



Mr. John P. McGovern

October 3, 1950 - January 28, 2018

UTICA - Mr. John P. McGovern, with his beautiful smile, returned home to the Lord on Sunday, January 28, 2018. His passing occurred in the comfort of his home with his loving family at his side after a courageous battle with cancer. He was 67 years old.

John was born in Oneida, NY on October 3, 1950 to the late Willis and Ada (Flanagan) McGovern. He was one of eleven children and a graduate of Oneida High School. On September 29, 1973 he married the love of his life Lorraine M. Buttita with whom he shared 44 years of marriage. They were role models to their children and John was blessed and embraced by a family that loved him.

John was employed by Hamilton College for 37 years. He began in the Maintenance Department, and with his strong work ethic and loyalty, he rose to the position of Manager of Custodial Services. John was a true family man who enjoyed the simple pleasures of life. He was self taught on so many levels, always a book in his hand and ideas on his mind. John lived his life by the motto "Keep your eyes on the future, but do not lose sight of the present".

John loved the outdoors, whether it was camping, hiking, kayaking or catching a game at the ball park. He also loved entertaining in his home and traveling with his friends. Some of his most cherished memories are times spent in the

Adirondacks, his many trips to the Cape and his countless road trips with map in hand and picnic basket in tow. And how he loved those winter months in Vero Beach looking out at the ocean or enjoying the peacefulness of the Indian River.

Back in the day, he could be found with saw in hand cutting down the family Christmas tree. He relished the festive foods of Christmas Eve dinner and the warmth of loved ones. John performed every role in his life with a humble and abiding responsibility, but it was obvious that his favorite role was being a Papa. He gently imparted his wisdom and was involved in every aspect of his grandchildren's lives. Their innocence and accomplishments lit up his life. John lived by the Golden Rule treating everyone with kindness and love.

John is survived by his wife Lorraine; his children and their loves, Shane T. and Stacy L. McGovern, and Erica M. and Assemblyman Anthony J. Brindisi; and his grandchildren, Michael A. McGovern; Anthony J. Brindisi Jr., and Lily Grace Brindisi. He leaves his sisters and brothers-in-law, Donna and Don Kitzmiller, Christine Rose, Mary and Pat Burkhart, and Eileen and Mike Cook; his brothers and sisters-in-law, Michael and Cynthia McGovern, Dan McGovern and Jennifer, Terry and Betty McGovern, George McGovern and Billy and Shirley McGovern. He was preceded by his brother, James McGovern. He is also survived by his brother-in-law Frank A. Buttita, with whom he shared a close and respectful relationship. John was beloved by extended family Rovy and Veronica Sze and their children Emily and Ethan. He was preceded by Lorraine's parents, Thomas and Mary Buttita, who played a very important part in his life.

The family extends their gratitude to Dr. Sultana Razia and her entire staff, especially Vanny, for their compassion, dedication and friendship. They also thank the personnel of Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc.

The family honored and commemorated John's life at a private time. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend John's funeral service and Celebration of Life which will commence on Saturday at 12:00 noon at St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church where his Memorial Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. Mark Kaminski. The family will receive visitors at the conclusion of the Mass. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in John's honor may be made to Hospice and Palliative Care, Inc. online at <http://hospicecareinc.org>; envelopes will be available at the service. John's family asks you to embrace your family: get down on the floor and play with your kids, take a walk down your favorite trail, smell the fresh air, go on an adventure and enjoy your time on this earth.

Tribute Wall

JW

“ John, RIP...*"May all the roads rise with you, May the wind be forever at your back, May you sit by the side of the Lord forever". Or, the neighborhood version... "May you be gone 24 hours before the devil knows. you've gone!"*

Mickey, Donna, Kiki and the "little ones" (not so little any more) we wish you peace and the comfort of family. Ann Holmes and Jean Holmes Woodworth

Jean Holmes Woodworth - February 06, 2018 at 10:37 AM

AB

“ No words can express how deeply sorry we are for your loss. The celebration of life was so beautiful today and we could feel him shining down from heaven. My first thought of John is always his smile. Everyone was family. Crawling down on his hands and knees with little Anthony to play Legos that Shane played with as a boy, is a memory I hold on to. His smile so contagious it will live on forever in our hearts.

Amy Bell - February 03, 2018 at 10:26 PM

AP

“ Lorraine and Family, when you've loved someone in your life you can be sure that their love will always surround you. Alan Perta and Family

Alan Perta - February 03, 2018 at 12:02 PM

SD

“ We are so sorry for your loss, you are in our thoughts and prayers. John will always be remembered as a kind gentleman always smiling. Sincerely, Terry and Sue Daniels

susan daniels - February 03, 2018 at 08:29 AM

GD

“ Lorraine,
I am so sorry to hear this sad news. I pray family and friends will bring you comfort. You are in my thoughts and prayers.
Sincerely, Grace Donofrio

Grace Donofrio - February 02, 2018 at 05:31 PM

TB

“ We are deeply saddened at the loss of our great friend! John was one of the kindest and gentlest people we have ever had the privilege to know. We have shared so many good times through the years and feel blessed to have had this opportunity. We are feeling your pain and sorrow at this difficult time. Friendship is eternal. May you rest in peace our dear friend. Our deepest sympathy to the entire McGovern family.
Love, Ed and Teresa Bell



Teresa Bell - February 02, 2018 at 03:29 PM

BB

“ So very sorry to hear.... good man. Will be missed.

bill burns - February 02, 2018 at 12:39 PM



Theresa Orlando

“ *Lorraine and family,*

I am so sorry for your loss. John was a wonderful man that was loved by so many people. No matter where or when we met up he always had a big smile and warm hug for me. He was a kind and loving man and will be missed so much. My thoughts and prayers go out to all of you.

Love you, Tre Orlando

Theresa Orlando - February 02, 2018 at 07:30 AM

TD

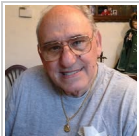
“ *May all of your beautiful happy memories comfort all of you at this difficult time. It was our good fortune knowing such wonderful man. Another Angel to watch over us. May God bless all of his family with peace and contentment. Bob and Tanina DeWald*

Tanina DeWald - February 02, 2018 at 07:29 AM

CD

“ *My deepest sympathy to the McGovern family. It was a pleasures to work along side of John for many years at Hamilton College. He was a great guy!! Regards, Christiane Duguay*

Christiane Duguay - February 01, 2018 at 06:25 PM



“ *What a beautiful man. Everyone loved him. To grandma he was her special baccala! I am sure they are happy together again.*

Frank Buttita - February 01, 2018 at 01:13 PM

JR

“ *Lorraine and family,
So sorry for your loss. My thoughts and
prayers are with you at this difficult time.*



Jacquelyn Rizzo-Schmidt - February 01, 2018 at 09:08 AM

MJ

“ *My name is Marianne Janack, and I teach at Hamilton College. I
only knew John in passing--he always offered a warm greeting and
a smile. I'm so sorry that he's gone. My thoughts are with you all.*

Marianne Janack - January 31, 2018 at 07:01 PM

JV

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time..*

Joan Velleto - January 30, 2018 at 11:01 PM

TF

“ *Lorraine and family....John will be truly missed. It was such an honor
and joy to have known him. May he Rest In Peace.*

The Redmond Family - January 30, 2018 at 07:21 PM

DZ

“ *Erica and family. I am so sorry for your loss. I will always remember
your dad as a great man and the fun times I had hanging out at your
house and going on a vacation to Florida with you all. Thinking of
you all during this difficult time.*

Dana Plado Zito - January 30, 2018 at 12:14 PM

ED

“ Lorraine & Family, so sorry to hear.
We will all miss John , especially his smile!
Such a genuine & fun cousin who fought strong these past years.
Love & Prayers,
Elaine Deperno-Brown & Family

Elaine DePerno/Brown - January 30, 2018 at 11:23 AM

CH

“ John was my cousin Lorraine's wonderful husband whom we had grown to adore and love throughout the years. A humble loving man that was loved and looked up to by many of his friends and family. May you rest in peace honey and know you will be terribly missed by all of us. We'll never forget you. Love Cousins Bob and Cindy Hobaica

Cindy and Bob Hobaica - January 30, 2018 at 09:47 AM

MD

Lorraine, Erica & Family, I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your husband and father. May the wonderful memories you have bring you comfort at this sad time. Thinking of you. Melanie Cortese

Melanie DiPerna-Cortese - January 30, 2018 at 07:19 PM

RM

Celebrating Johns life - and his loving nature- My heart goes out to his entire family - especially my cousin Lorraine & Frank. As we reflect of John - our hearts are warmed and the peace that transcends all understanding comes over us. John has gone before us and joyfully he lives (forever). God Bless you all.
Cousin Bob McBee

Robert McBee - February 01, 2018 at 01:33 PM

MV

Lorraine and family, my heart is heavy, wish I could give you a hug.
Love, Maryann Ciccone Vesnaver

Maryann Ciccone Vesnaver - February 01, 2018 at 02:58 PM

MP

So sorry for your loss. He was always smiling! He brought sunshine when there were clouds. Thoughts and prayers to you and yours.

Mary Ann (Kirk) Post - February 03, 2018 at 04:52 PM

TC

“ *The Cape Cod Crew purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Mr. John P. McGovern.*



The Cape Cod Crew - January 30, 2018 at 09:11 AM