



John J. McGrath

July 6, 1951 - March 17, 2025

Guilderland, NY-John Jeffrey McGrath, age 73, passed away in his home on March 17th, 2025. He was born in Albany, NY on July 6th, 1951, where he resided throughout his childhood and attended Albany Academy.

He graduated from Albany Academy with a Lieutenant's commission while serving as the school band leader and exploring his interest in photography as an amateur photographer with his own darkroom. He received his B.A. from the College of St. Rose, his MBA from University of Bridgeport, and his JD from the University of Bridgeport and Quinnipiac University School of Law where he graduated in the top third of his class and received the Connecticut Trial Lawyers and school Estate Planning Awards. John was employed for several years by Pitney Bowes, Inc., starting in customer service in 1975 and later relocating to Connecticut as he was promoted to roles of increasing responsibility such as National Sales Manager.

While in Connecticut, John also worked for TIE/Communications and United Technologies while residing in Milford with his young family where they enjoyed summers at Bayview Beach. Upon his graduation from law school in 1992, John relocated back to Albany, NY and began a second half chapter of his career as a Senior/Associate Attorney with the State of New York where he served for the next 21 years.

He spent time in roles serving NYS Higher Education Services Corporation, the NYS Comptroller, the NYS Office for Technology, and the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services. John also served as an Adjunct Professor in the MBA program at SAGE College of Albany. After retiring from the State of New York, John continued his love of legal work and consulting as Principal of John McGrath, LLC (NY).

John had a love for all things radio with more than 30 years of broadcasting experience. He was proud of his time as a DJ for local AM top 40 station WPTR as “Scotty McAndrews” in the overnight hours during the early to mid 1970s. When he returned to Albany later in life, he spent time with FM stations Fly 92 and WGNA.

John is survived by his children, who he was deeply proud of, from his previous marriage to Christine, John (Marcelina), Patrick, and Mary; his brother Robert and sister Susan; his dear companion Connie; his nieces and nephews Tara, Paula, Liz and Gabe; his grandchildren Keira and Cameron, and many cousins, aunts and uncles. He is predeceased by his father John Fones McGrath and his mother Anna McGrath (Green).

A private service will be held for family and close friends.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Noah’s Kingdom Humane Society PO Box 14232 Albany, NY 12212.

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

Tribute Wall

MA

“ I did not know Jeff passed! I just saw this today and regret very much that I missed to join the praying time together with his beautiful loved ones - John, Patrick, Mary, Susan, Bob and more. Please accept my deep condolences, Jeffery and his parents were so great! - very kind, highly intelligent, and they enjoyed spectacular lifestyles, hobbies and careers. I will treasure those memories of them forever.

Maggie - May 01, 2025 at 08:58 PM

JD

“ John, Pat, Mary, Susan, Bob and families, so sorry for your loss, Jeff was quite a guy and had many accomplishments. I remember many years ago in the early hours while fishing hearing him on the radio as Scotty McAndrews, how cool is that? RIP Jeff Love, Jack.

Jack Delanoy - March 25, 2025 at 08:55 AM

JE

“ He was my moms favorite teacher when she went for the paralegal program at Mildred elley in the early 90s. He was very personable, the kind of teacher and role model you would want someone to be to teach you. RIP Mr.McGrath.

Jeff - March 24, 2025 at 12:19 PM

JW

“ I taught with John years ago at the outset of my practice. He was his students' favorite teacher. He was always willing to lend a hand and an ear to a friend in need. John had a keen wit and intellect and was a great storyteller to the end of his life. May he rest in peace!

Joanne Mary White - March 23, 2025 at 04:47 PM

JB

“ So sorry to hear of John's passing. He and I go back to the early 70s when we were on different radio stations in Albany. John was a talented guy with an impressive resume. From radio, to sales, to law, he was brilliant. He will be missed by his radio pals in Albany. Rest in peace my friend.

John Bulmer - March 23, 2025 at 02:48 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memorial slide show of John's life from his funeral service



Bob McGrath - March 23, 2025 at 10:14 AM

DO

“ Jeff was a pleasure to work with and just to be around. He was intellectually gifted, and it showed in his conversations and the way he treated people. We who knew him back in the "radio days" will cherish his memory. R I P



Dan O'Neil - March 22, 2025 at 11:47 AM

BD

“ I can't get this picture out of my mind today of Jeff riding around in heaven in a Lotus Europa with a big grin. rip brother- in- law, Bill

bill delanoy - March 22, 2025 at 09:18 AM

JO

“ *Connie and John's Family,
I'm very saddened to hear of John's passing. He was a very personable and happy person to be around and always had a smile on his face. My condolences to you all.*

John Fischer OSC - March 21, 2025 at 09:12 AM

TS

“ *John, Pat and Mary, we are so sorry for your loss. We have such fond memories of Jeff. The family get together at your home on Huntley Drive, he made the best cocktails! Me babysitting John when he was little and Jeff driving me home. Jeff's reading at our wedding was amazing. He had a wonderful life and family. I hope you find comfort in that and each other. We love you all. Love Tom and Shelly*

Tom and Michele Stamas - March 20, 2025 at 09:16 PM

RD

“ *John, Patrick and Mary, I'm so very sorry! Losing a dad is so difficult! I still think of mine almost every day!
Robert, Susan, Cam, Kiera and the rest of his family, I send my condolences! Robert made such a wonderful tribute with all of your photos! Jeff had a beautiful family and life!*

Rose Delanoybikowitz - March 20, 2025 at 09:12 PM

JP

“ Dear John, Patrick and Mary, we are so very sorry for the loss of your Dad. We did not realize how much he accomplished throughout his lifetime. I'm sure you are so proud of him as he was of you. He had so many inspirational achievements and qualities. I hope it will help comfort you knowing that he is at peace now in heaven with many of our families. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. With much love, Aunt Jenny and Uncle Frank

Jennifer Poletto - March 20, 2025 at 12:24 PM