



John Thomas McGrath, Sr.

August 22, 1938 - August 26, 2017

John T. McGrath, Sr., age 79, of the Fairmount section of Philadelphia, died Saturday evening August 26, 2017. He was the son of the late Charles and Regina S. McGrath (nee Kinslow). He was a member of Steam Fitters Local 420 for over 50 plus years. He was a member of Fairmount Sports Association and Fairmount Brewerytown Sports Alltimers Association. He is survived by his wife Joan A. McGrath (nee McCleary), 5 children; Joan Cotton (Joseph), John T. McGrath (Linda), Francis McGrath, Timothy McGrath (Nicole) and the late Audrey McGrath. Grandfather of Sean, Kevin, Joseph, Kelly, Carly, Mark, Madison and Timothy. Relatives and friends are invited to his Funeral Mass on Friday, September 8, at 11 a.m. in St. Francis Xavier Church the Oratory, 24th and Green Sts., Phila. Interment SS. Peter & Paul Cemetery, Springfield, PA. Friends may call at the Church on Friday morning from 9 to 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, please send donations in his name to St. Francis Xavier School Fund, 641 N. 24th St., Phila., PA 19130. Arr. Dinan Funeral Home, Phila. Condolences may also be sent to www.dinanfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

SS. Peter & Paul Cemetery

1600 S. Sproul Road
Springfield, PA 19064

Tribute Wall



“ *John Thomas McGrath, Sr.*

February 03, 2023 at 04:11 AM



“ *With Love, Brian and Trish McCleary purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of John Thomas McGrath, Sr..*



With Love, Brian and Trish McCleary - September 07, 2017 at 10:51 AM



“ *Thank you to the kind, gentle man we knew at Uncle John who made it possible for us to get together at the annual McCleary/McGrath Family Reunions to make memories and share our life stories! The beautiful family you and Joan created has given the world beautiful people who will live on to share their life stories with future generations.*

Trish McCleary - September 07, 2017 at 10:39 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John Thomas McGrath, Sr..*



September 07, 2017 at 10:28 AM

TO

“ THANK YOU Uncle John for some of my favorite memories, from working with you and Johnny at the Warwick Hotel as a young teen, to Jack hammering out your basement so everyone could stand up straight! The wonderful family reunions that we never would have had if it weren't for you. The kindness you always showed to the two most cherished people in my life, Reds and Sorry! My parents. I could go on and on with examples of what a great man you were, but I know anyone who got to know you feels the same way! Rest In Peace Uncle John!!! You will be missed, but never forgotten! The Van Ostens

The Van Ostens - September 06, 2017 at 07:57 PM

JF

“ I had the pleasure to work with John many years ago and we did get the work done and had a good time doing it. We stayed in touch over the years, A good man. Stay strong Joan and the family. Joe Fertsch Ocean City

Joe Fertsch - September 02, 2017 at 10:12 AM

JS

“ I worked with john as asst. coach of the lancers I was proud to be in his company great teacher and great friend he will be missed Rip my Friend !!



John Scott Sr. - August 31, 2017 at 09:07 PM



“ *"A Great Coach and Mentor in Life"*

Lord, thank You for the spring of eternal life and joy that You have placed in all of us. We thank you for giving a wonderful and meaningful Christian life for John . We proudly celebrate his faith, trust, and loyalty in and to you. Heled a good life pleasing towards you and your kingdom. We thank you for giving him that spring of eternal life and joy. Please be the strength and comfort for his family. In His precious name Jesus Christ, we ask. Amen

Joe Wyszynski .



Joe Wyszynski - August 30, 2017 at 09:56 PM



“ *A true gentleman to everyone he crossed paths with!! My parents loved his company!! One of a kind!! God bless the McGrath Family!! Another Fairmount legend gone!!*

Gary McGuigan - August 30, 2017 at 09:34 PM



“ *Mr. McGrath was a very good man... I remember once sledding with him and when i say sledding with him i mean he was the sled and kids were just jumping on his back and riding him down the hill...God Bless and Peace*

Mike Bosaczyk - August 30, 2017 at 07:28 PM

KC

“ *Mr. McGrath made you feel like you were the only person in the room. His Irish eyes were always smiling! We shared stories about Schuylkill County, my home town ! He will be missed.*
Kay Carroll

Kathleen Carroll - August 30, 2017 at 12:17 PM

TM

“ *A true gentleman and a true gentle man. RIP Mr. McGrath.*

Tom Muldoon - August 30, 2017 at 09:46 AM

CM

“ *We have fond memories of visiting Ireland with Mr. McGrath. We referred to him as the "Squire". What a great man.*

Our prayers are with you during this difficult time.

Clare and Pat McAneny

clare mcaneny - August 30, 2017 at 09:14 AM

RF

“ I WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER THE FUN TIMES WE HAD AT THE VFW PLAYING PENICOLE. ESPECIALLY WHEN WE WERE PARTNERS. I WASN'T A VERY GOOD PLAYER BUT HE ALWAYS TOOK THE TIME TO EXPLAIN TO ME WHAT I DID WRONG AND HOW I SHOULD DO IT THE NEXT TIME. TIMMY AND FAMILY, YOUR DAD WAS THE MEANING OF "FAIRMOUNT". HE WAS ALWAYS A GENTELMAN AND ALWAYS HAD A BIG SMILE ON HIS FACE WHEN EVER I SAW HIM. THIS NEIGHBORHOOD LOST A GREAT MAN !!!!GOD BLESS YOU JOHN AND RIP !!! LOVE JOE AND ROE FERRY



Roe Ferry - August 30, 2017 at 12:25 AM

KB

he did the same to me when I was his partner back in 1982 I was young he taught me not only pinochle but to do what is right I'll always remember saying " we will get them next time" a great man who help me grow up and I am sure many others in the neighborhood grow up and do the right things

Kenny Bailey - August 30, 2017 at 06:49 AM

MS

“ I always loved it every year when he had the family reunion down the shore we had the best times! He is truly an amazing man and always had the biggest smile on him. Rest In Peace Uncle John

Mary Sternberger - August 29, 2017 at 10:54 PM

CC

“ I always enjoyed Having dinner with grandmom and pop-pop and listening to their stories about traveling all over the world! He always made me laugh with his unique sense of humor! Lol
You will be missed! Love you pop ❤️
Xox Carly

Carly Cotton - August 29, 2017 at 08:58 PM



Robert
Van

The world lost another great man but heaven gained another great Angel!!You will always be missed and loved by all!!Rest In Peace Uncle John!!

Robert Van Osten - August 29, 2017 at 09:38 PM

FM

“ Sitting with my father and showing him pictures posted on Facebook of family and friends. RIP Francis

Fran McGrath - August 29, 2017 at 08:49 PM

MM

“ Pop John was always teasing me about school.I love visiting Pop and Grandmom after school! Love, Madison 😍

Madison McGrath - August 29, 2017 at 08:47 PM