



## Richard L. McGrath Jr.

August 19, 1964 - August 17, 2017

Rick McGrath was a kind, gentle soul wrapped in the body of an enormous human being. There was never a challenge that was too big or too dangerous for Rick. As an accomplished diesel mechanic, there was nothing he couldn't fix no matter how complicated and difficult. His many, many friends relished their times with Rick because it always meant lots of laughs, lots of eating, lots of drinking and lots of breaking balls. Rick will be remembered as a world class ball breaker, with a huge heart who was uniquely kind to everyone he encountered.

Rick leaves behind his two greatest loves, his sons Ricky and John. He was a lucky man who got to share his gift for fixing and repairing heavy machinery side by side with both boys. In fact, he spent his last week doing what he loved most, working long days, side by side with Ricky, fixing things. He is survived by his beloved sister Megan, his brother Brian and wife Monica and their children Peter, Tommy, Billy and Lydia, and by his mother and father Richard and Ann McGrath. Rick's extended family was so important to him and so valuable to him over the last several months, especially Marion Garea McGrath, Mary Garea, and Kathy Caliendo.

Funeral from Sisk Brothers Funeral Home 3105 Whitney Ave. Hamden Monday at 9:30 a.m., Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. in St. Rita Church. Burial in St. Lawrence Cemetery. Calling hours are Sunday from 3 - 6 p.m. To leave an online condolence please visit [www.siskbrothers.com](http://www.siskbrothers.com)



# Cemetery Details

## St. Lawrence

280 Derby Ave.  
West Haven, CT

# Previous Events

## Calling hours

AUG **20**. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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

## Funeral service

AUG **21**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Rita Church  
1620 Whitney Ave.  
Hamden, CT

# Tribute Wall

GW

“ *Gloria Wombolt purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Richard L. McGrath Jr..*



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**Gloria Wombolt** - August 20, 2017 at 10:13 PM

GW

“ *Megan, I am so sorry. I wish there was something I could say to ease the pain of your loss, but only time can do that. My prayers are for you and your family right now.*

*Love,  
Gloria*

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**Gloria Wombolt** - August 20, 2017 at 08:47 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Richard L. McGrath Jr..*



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August 20, 2017 at 11:15 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Richard L. McGrath Jr..*



August 20, 2017 at 09:24 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Richard L. McGrath Jr..*



August 20, 2017 at 09:09 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Richard L. McGrath Jr..*



August 19, 2017 at 06:10 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Richard L. McGrath Jr..*



August 19, 2017 at 06:05 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Richard L. McGrath Jr..



August 19, 2017 at 05:01 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Richard L. McGrath Jr..



August 19, 2017 at 03:01 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard L. McGrath Jr..



August 19, 2017 at 11:38 AM



“ A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of Richard L. McGrath Jr..



August 19, 2017 at 10:59 AM



“ *Sentimental Dreams was purchased for the family of Richard L. McGrath Jr..*



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August 19, 2017 at 10:30 AM



“ *Dear John, Christie & family,*

*My condolences on your loss of Big Rick. Feel as though I know him from the many stories you've shared even though we never met. John looks so much like him, his eyes are the mirror of a kind, gentle heart. His legacy lives in the memories and hearts of those he touched so deeply. Wishing you comfort and peace, you are in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Love,  
Marianne*

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**Marianne** - August 19, 2017 at 10:10 AM



“ *I am so deeply sorry for your loss...Anne...*

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**Anne Landino** - August 19, 2017 at 08:08 AM



“ *My goodness... I'm in shock! Rick was so sweet and a great dad. My heart goes out to his boys.*

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**Janice Mancini** - August 19, 2017 at 05:57 AM

KG

“ Marion, Ricky, Johnny and Garea and MCGrath Families- "Big Rick" will so be missed! I have so many wonderful memories that will always be remembered. He was one person who I can truly say would do anything to help anyone whether he knew them or not..I'm thinking and praying for you all. With deepest sympathy, Love- Kerry and Nico

kerry garea - August 18, 2017 at 08:27 PM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Richard L. McGrath Jr..



August 18, 2017 at 07:27 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard L. McGrath Jr..



August 18, 2017 at 05:00 PM

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“ Love, Molly O'Neill and Ted and Rosemary O'Neill purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Richard L. McGrath Jr..



Love, Molly O'Neill and Ted and Rosemary O'Neill - August 18, 2017 at 03:40 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Richard L. McGrath Jr..*



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August 18, 2017 at 01:08 PM