



## John "Jack" McGovern

January 2, 1954 - January 19, 2025

John "Jack" J. McGovern, 71, of Madison, CT passed away peacefully in the early morning hours on January 19th while under hospice care. Jack was a retired Claims Investigator for Metro North Railroad and had been dealing with an advanced cancer diagnosis for a number of years. He was a beloved son, father, grandfather, uncle, cousin, and cherished friend. He is survived by his three children and three grandchildren: Sean McGovern (Jilleyan) of Madison, CT with their daughters, Quinn and Reese; Kathleen McGovern and boyfriend Huseyin Kar of New Haven, CT; and Patrick McGovern (Anna) with their daughter Frances of Guilford, CT. Jack was the son of the late Florence McGovern (nee Fleming) and James McGovern of Hamden, CT. Jack graduated from the University of New Haven with a BS in Criminal Justice, serving various positions in law enforcement, which led him to a career in investigation. In retirement, Jack was known for his good nature and enjoyed conversation and good company.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 2 PM on Friday the 24th at St. Rita's Church, 1620 Whitney Ave, Hamden, CT 06517. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society 825 Brook St. Rocky Hill, CT. 06067. To leave an online condolence please visit [www.siskbrothers.com](http://www.siskbrothers.com)

# Previous Events

## Funeral Mass

JAN **24**. 2:00 PM (ET)

St Rita's Church  
1620 Whitney Ave  
Hamden, CT 06517  
(203) 248-5513

# Tribute Wall

PP

“*🍀 Dear Kathleen and Family,  
I was very saddened by your Dad's passing.  
I was lucky to have befriended him in the last  
year. He was loads of fun to be around.  
Our card playing buddy nearly every day, even  
when he was hurting.  
Jack rarely missed an activity, there were only a few times he did.  
Then there was no levity and things were boring without him.  
He liked to make fun of my purple hair! We had a special bond and I  
could go toe to toe with him and his off colour jokes and curse  
words. I tried to help us both by getting him to substitute fork,  
fondue or shut the front door.  
Oh yeah, he said those also.  
However, then followed up with his favorite "F" word anyway!  
He made Cindy and I hysterical.  
I think of him a lot. Just today I looked at Cindy and said, 'I miss  
Jack". She agreed whole heartedly.  
He loved his family and lit up every time his two young  
granddaughters came to see him. He loved You and his Sons and  
often said how he still loved his wife. He said she was a great  
woman and then followed up with the "A" word for himself.  
He talked of you all and was very proud of his kids.  
Jack had great stories about his life escapades with the PD and  
Metro. I unfortunately didn't get to see him the last few days but, I  
like the memories he left me with in my heart. He had a great joker  
smile and laugh. And of course those smiling Irish🍀eyes!  
To his grown kids,  
I wish you all prayers you were hit with some tough blows.  
Remember him in good times.  
He'll always be your Dad.  
To Jackie, I'd like to tell you a few things but I can't say them here!  
So I'll say them to you in my prayers and hope I still go to heaven!*

*😊 Paula (Perri)*



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Paula Perri - January 31, 2025 at 11:29 PM

AM

“ Kathleen, Sean and Patrick,  
My deepest condolences on the passing of  
your Dad.  
All my love,  
Anne Murray



anne murray - January 23, 2025 at 06:00 AM

KV

“ Karen Varney lit a candle in memory of John  
McGovern



Karen Varney - January 22, 2025 at 10:29 AM

PA

“ My condolences to John's family. I work at the  
home he resided in prior to his passing and  
he was one of my favorites. He always made  
me laugh even when he was not feeling well.  
He fought valiantly, he was a warrior and he  
will be missed by many people here. I am grateful to have known  
him for just a bit and I hope he is resting comfortably.



Pam - January 22, 2025 at 07:55 AM

RR

My sincere condolences to Jack's family. I knew him years ago when  
he was a Supernumerary officer at Hamden PD. We lost track of each  
other since then. Rest In Peace my friend 🙏🙏

Richard Reutenauer - January 24, 2025 at 12:45 PM

DT

“ Sean ,Kathleen,Patrick and family ,  
I am so sorry for the loss of your dad.  
May he rest in peace .  
Love to you all 🙏❤️  
Donna Travali

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**Donna Travali** - January 22, 2025 at 07:46 AM