



Martin G. Duffy

March 1, 1951 - June 6, 2021

Westerlo, NY-Martin Gerard Duffy, 70, entered Eternal Life Sunday, June 6, 2021 at home. He was born on March 1, 1951, and grew up in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn, NY. Bernard Duffy and Margaret Burke were his parents.

Martin will always remain forever loved and missed by his surviving wife Maureen Hoey Duffy and his three children: Bernard John Duffy (Molly), Maureen Emily Strode (Ray), and Martin Joseph Duffy (Danielle) and four grandchildren: Bernard Francis, Caitlin, Margaret, and Rose. He is also survived by his sisters: Margaret Patterson and Mary McClellan (Tom.)

Martin lived an extraordinary life. As a young man, Martin worked tirelessly for the survival and success of his family's business – Duffy's Tavern – in Brooklyn. He completed undergraduate and graduate degrees from City College of New York, drove a cab, served as tug boat crew, delivered mail, wrote plays, instructed English composition at HVCC, and served the public in the civil service in various housing authorities. He shook hands with JFK and conducted himself with that man's vision of public service and patriotism.

This man was jovial, brilliant, clever, and energetic. He enjoyed the works of Eugene O'Neill, James Joyce, Joseph Campbell, Ray Bradbury, and loved to talk about the great works of film and literature. He was a gifted storyteller and an inspiring teacher. Most importantly of all, Martin was a wonderful friend, and unforgettable mentor, and loving grandfather.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with his family Thursday, June 10, 2021 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany, NY 12206. Please only enter the Funeral Home from the rear parking lot doorway; and unvaccinated

people must wear a mask and practice social distancing.

Funeral services Friday, June 11, 2021 at 9:30 am at the Parish of Mater Christi, Albany, NY where his Funeral Mass will be celebrated. Please only enter the church from the parking lot doorway; masks and social distancing are required; and please attempt to arrive before 9:15 am. You can view the Mass at [YouTube.com/C.ParishofMaterChristi](https://www.youtube.com/C.ParishofMaterChristi)

The Rite of Committal will be held at Greenville Cemetery, Greenville, NY immediately following the Funeral Mass.

To leave a message for the family please visit www.McveighFuneralHome.com

Those wishing to remember Martin a special way may send a contribution to either Habitat for Humanity Capital District, 207 Sheridan Ave., Albany, NY 12210 or St. Anthony Shrine, 100 Arch Street, Boston, MA 02110.

Cemetery

Greenville Cemetery

11266 NY-32

Greenville, NY, 12083

Events

JUN **Visitation** 04:00PM - 07:00PM

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McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.

208 N Allen St, Albany, NY, US, 12206

JUN **Service** 09:30AM

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Parish of Mater Christi

40 Hopewell St, Albany, NY, US, 12208-1505

Comments



“ Hi guys ... I know you all..and what a great group of friends you were! !! This is Peggy ... the “” older Sister”” and what a wild and crazy upside down life we ALL had at 76th Street! And it was wonderful !! He was MORE than a brother to me ... we all took care of each other and landed on our feet!! God bless you all ..

Margaret Patterson - June 14, 2021 at 10:08 PM



“ Marty was a dear friend. We grew up together in Bay Ridge. We went to grammar school and high school together. He will always be in my thoughts and prayers. My love to his family and his sisters. He was so proud of the two of you. We always had good days together.

Love

Bob Guezuraga

Robert Guezuraga - June 13, 2021 at 11:17 PM



“ Martin was a brilliant guy who was both book smart and smart to how the world worked. When we first got to know each other, he told me that my personality and temperament reminded him of his father. That to me seemed like a major compliment and it stuck with me. But the truth is he accepted me into family and acted as a father figure to me. He would frequently make the 3 hour drive from his home to Boston to help his daughter (Missy, I call her Mo) and I. After our first child was born, he would make the trip every week for months with his wife, Maureen, and stay for half the week to babysit while we worked until we were comfortable that she was old enough for daycare. This continued with our second child as well. When we outgrew our first house, he came out and spent hours and hours helping us paint it and get it ready for market. Martin knew many things about many things. He used to tell me stories about how he helped run large apartment buildings in the city. Before that he helped run a bar, and even drove taxis, and operated tug boats! He also knew the stock market. Many times when we'd come visit, Bloomberg would be on the TV in the background. He loved being a teacher, and I think he made a profound influence on his students' lives. He certainly had a strong impact on mine.

Ray Strode - June 11, 2021 at 07:51 AM



“ Sincere condolences to Maureen, Brian, Molly & Brian, Máirín, Ray, Caitlin, Margaret & Rose, Martin and Dani on the loss of your wonderful husband, dad and grandad. To his sisters Margaret, Mary and extended families. You will be in our thoughts, prayers and we will be with you in spirit today for his funeral service.

My earliest memories of cousin Martin, are here in Ireland when he visited and stayed with his Grandma and Grandad Burke. These were fun times helping out on the farm, saving hay and turf and bringing these home with the tractor and trailer. Martin was fearless and mischievous, full of fun and got us all into scrapes which we were all up for! It was fun to play tricks on Grandma like raiding the biscuit supply when she wasn't watching.

Later, on my first trip to New York in 1976 Martin and his dad took me to see the American Freedom train for the 200 celebrations, and much more, but this stands out as being special. Following this there were many exchange trips, phone calls, later emails and always photo exchanges. We will remember Martin's love of family, thirst for knowledge and his great wit but most of all his pride in his wife and family.

Solas síoraí dó.

Love, Máire and Joe, Claire, Brian & Donnacha, Elaine, Tadhg & Peadar, and Jarlath.

Maire Naughton Donohue - June 11, 2021 at 06:33 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Martin G. Duffy.



June 10, 2021 at 10:27 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Missy Duffy - June 09, 2021 at 08:44 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Martin G. Duffy.



June 09, 2021 at 06:55 PM



“ here's to those good time and beautiful days together



Martin J Duffy - June 09, 2021 at 02:58 PM



“ It is sad to hear of Martin's death, but joyous to read the memories posted here by his many loving friends and family. Martin was my best friend through high school. He was full of joy, kindness and a curiosity for life. Over the years, we took different paths, but my time with Martin was a special gift. We spent summer days playing stickball - he always won - and just talking as we tried to make sense of the world and our places in it. I will always remember Martin.

Timothy Sullivan - June 09, 2021 at 12:18 PM



“ Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Martin G. Duffy.



June 09, 2021 at 11:08 AM



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Missy Duffy - June 09, 2021 at 01:56 AM



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Missy Duffy - June 09, 2021 at 01:51 AM



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Missy Duffy - June 09, 2021 at 01:50 AM



“ I knew Martin through my older brother. He always treated us younger kids as interesting people worth his time. He was always genial, lively, and fun.

John Sullivan - June 08, 2021 at 07:18 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Martin G. Duffy.



June 08, 2021 at 07:17 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Martin G. Duffy.



June 08, 2021 at 06:50 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Martin G. Duffy.



June 08, 2021 at 06:33 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Martin G. Duffy.



June 08, 2021 at 05:39 PM



“ I had the great honor to have known Martin, my brother Tim Sullivan and Martin were good friends at Xaverian. Tim's much younger brother, I vaguely remember being a part of a lab experiment. Martin and Tim took myself and Paul Demic to bat day at Shea, I felt as close to Martin in age, as I felt with Paul (who was a year younger than me). Martin will always be to me pure joy and someone who enjoyed life, I was thankful to have seen him periodically through Facebook. Your family and Marty will be in my prayers and thoughts, such a loss to your family and all those that knew him.

Love Terry Sullivan

Terence Sullivan - June 08, 2021 at 04:17 PM



“ I had the privilege of working for Martin Duffy at Soundview Houses in the Bronx as a Housing Assistant. He was a well like leader & always willing to assist & teach his staff. I remember one time his daughter accompanied him to work because they were going to a concert after. Another thing that was so impressive about him was he drove to work every day & we would both clock in around the same time & I lived in the Bronx. Thank you for everything you did for us at Soundview. My condolences to his family & friends. Peace Mr. Duffy.

Edwin Rodriguez - June 08, 2021 at 09:33 PM



“ My brother and I shared many adventures together, mostly in our kitchen on 76 th street over cups of tea. I idolized him so when he did a film w cousin Michael called BVM I readily said yes to being the blessed mother!! And dad was aghast at the Con Ed lighting bill!!! Another time we decided to use our weekly food allowance to go on a total grape diet- once again I readily said yes!! Martin always protected me- one date w long hair was met with- I don't think so!! Marty taught me to READ the chapter as I hated history and geography! He always questioned why Peggy and dad let me be- he worried about his little sister. Those big blue eyes and hands that made sure I used soap will never be forgotten. You suffered so. The angels guided you to heaven and you will be surely watching over all of us. We will all be together oneday soon as we miss you dearly but you remain close to our hearts. Love you my big brother
xoxoxo

Mary McClellan - June 08, 2021 at 03:46 PM