



## Richard L. McGrath

August 4, 1933 - October 9, 2017

Richard Lawrence McGrath of Hamden and Branford Ct and Naples FL died peacefully on October 9th with his family by his side.

Dick McGrath was born in Dracut, MA on 8/4/1933. He was a funny, loving man with a thick Boston accent (despite sixty plus years of living in CT) that made all of his many jokes much funnier than they should have been. A graduate of Umass Lowell with a Masters Degree from Boston University, Dick spent his professional life in the publishing industry. Long before Amazon, Kindles and Barnes and Noble, Dick McGrath called all of New England and its many book stores his territory as a traveling book salesman. He represented such great publishers as Viking, Penguin, Prentice Hall and Random House and helped authors like Stephen King, Robert Parker and Kurt Vonnegut travel from Bar Harbor to New Haven and make their way onto the shelves of independent owners who became his close friends.

A proud navy veteran who spent time on the USS Forrestal, Dick was married to the love of his life Ann O'Neill McGrath for 56 years. Dick spent every summer with Ann at their family cottage in his beloved Lanphiers Cove with a legion of special friends who matched his love for a laugh, a cocktail, and a good time. He was a lucky man.

Dick leaves behind his beloved wife Ann, his beloved daughter Megan, and son Brian and daughter-in-law Monica. He was predeceased by his son Rick. As Pop Pop he devoted his life and all of his love to his six grandchildren, Rick, John, Peter, Tommy, Billy and Lydia. One of seven children, Dick is

survived by his sisters Kathy Garvey and Maureen Ferrar and was predeceased by his sister Liz and brothers Mac Jack and Bob. Always close to Ann's family he is survived by her sisters Peggy ( and Bob ) Batick, Mary ( and Jim ) Raccio, and Kathy ( and Bob ) Kilijanski and predeceased by her brother and his wife Vincent and Pam O'Neill.

A private memorial service will be held for his family and friends. Sisk Brothers Funeral Home 3105 Whitney Ave. Hamden in care of arrangements. To leave an online condolence please visit [www.siskbrothers.com](http://www.siskbrothers.com)

# Tribute Wall

MR

“ *Ann and Family - I am so sorry for your loss of Richard. I have only know Ann and Richard for a short time, I am the receptionist where they live, but every time I spoke to Richard he always had a smile on his face and always put a smile on mine. He will be truly missed by all who know him. My thoughts are with you and the family during this tough time. - With sympathy, Meggan Robinson*



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**Meggan Robinson** - October 12, 2017 at 12:27 PM



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



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October 11, 2017 at 06:26 PM

KG

“ *Johnny, Ricky Marion, Megan and The McGrath Family- so sorry for your loss. Thinking of you all and keeping you in our thoughts and prayers. With deepest sympathy, Kerry & Nico Garea*

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**Kerry Garea** - October 11, 2017 at 01:46 PM



“ *Garden of Memories was purchased for the family of Richard L. McGrath.*



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October 11, 2017 at 12:01 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Richard L. McGrath.*



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October 11, 2017 at 09:41 AM



“ *Ann. So sorry to hear of dicks passing, will miss his smile and his humor. A great guy. Please express my heartfelt condolences to the family.*  
*Jack Holzer*

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**Jack holzer** - October 10, 2017 at 10:51 PM



“ *Maureen Farrar purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Richard L. McGrath.*



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**Maureen Farrar** - October 10, 2017 at 09:55 PM

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“ *Harold and Kathy purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Richard L. McGrath.*



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**Harold and Kathy** - October 10, 2017 at 09:20 PM

VB

“ *Megan - I'm so very very sorry to hear about the passing of your dad. Im sure he was a really neat man to have had so many that loved him. My thoughts are with you and your family.*

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**Vikki Brothers** - October 09, 2017 at 05:57 PM