 at 11:41 AM



BD

“ Mr. McGrath was one of the best teachers I ever had. The Adams school system was very lucky to have him. My heart goes out to his family and friends.

becky duquette - June 07, 2018 at 11:41 AM



CM

“ Jen and Mike, We are so sorry to hear about your Dad's passing. Let us know if we can be of any help. Much love, Joe and Chris

Chris Milesi - June 07, 2018 at 11:41 AM



“ Kyle and Family- My heartfelt condolences for your loss Marilyn (Baker) Brouillett

June 07, 2018 at 11:41 AM



“ *My sincere condolences. God is s God of comfort and may he give you the comfort and strength you need in such difficult time.*

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“ *He was known by some of us as "Frank", I have no idea why. This neighborhood kid quietly produced art that quivered with shape and color he pulled from deep within himself. Thank you Dave for sharing with us your dreams and your life. From all of the Bob's Hill Boys we offer our condolences.*

Vic Paquette - June 07, 2018 at 11:41 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of David's passing. My condolences to you Kyle and your family.*Janie Horton Lester

June 07, 2018 at 11:41 AM



“ *Sending condolences to the family. My daughter Makenna was a student of Mr. McGrath's. He was a very kind man with a lot of patience! So sorry to learn about his passing.*

Edwina Gazaille - June 07, 2018 at 11:41 AM



“ *Such a great man. He was my elementary school art teacher, and the first to foster my talents. I have many fond memories of him and his goodness. May God bless him and his family during this difficult time.*

Lora - June 07, 2018 at 11:41 AM

TE

“ My thoughts and prayers to his family, friends and former students. Mr. McGrath was one of my favorite teachers. He always gave encouragement and inspired me to reach for my dreams. I'm very sad to hear of his passing. May he rest in peace.

Terry - June 07, 2018 at 11:41 AM

CO

“ My name is colleen. I may not remember much about him, cause he left when i was in 2nd grade but he made everything fun and im sorry for your loss.

Colleen - June 07, 2018 at 11:41 AM

JR

“ So sorry for your loss. Mr. McGrath was a patient man who rarely raised his voice. He is the father of a great friend, and will be greatly missed. He will find rest in God's hands and may God send consolation in your hearts in this time of sorrow. God bless our prayers are with you all.
Sincerely, Jason Ryan.

Jason ryan - June 07, 2018 at 11:41 AM



“ JohnI was sorry to learn of your brother's passing. May God bring peace and comfort to you and your family during this difficult time.Karen Tucker

June 07, 2018 at 11:41 AM

TS

“ Mr.McGrath thank you for the years you spent teaching art. Because of you it was my favorite subject.

Tara Stracuzzi - June 07, 2018 at 11:41 AM

LB

“ Kyle,

Sad news travels ever so fast. I am so sorry!

Linda Belisle

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“ Kyle and family, So sorry to hear of David's passing, my thoughts and prayers are with you. Kathy ziarnik

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WR

“ Remember David well from Berkshire museum, always smiling and very nice to my children ,He will be dearly missed by me and my children

Warren Rougeau - June 07, 2018 at 11:41 AM

NK

“ To all the McGrath family, especially Kyle and John, may your happy memories of David help you through this difficult time. I'm so sorry of David's passing.

Nancy LaRoche Paquette Kramer - June 07, 2018 at 11:41 AM

GH

“ I had Mr. McGrath as my art teacher in elementary school when I was still living in Massachusetts. Not only was he a wonderful teacher, he was also a wonderful artist. Rest In Peace.

Gabrielle Harrington - June 07, 2018 at 11:41 AM

MP

“ Dave was my classmate in high school and I had the pleasure of working with him at ACRSD. His gentle and soft spoken nature and his artistic talent made him a wonderful elementary school teacher. Dave was the first one to take his elementary school students into the computer lab and teach them to create art electronically. His show of the kids digital work at the Adams Town Hall Gallery put a smile on the face of everyone who viewed it and made his students and their families very proud. RIP Dave, you will be missed!

Michael Powers - June 07, 2018 at 11:41 AM

DT

“ I had Mr. McGrath for my art teacher at CT PLunkett. We ended up moving to Tennessee when I was in the 4th grade in 2000, but I still remember what a nice man he was, and all the fun art projects we did. I an even still remember his voice. He was very talented and helped inspire my love of art! I believe I remember him the best of all the teachers I had at CT PLunkett.

Danimarie Tower - June 07, 2018 at 11:41 AM



“ kyle i am so sorry to hear of david passing my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family

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DM

“ My condolences to Kyle, John and the McGrath family. Dave was a long time friend and a great person. I have many volleyball memories that I cherish. As a teacher he touched a lot of lives. He will be missed by many.

Derek Malcolm - June 07, 2018 at 11:41 AM

JM

“ Even though I moved from Adams over 40 years ago I always remember my good friends growing up. Take care Kyle. Dave will be missed.

Jim McConnell - June 07, 2018 at 11:41 AM



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“ Kyle, Roy sad I are so sorry for your loss. May you find comfort in the memories that you shared. David was a great person and such a gentlemen. Our condolences to you and your family.Roy and Mary Jane O'Brien

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LB

“ I will never forget you Mr.McGrath.You were a wonderful,caring teacher.Even though it has been over thirty years since I sat in your classroom,I will always think you and how your sole purpose in life seemed to be reaching out to someone else,especially a child.I was saddened today to visit the library knowing that I would not see you the first thing when I walked through the door.Your presence may be gone from the library,but will forever remain in my heart.

Linda Beckwith - June 07, 2018 at 11:41 AM