



## Dr. Arthur Lawrence McDermott

April 24, 1935 - January 12, 2018

Dr. Arthur (Mac) Lawrence McDermott, Lt. US Navy 1959 - 1963, formerly of Hamden, CT and West Haven, CT, passed away on January 12 at the Alzheimer's Resource Center in Southington, CT after valiantly living with dementia for many years. He was 82 years young. Born in New Haven, CT on April 24, 1935, he was the son of the late Bernard and Kathryn (Kavanaugh) McDermott of West Haven. He was a 1953 graduate of Notre Dame in West Haven and rode a football scholarship to West Virginia Wesleyan. Mac earned a D.D.S. from Georgetown School of Dentistry and spent the next 45 years practicing dentistry; work he truly loved daily. Mac married Brooks Bailey on August 7, 1965. They were married for 53 years, through struggles and joys, health and sickness, all the while teaching their 3 children and 7 grandchildren what commitment looks like. Mac was always involved in his community and served in many ways. He was a founding member of the Walter Camp Football Foundation and served as Pres of the New Haven Football Foundation, Pres of Hunger Relief and Development, founder of the annual St. Rita School Walk-a-thon, Pres of CT State Dental Association, and a CSDA legislator. In 2010, Mac was presented with the Lifetime Achievement Award from the New Haven Dental Assn. He was a die-hard Red Sox fan and a Hamden Father's Little League coach. Mac loved a good round of golf, Mansfield Grove Camper's Assn, his family and cereal. Mac's love of making art was a saving grace as the disease of dementia progressed. Mac is survived by his steadfast wife, Brooks of Hamden; his 3 children: Michael

(Maritza Vojtek) of Hamden, Meghan Tobin (John) of Erieville, NY, and Matthew (Marta Borkowska) of Oxford; siblings: David (Sally), Kathryn Clabby (James), Terrence (Karen) and Daniel (Triscia); 7 grandchildren & 4 great grandchildren. Mac was predeceased by his parents, his oldest brother, Bunny, and his nephew, Kevin Clabby.

Calling hours will be held Monday from 4 - 8 p.m. in Sisk Brothers Funeral Home 3105 Whitney Ave. Hamden. In lieu of flowers, the family encourages all to spend time creating memories with family and friends, perhaps taking a walk hunting for shells on the shores of Long Island Sound. And in memory of Mac please brush and floss your teeth daily! The family wishes to thank all of the staff at Alzheimer's Resource Center of Connecticut for all their love and care of Mac and Brooks over these past several years. Donations in his memory are welcome at ARCC, 1261 South Main Street, Plantsville, CT. To leave an online condolence please visit [www.siskbrothers.com](http://www.siskbrothers.com)

# Previous Events

## Calling hours

JAN 15. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Sisk Brothers Funeral Home  
3105 Whitney Ave.  
Hamden, CT 06518  
(203) 288-7114  
[siskfuneral@sbcglobal.net](mailto:siskfuneral@sbcglobal.net)

# Tribute Wall

JG

“ I am so sad to learn of Dr. McDermott's passing. He was my dentist at his Mt. Carmel office for all my childhood and he was always so welcoming, gentle and good humored. He felt more like a family friend than a medical professional. I wish the family love and light in the wake of his passing and know that I'll carry wonderful memories of Dr. McDermott with me for the rest of my days!  
Jesse Greist

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**Jesse Greist** - January 23, 2018 at 03:56 PM

OC

“ My most sincere condolences to the family for the loss of your loved one.

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**O Carthen** - January 20, 2018 at 06:41 PM

RG

“ Brooks,I just learned of the passing of Art and Jean and I are so sorry.Not only was Mac an outstanding dentist,but he was a very good person ,compassionate,gentle and patient. Our prayers are with you.Rest in peace Mac

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**ray gambardella** - January 20, 2018 at 11:43 AM

MS

“ My heart is with you at this difficult time, and my sincerest condolences are with all of you. Prayers for peace, healing and renewal are flooding heaven for you all.  
God Bless,  
Mary Shamblen, Cazenovia, NY

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**Mary Shamblen** - January 18, 2018 at 04:46 PM

MA

“ My sincere condolences to the McDermott Family. I have fond memories of the family at West Lake many, many years ago. I also connected with them again when Brooks and I roomed together at St. Raphael's in 1971 when we both gave birth to sons and my parents met your in-laws again after many years. Most recently I have gotten to see Terry in Killingworth at a local restaurant. My heart goes out to all of you on the loss of your husband, father, grandfather and brother. My husband Dennis passed away two years ago of the same devastating disease and I know your heartache. Mac is now in God's loving arms and resting in peace. May God bring you peace and comfort in this difficult time. God bless you all,  
Mary Jane Anderson, Clinton, Connecticut

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**Mary Jane Anderson** - January 15, 2018 at 08:36 PM

SG

“ Although saddened by the loss of Mac, I am & always was amazed at what a powerful and wonderful man he was. I was lucky to be a friend of Mac's for many years, and he was always there for me & others ~ he helped me to grow, learn and work through personal difficulties. His love of life was contagious, as was his sense of humor, and his commitment towards making the world a better place. Mac was truly an inspiration, and his love, laughter, spirituality & generosity will never be forgotten. My thought & prayers go out to Brooks and the entire family...

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**Scott Gray** - January 15, 2018 at 04:02 PM

JK

“ My sister Betty Wynne informed us of your loss. We send our thoughts , prayers, and condolences to you and your family during this difficult time. Love and God Bless, Joan (Cross) and Dick Kennel - 520 Clubwood Ct. Marietta, GA 30068

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**Joan(Cross)& Dick Kennel** - January 15, 2018 at 12:11 PM



“ I have good memories of Art from back in the days when Kevin Clabby was sick. He was a tremendous source of support and humor in the face of such an overwhelming family tragedy. I wish that I had the chance to see him more in later years, because he made such an impression on me in my teens. Much love to all the family; I am sorry that I cannot be there. Be surrounded by light and love in your time of grief and know that he's not gone...just waiting for you on the other side. Blessings.

*Love, Scott Eggert*

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**Kenneth Eggert** - January 15, 2018 at 11:53 AM

AF

“ We have such good memories of Mac....he was our dentist but more importantly our friend. Laughter....celebrations....and joy reflect our time together.... such wonderful history we shared. Our love to all the family especially Brooks in this time of loss. Al and Polly Fitz

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**Al and Polly Fitz** - January 14, 2018 at 11:03 AM